

To: The Readfield Planning Board
June 25, 2023

RE: MOST PRACTICAL EXTENT ISSUE

Referring to the tree diagram below and in your package that was prepared by Two Trees Forestry Consulting of Winthrop for Menatoma Craft House request presentation:

As to most practical extent (MPE)

1. The tree diagram illustrates the crown footprint of the legacy trees, this footprint is close to a mirror image of the tree root systems below. If one extrapolates the root system to the location of the hill ledge to the lake and the Craft House it becomes apparent that the loss of these trees would result in a catastrophic loss of dirt and natural fill into Lovejoy Pond, material that is currently constrained by and held up by this natural retention system.
2. The road that runs in front of the Craft House is another limitation to MPE as it is approx. 43 feet from the edge of the road.
3. The Craft House in and of itself is a classic structure of lasting strength which has been deemed by our engineers as able to withstand the limited lift to construct the foundation as outlined. Moving the structure would likely be much more stressful on this structure and it is ill advised to do such.

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