

PROPERTY LOCATED AT: 1526 and 1528 Gary Moore Rd, Otis, ME 04605

PROPERTY DISCLOSURE

Under Maine Law, certain information must be made available to buyers prior to or during preparation of an offer. This statement has been prepared to assist prospective buyers in evaluating this property. This disclosure is not a warranty of the condition of the property and is not part of any contract between Seller and any Buyer. Seller authorizes the disclosure of the information in this statement to real estate licensees and to prospective buyers of this property. The Seller agrees to provide prompt notice of any changes in the information and this form will be appropriately changed with an amendment date. Inspections are highly recommended.

DO NOT LEAVE ANY QUESTIONS BLANK. STRIKE, WRITE N/A OR UNKNOWN IF NEEDED.

SECTION I - WATER SUPPLY

TYPE OF SYSTEM: ☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Seasonal _____ ☐ Unknown
☐ Drilled ☒ Dug ☐ Other _____

MALFUNCTIONS: Are you aware of or have you experienced any malfunctions with the
(public/private/other) water system?

Pump (if any): ☐ N/A ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown
Quantity: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown
Quality: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes to any question, please explain in the comment section below or with attachment.

WATER TEST: Have you had the water tested? ☒ Yes ☐ No
If Yes, Date of most recent test: _____ Are test results available? .. ☐ Yes ☒ No
To your knowledge, have any test results ever been reported as unsatisfactory
or satisfactory with notation? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If Yes, are test results available? ☐ Yes ☒ No
What steps were taken to remedy the problem? N/A

IF PRIVATE: (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

INSTALLATION: Location: 800 feet from the house past the pond

Installed by: Craig Fellis

Date of Installation: _____

USE: Number of persons currently using system: 1

Does system supply water for more than one household? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: Well is shared

Source of Section I information: Seller

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SECTION II - WASTE WATER DISPOSAL

TYPE OF SYSTEM: ☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Quasi-Public _____ ☐ Unknown

~~IF PUBLIC OR QUASI-PUBLIC (Strike Section if Not Applicable):~~

~~Have you had the sewer line inspected? ☐ Yes ☐ No~~

~~If Yes, what results: _____~~

~~Have you experienced any problems such as line or other malfunctions? ☐ Yes ☐ No~~

~~What steps were taken to remedy the problem? _____~~

IF PRIVATE (Strike Section if Not Applicable):

Tank: ☒ Septic Tank ☐ Holding Tank ☐ Cesspool ☐ Other: _____
☐ Overboard Discharge (38 MRS Section 413(3) and (3-A))

Tank Size: ☐ 500 Gallon ☐ 1000 Gallon ☒ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Tank Type: ☒ Concrete ☐ Metal ☐ Unknown ☐ Other: _____

Location: between the Maple and Cedar Trees OR ☐ Unknown

Date installed: _____ Date last pumped: _____ Name of pumping company: Unknown

Have you experienced any malfunctions? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, give the date and describe the problem: N/A

Date of last servicing of tank: _____ Name of company servicing tank: _____

Leach Field: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, Location: Between the trees and the garden

Date of installation of leach field: _____ Installed by: Gordon Fellis

Date of last servicing of leach field: _____ Company servicing leach field: _____

Have you experienced any malfunctions? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, give the date and describe the problem and what steps were taken to remedy: _____

Do you have records of the design indicating the # of bedrooms the system was designed for? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, are they available? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is System located in a Shoreland Zone? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: None

Source of Section II information: Seller

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SECTION III - HEATING SYSTEM(S)/HEATING SOURCE(S)

Heating System(s) or Source(s)	SYSTEM 1	SYSTEM 2	SYSTEM 3	SYSTEM 4
TYPE(S) of System	Direct Vent			
Age of system(s) or source(s)	2000			
TYPE(S) of Fuel	Propane			
Annual consumption per system or source (i.e., gallons, kilowatt hours, cords)	\$1200.			
Name of company that services system(s) or source(s)	Dead River			
Date of most recent service call				
Malfunctions per system(s) or source(s) within past 2 years	NO			
Other pertinent information				

Are there fuel supply lines? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Are any buried? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Are all sleeved? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Chimney(s): ☐ Yes ☒ No

~~If Yes, are they lined? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~Is more than one heat source vented through one flue? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~Had a chimney fire? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~Has chimney(s) been inspected? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~If Yes, date: _____~~

~~Date chimney(s) last cleaned: _____~~

Direct and/or Power Vent(s): ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Has vent(s) been inspected? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, date: _____

Comments: None

Source of Section III information: Seller

SECTION IV - HAZARDOUS MATERIAL

The licensee is disclosing that the Seller is making representations contained herein.

A. UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS - Are there now, or have there ever been, any underground storage tanks on the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

~~If Yes, are tanks in current use? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~If no longer in use, how long have they been out of service? _____~~

~~If tanks are no longer in use, have tanks been abandoned according to DEP? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~Are tanks registered with DEP? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown~~

~~Age of tank(s): _____ Size of tank(s): _____~~

~~Location: _____~~

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~~What materials are, or were, stored in the tank(s)?~~

Have you experienced any problems such as leakage: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: **None**

Source of information: **Seller**

B. ASBESTOS - Is there now or has there been asbestos:

As insulation on the heating system pipes or duct work? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

In the ceilings? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

In the siding? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

In the roofing shingles? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

In flooring tiles? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Other: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: **None**

Source of information: **Seller**

C. RADON/AIR - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

~~If Yes: Date: _____ By: _____~~

~~Results: _____~~

~~If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? _____~~

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Are test results available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Results/Comments: _____

Source of information: **Seller**

D. RADON/WATER - Current or previously existing:

Has the property been tested? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes: Date: _____ By: _____

Results: _____

If applicable, what remedial steps were taken? _____

Has the property been tested since remedial steps? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Are test results available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Results/Comments: _____

Source of information: _____

E. METHAMPHETAMINE - Current or previously existing:

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: **None**

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F. LEAD-BASED PAINT/PAINT HAZARDS - (Note: Lead-based paint is most commonly found in homes constructed prior to 1978)

Is there now or has there ever been lead-based paint and/or lead-based paint hazards on the property?
..... Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown ☐ Unknown (but possible due to age)

• If Yes, describe location and basis for determination: _____

Do you know of any records/reports pertaining to such lead-based paint/lead-based paint hazards: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, describe: _____

Are you aware of any cracking, peeling or flaking paint? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Comments: None

Source of information: Seller

G. OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Current or previously existing:

TOXIC MATERIAL: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

LAND FILL: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Other: N/A

Source of information: Seller

Buyers are encouraged to seek information from professionals regarding any specific issue or concern.

SECTION V - ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY

Is the property subject to or have the benefit of any encroachments, easements, rights-of-way, leases, rights of first refusal, life estates, private ways, trails, homeowner associations (including condominiums and PUD's) or restrictive covenants? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: Shared Well

Source of information: Seller

Is access by means of a way owned and maintained by the State, a county, or a municipality over which the public has a right to pass? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

~~If No, who is responsible for maintenance? _____~~

Road Association Name (if known): _____

Source of information: Seller

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SECTION VI – FLOOD HAZARD

For the purposes of this section, Maine law defines "flood" as follows:

- (1) A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry areas from:(a) The overflow of inland or tidal waters; or (b) The unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; or
- (2) The collapse or subsidence of land along the shore of a lake or other body of water as a result of erosion or undermining caused by waves or currents of water exceeding anticipated cyclical levels or suddenly caused by an unusually high water level in a natural body of water, accompanied by a severe storm or by an unanticipated force of nature, such as a flash flood or an abnormal tidal surge, or by some similarly unusual and unforeseeable event that results in flooding as described in subparagraph (1), division (a).

For purposes of this section, Maine law defines "area of special flood hazard" as land in a floodplain having 1% or greater chance of flooding in any given year, as identified in the effective federal flood insurance study and corresponding flood insurance rate maps.

During the time the seller has owned the property:

Have any flood events affected the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Have any flood events affected a structure on the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Has any flood-related damage to a structure occurred on the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: _____

Has there been any flood insurance claims filed for a structure on the property? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, indicate the dates of each claim: _____

Has there been any past disaster-related aid provided related to the property or a structure on the property from federal, state or local sources for purposes of flood recovery? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, indicate the date of each payment: _____

Is the property currently located wholly or partially within an area of special flood hazard mapped on the effective flood insurance rate map issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency on or after March 4, 2002? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If yes, what is the federally designated flood zone for the property indicated on that flood insurance rate map?

Relevant Panel Number: _____ Year: _____ (Attach a copy)

Comments: _____

Source of Section VI information: **FEMA website and seller**

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SECTION VII - GENERAL INFORMATION

Are there any tax exemptions or reductions for this property for any reason including but not limited to: Tree Growth, Open Space and Farmland, Veteran's, Homestead Exemption, Blind, Working Waterfront?.....

☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: Tree Growth

Is a Forest Management and Harvest Plan available?..... ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Is the property subject to any of the following relating to shoreland zoning ordinances: a) A notice of violation issued by a municipal official or state agency; b) A pending enforcement action; c) Litigation; d) A court judgment; or e) A settlement or consent agreement?..... ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, explain: N/A

Equipment leased or not owned (including but not limited to, propane tank, hot water heater, satellite dish, water filtration system, photovoltaics, wind turbines): Type: Propane Tank

Year Principal Structure Built: ^{1975/2002} What year did Seller acquire property? 2000 & 2019

Roof: Year Shingles/Other Installed: 2024-Garage, 2002-House

Water, moisture or leakage: No

Comments: None

Foundation/Basement:

Is there a Sump Pump? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Water, moisture or leakage since you owned the property: ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Prior water, moisture or leakage? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: N/A

Mold: Has the property ever been tested for mold? ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

~~If Yes, are test results available? ☐ Yes ☒ No~~

Comments: None

Electrical: ☐ Fuses ☒ Circuit Breaker ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Unknown

Comments: Tiny House is Sub Panel from garage

Has all or a portion of the property been surveyed? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

If Yes, is the survey available? ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown

Manufactured Housing - Is the residence a:

Mobile Home ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

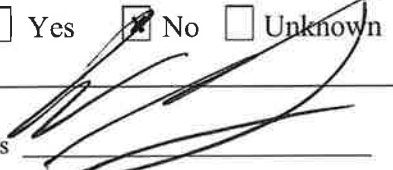
Modular ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Known defects or hazardous materials caused by insect or animal infestation inside or on the residential structure ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Unknown

Comments: None

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KNOWN MATERIAL DEFECTS about Physical Condition and/or value of Property, including those that may have an adverse impact on health/safety: No known physical defects

Comments: None

Source of Section VII information: Seller

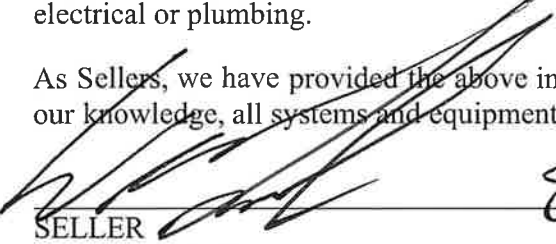
SECTION VIII - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ATTACHMENTS EXPLAINING CURRENT PROBLEMS, PAST REPAIRS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN ANY SECTION IN DISCLOSURE: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Seller shall be responsible and liable for any failure to provide known information regarding known material defects to the Buyer.

Neither Seller nor any Broker makes any representations as to the applicability of, or compliance with, any codes of any sort, whether state, municipal, federal or any other, including but not limited to fire, life safety, building, electrical or plumbing.

As Sellers, we have provided the above information and represent that all information is correct. To the best of our knowledge, all systems and equipment, unless otherwise noted on this form, are in operational condition.


SELLER
William Grindle

8/10/26
DATE

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I/We have read and received a copy of this disclosure, the arsenic in wood fact sheet, the arsenic in water brochure, and understand that I/we should seek information from qualified professionals if I/we have questions or concerns.

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ADDENDUM

PROPERTY: 1526 and 1528 Gary Moore Rd, Otis, ME 04605

Year Principal Structure Built 1

1975/2002 1975/House 2002

Date: 8/10/26

Signature William Grindle

Date: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Signature _____

Date: _____

Signature _____

Addendum

National Flood Hazard Layer FIRMette

68°26'10"W 44°40'6"N



Legend

SEE FIS REPORT FOR DETAILED LEGEND AND INDEX MAP FOR FIRM PANEL LAYOUT

Without Base Flood Elevation (BFE)
Zone A, V, AE, AH, VE, AR

With BFE or Depth Zone AE, AO, AH, VE, AR

Regulatory Floodway

0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard, Area of 1% annual chance flood with average depth less than one foot or with drainage areas of less than one square mile Zone X

Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard Zone X

Area with Reduced Flood Risk due to Levee. See Notes, Zone X

Area with Flood Risk due to Levee Zone D

NO SCREEN

Area of Minimal Flood Hazard Zone X

Effective LOMRs

Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard Zone X

Channel, Culvert, or Storm Sewer

Levee, Dike, or Floodwall

Cross Sections with 1% Annual Chance Water Surface Elevation

Coastal Transect

Base Flood Elevation Line (BFE)

Limit of Study

Jurisdiction Boundary

Coastal Transect Baseline

Profile Baseline

Hydrographic Feature

Digital Data Available

No Digital Data Available

Unmapped

Other Areas

General Structures

Other Features

Map Panels

The pin displayed on the map is an approximate point selected by the user and does not represent an authoritative property location.

This map complies with FEMA's standards for the use of digital flood maps if it is not void as described below. The basemap shown complies with FEMA's basemap accuracy standards.

The flood hazard information is derived directly from the authoritative NFHL web services provided by FEMA. This map was exported on 8/10/2026 at 3:48 PM and does not reflect changes or amendments subsequent to this date and time. The NFHL and effective information may change or become superseded by new data over time.

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68°25'33"W 44°39'41"N

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QUITCLAIM DEED WITH COVENANT

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, SCOTT DELMAR GARLAND, whose mailing address is 4537 West McIntosh Road, Griffin, Georgia 30223-6129, for consideration paid, GRANT to WILLIAM H. GRINDLE, whose mailing address is RR 4 Box 269EE, Ellsworth, County of Hancock, Maine 04605, with QUITCLAIM COVENANT, a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Otis, County of Hancock, State of Maine, described as follows:

A certain lot or parcel of land, with buildings thereon, being all and the same premises described as conveyed in Deed from Mercy B. Whitmore to David P. Garland and Pauline Garland dated March 21, 1973 and recorded at Book 1169, Page 288 of the Hancock County, Maine, Registry of Deeds, wherein said premises are bounded and described as follows, to wit:

"a certain lot or parcel of land situated in Otis, County of Hancock, State of Maine, bounded and described as follows, to wit:

BEGINNING at an iron post on the west side of the Old Mariaville Road on the southeast corner of the grantor; thence in a southerly direction and following the Old Mariaville Road one hundred fifty-seven (157) feet to an iron post at the Ellsworth-Otis Town Line; thence in a westerly direction and following the Ellsworth-Otis Town Line one hundred fifty-nine (159) rods to an iron post at the line of land of Diamond International; thence in a northerly direction and following the Diamond International line three hundred (300) feet to an iron post on the southwest corner of land of the grantor; thence in a southeasterly direction along the south line of the grantor one hundred fifty-nine (159) rods, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Being a part of the same premises as described in the deed from Ambrose Garland et als to the grantor herein dated June 9, 1941, recorded in the Hancock County, Maine Registry of Deeds in Book 691, Page 251."

Together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

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Source of Grantor's title is Deed of Scott D. Garland,
Personal Representative of the ESTATE of PAULINE GARLAND of
recent date to be recorded just prior to the recording of this
Deed.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 1st day of May, 2000.

Scott D. Garland
SCOTT DELMAR GARLAND

STATE OF MAINE
HANCOCK, ss

May 1, 2000

Personally appeared SCOTT DELMAR GARLAND, and acknowledged
the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed.

Before me,

Bronson Platner
Notary Public/Attorney at Law

2000 MAY -1 PM 1:33

REGISTER OF DEEDS
HANCOCK COUNTY SS.

Bronson Platner

REGISTER

QUITCLAIM DEED WITH COVENANT

Malcolm A. French and Barbara A. French, both of Enfield, County of Penobscot, State of Maine, for consideration paid, grant to **William H. Grindle**, of Otis, County of Hancock, State of Maine, with **QUITCLAIM COVENANT**, a certain lot or parcel of land, with any improvements thereon, situated in the Town of Otis, County of Hancock, State of Maine, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a pile of stones and fallen wood post found on the Ellsworth - Otis Municipal Boundary at the southwest corner of land described in a deed to William H. Grindle recorded in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds in Book 2913, Page 503, which pile of stones and fallen wood post found are located with reference to the Maine Coordinate System of 1983, East Zone, with a Northing of 363,290.6 U.S. Survey Feet and an Easting of 999,651.7 U.S. Survey Feet; thence North 11 degrees, 05 minutes, 10 seconds West along said land of Grindle and along land described in a deed to Jeri D. Barnes and Stephen W. Barnes recorded in said Registry in Book 2723, Page 587 a distance of 957.4 feet to a #6 rebar set at the base of a fallen wood post found in a pile of stones; thence South 79 degrees, 24 minutes, 10 seconds West a distance of 1286.9 feet to a #6 rebar set; thence continuing South 79 degrees, 24 minutes, 10 seconds West a distance of 75 feet, more or less, to the thread of a brook; thence southerly along the thread of said brook a distance of 985 feet, more or less, to the Ellsworth - Otis Municipal Boundary; thence North 79 degrees, 24 minutes, 10 seconds East a distance of 1155 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, enclosing 28.0 acres.

Bearings referenced herein are oriented to Grid North, Maine State Coordinate System of 1983, East Zone based on the North American Datum of 1983 (2011) (Epoch: 2010.0000), as determined from a survey conducted by Allan F. Gordon, Jr., Professional Land Surveyor No. 2003 in 2018. Coordinate values identifying the point of beginning are provided as an aid in location of the property and are not intended to control bearings, distances or the positions marked by monuments defining the property boundaries.

The above-described parcel of land is a portion of the premises described in a deed from Malcolm A. French to Malcolm A. French and Barbara A. French dated March 16, 2015 recorded in the Hancock County Registry of Deeds in Book 6389, Page 61.

This lot does not constitute a lot for subdivision purposes, as it is being conveyed to abutters Title 30-A M.R.S. § 4401 (4.D-6).

If applicable the herein conveyed premises are now SUBJECT TO taxation under the provisions of the Tree Growth Tax Law (36 M.R.S. § 571 et seq.), and said premises are conveyed SUBJECT TO such tax classification. Purchaser has one year from the date of purchase to hire a forester to prepare management plan in order to keep the parcel in Tree growth. Any Tree growth penalty assessed by the Town is the responsibility of purchaser.

Subject to all easements, restrictions or covenants of record.

Grantees' address: 1528 Gary Moore Rd, Otis, ME 04605-3553

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Malcolm A. French has caused this instrument to be signed, sealed, acknowledged, and delivered in his name and behalf by his duly authorized attorney-in-fact. Barbara French executes this instrument on this 9th day of Jan., 2019 under and by virtue of the Power of Attorney given to her by Malcolm A. French dated September 12, 1997 and recorded in Volume 2677, Page 417 of the Hancock Registry of Deeds.

Witness

Malcolm A. French
Malcolm A. French by Barbara French,
his Attorney-in-Fact under Power of
Attorney

STATE OF MAINE
County of Penobscot, ss.

Dated: January 9, 2019

Personally appeared the above-named Barbara French, attorney-in-fact for Malcolm A. French, as aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed in her said capacity.

Before me,

Kim Rutty
Name:

Notary Public

KIM RUTTY
Notary Public, State of Maine
My Commission Expires 12/7/2025

Tax Map U-1, Lot 20- West Shore Road, Otis
French- A-3478-4(57) - QCD NM- 2019 RE

WITNESS my hand and seal this 9th day of Jan., 2019.

Witness
STATE OF MAINE
County of Penobscot, ss:

Barbara A. French
BARBARA A. FRENCH

Date: January 9, 2019

Personally appeared the above-named Barbara A. French and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her free act and deed.

Before me,

Kim Rutty
Name:

Notary Public

KIM RUTTY

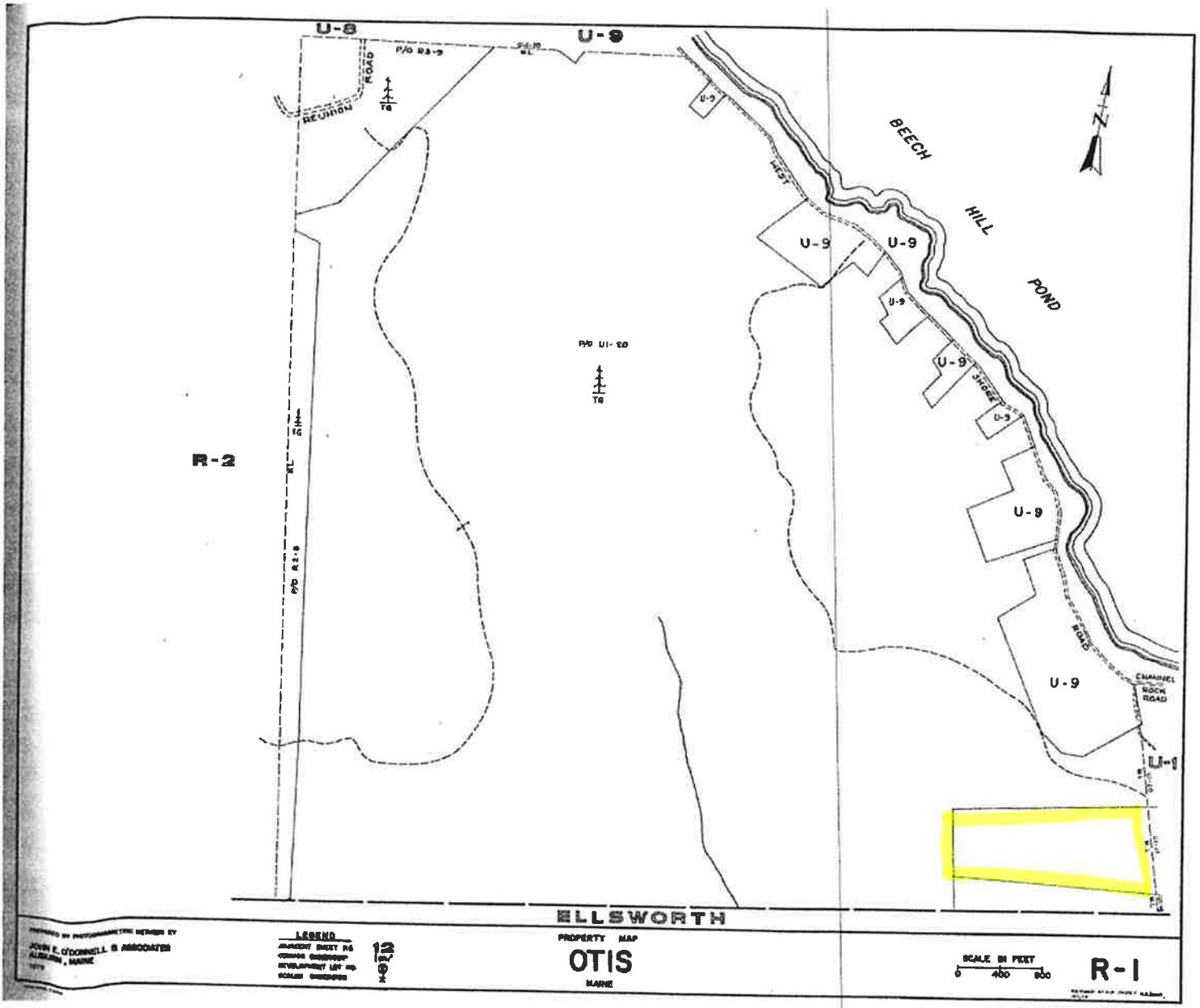
Notary Public, State of Maine

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③
Ret: Richard Cleary
L.O.







Fact Sheet: Arsenic Treated Wood

Department of Health and
Human Services
11 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Maine CDC
Environmental and
Occupational Health Program
Toll Free in Maine: 866-292-3474
Fax: 207-287-3981
TTY: 207-287-8066
Email: ehu@maine.gov

IF YOU WORK WITH CCA WOOD

- **NEVER** burn CCA wood.
- Wear gloves when handling CCA wood
- Wear a dust mask when sanding or cutting CCA wood
- Don't work with CCA wood in an enclosed area (like a garage)

Apply a coating to seal the wood every 1-2 years

TO LEARN MORE

Eric Frohberg
Environmental and
Occupational Health
Program
Maine CDC
Toll-free in Maine 866-
292-3474
TTY: 207-287-8066
[www.maine.gov/dhhs/
eohp](http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/eohp)

Does Your New Home Have Arsenic (CCA) Treated Wood?

About half of all Maine homes have a deck, or playground or some other structure that is made of wood treated with arsenic. This wood is called "CCA pressure-treated wood" or just "pressure-treated" wood. The wood was treated with arsenic to protect against rot and insects.

Too much arsenic can cause cancer. So it is good to prevent arsenic getting into your body when you can. When you touch wood treated with arsenic, you can get arsenic on your hands. The arsenic on your hands can get into your mouth if you are not careful about washing before eating. Young children are most at risk because they are more likely to put their hands in their mouths. The good news is that there are simple things you can do to protect yourself and your family from arsenic treated wood. This fact sheet will tell you how.



Children touching unsealed treated wood, and then putting their hands in their mouths is the biggest concern.

First: Does your house have arsenic treated (CCA) wood?

When arsenic treated wood is new, it tends to have a greenish tint. When CCA wood is older, it is harder to tell. Ask your realtor if the seller knows whether CCA wood was used. You can also test the wood to find out if it contains arsenic. Call us to find out how.

Second: If so, reduce contact with the arsenic.

You can lower the amount of arsenic on the surface of the wood by applying a coating on the wood every 1-2 years. Oil-based sealants, varnishes, or polyurethane work best for sealing arsenic in the wood. Be sure to wash your children's hands when they finish playing on or near CCA wood.

Third: If you have any questions, call us toll-free in Maine: 866-292-3474

Common Questions

What is CCA wood?

CCA wood is made by dipping the wood in a mixture of chemicals. These chemicals include chromium, copper, and arsenic. This protects the wood against insects and rot. This wood is known as CCA wood or "pressure treated" wood. Most pressure treated wood in the U.S. is CCA wood. After December 31, 2003, no more CCA wood will be made for use around homes. CCA wood may still be sold for home use until April 1, 2004 in the state of Maine.

What is Arsenic?

Arsenic is found in soil and rocks. Most people get a little arsenic every day from the food they eat. Also, some people have arsenic in their private wells, which is why it is important that anyone with a well have it tested for arsenic. People who are exposed to too much arsenic over many years are more likely to get cancer.

Have you tested your well water for arsenic?



Your water looks, smells and tastes fine. So why do you need to test it?

It is hard to believe that water that looks, smells and tastes fine may not be safe to drink. But the truth is that 1 in 10 wells in Maine has water that is high in arsenic. There are wells high in arsenic in all parts of Maine.

Protect your family. Test your well for arsenic every 3 to 5 years.

How to Test Your Well Water

1. Call a lab.

- Call a certified lab and ask for an arsenic test kit for your well water. You can find a lab at this website: wellwater.maine.gov. Or call the Maine Lab Certification Officer at 207-287-1929.
- If you have never tested your well water for bacteria, nitrites and nitrates, or other chemicals like radon, uranium and flouride, ask your lab for a test kit for all of these.

2. Do the test.

- Your test kit will arrive in the mail. It will have empty bottles, directions and forms to fill out.
- Follow the directions and mail the bottles back to the lab with the forms.
- Watch a video on how to do a water test: youtube.com/user/MainePublicHealth

3. Get your results.

- Your test results will come to you in the mail.
- If you have too much arsenic in your water, or if you are not sure you understand your test results, call 866-292-3474 (toll-free in Maine) or 207-287-4311 to speak to an expert.

Why Arsenic is Bad

People who drink water with too much arsenic for many years are more likely to get cancer. Arsenic can cause skin, bladder and lung cancers.

It may cause low birthweight and affect brain development in babies if pregnant women drink water with too much arsenic in it. Arsenic can also affect brain development in young children. Other problems from drinking water with very high arsenic levels include: stomach pain, nausea, diarrhea, numbness or tingling in the hands and feet and changes in skin.

Your chance of having any of these health problems depends on:

- how much arsenic is in your water;
- how much water you drink;
- how long you have been drinking the water.

Solving Arsenic Problems

There are actions you can take to protect your family if your water has too much arsenic. First, you can switch to bottled water for drinking and making drinks. This will allow you time to decide if you want to install a water treatment system.

Call us at 866-292-3474 (toll-free in Maine) or 207-287-4311 if you have high arsenic. We can help you decide how to solve the problem.

Protect your family. Test your well.

- For more information: wellwater.maine.gov
- Call for advice: **866-292-3474** • TTY: **Call Maine Relay 711**

