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Martin Pond Road Grave Removal Petition
Wake County Board of Commissioners
December 5, 2016



Public Hearing on Request for Grave Disinterment, Relocation, and Reinterment for the Martin Pond Road Cemetery (Petition GR-01-16)

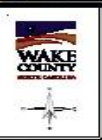
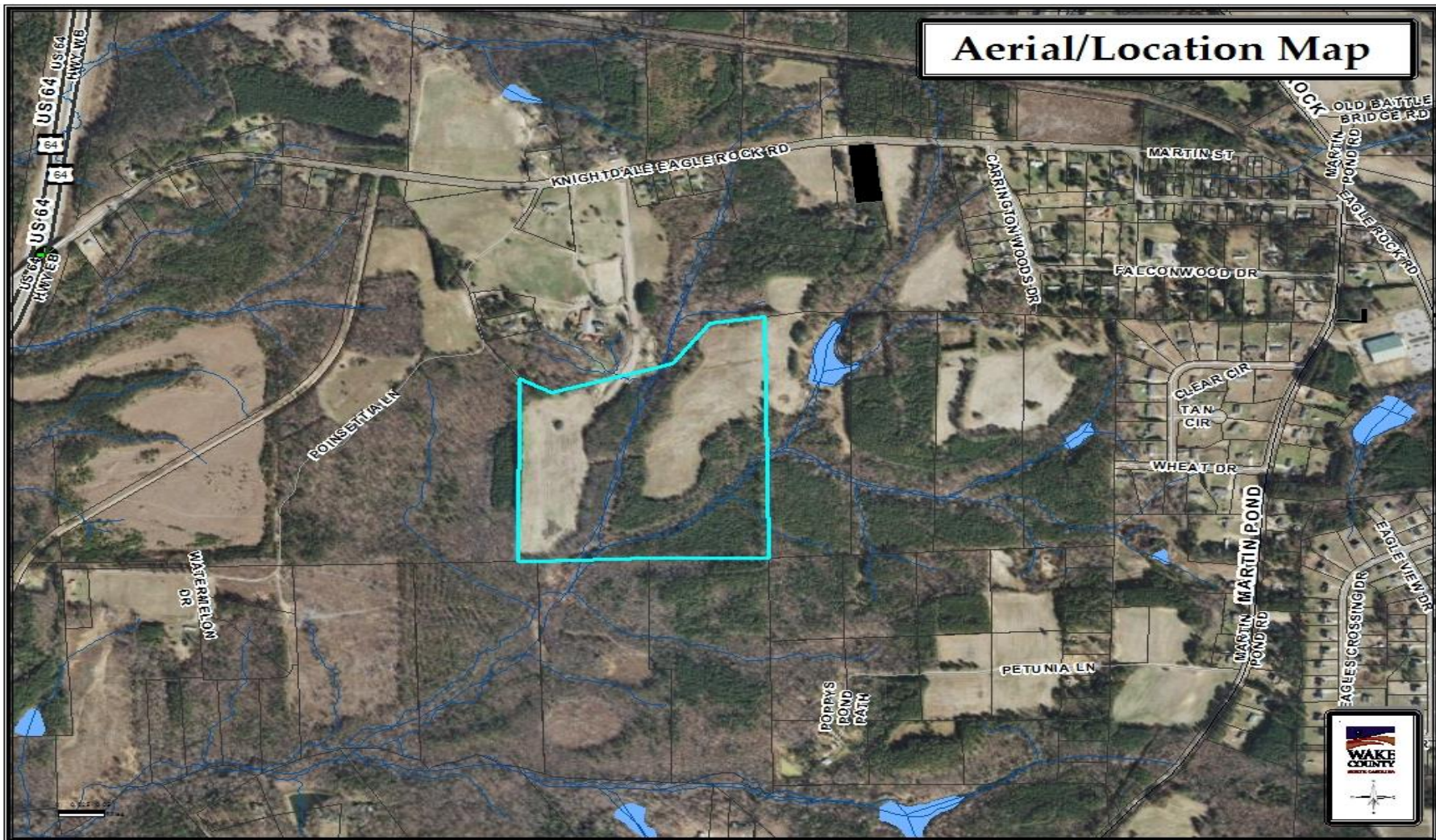
Purpose of Removal

Allow for the sale of the property for future development by others and to move the remains to a properly maintained cemetery where they will receive perpetual care

Petition Profile

Petitioner:	Richard Hibbits, NAI Carolantic Realty, Inc.
Owner:	M'Lou Anderson
Location:	1116 Martin Pond Road in the Wendell area (PIN 1774113595)
Zoning:	Residential Agriculture (Wendell ETJ)
No. of Graves In Petition:	Approximately 1 - Actual number cannot be determined with certainty until the site is fully excavated
Request:	Disinter the remains from this site, then relocate and reinter them to Oakwood Cemetery at 701 Oakwood Avenue, near downtown Raleigh

Aerial/Location Map







Cemetery History

- In an attempt to identify the person buried in this grave, the petitioner:
 - Researched recorded deeds and plats
 - Performed genealogical research of the previous owners
- No record of a grave could be found and no identification could be made

Cemetery History

- No records or historical significance were found and no opposition to this request has been received
 - Capital Area Preservation
 - Irene Kittinger, Wake County Cemetery Survey Group
 - Town of Wendell planning staff

Grave Removal Process

- Under NCGS, the remains are required to be reinterred in a suitable cemetery
- The remains will be reinterred within Oakwood Cemetery located at 701 Oakwood Avenue, near downtown Raleigh
- Work shall be performed by a licensed funeral director
- Wake County Environmental Services staff will observe the removal

Compliance with NCGS

- Legal notices appeared in the News and Observer newspaper on June 30th, July 7th, 14th, and 21st of 2016
- The remains will be reinterred in Oakwood Cemetery where they will receive perpetual care
- Planning staff posted the required notification signs at the property on November 22nd, 2016
- No opposition has been received

Staff Findings

- (1) The petitioner has fulfilled all of the requirements for the removal and relocation of the remains within this grave as outlined by the North Carolina General Statutes, Section 65-106
- (2) The petitioner has indicated that the removal of the grave is necessary to accommodate the sale of the property for future development by others
- (3) Arrangements have been made for the remains to be reinterred in Oakwood Cemetery, where they will receive perpetual care

Staff Findings

- (4) Neither the petitioner, nor the planning staff, have received any opposition to the removal and relocation of the grave
- (5) There is no evidence of any historical significance regarding the grave and its removal would not be detrimental to the general welfare of the county

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Public Comments

Staff Recommendation

That the BOC APPROVE the disinterment, relocation and reinterment of the grave as requested



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