

**PRE-CLOSING ACCESS AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
DAVID GOOCH, SELLER, AND THE TOWN OF STEM, PURCHASER**

**Dated: February 22, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Town of Stem, a North Carolina municipality (The "Town"), has offered to purchase certain real property located on Railroad Street in Stem, said Property being identified by Granville County Tax Map Nos. 089917116901, 089917116948 and 088917115854 from David Gooch of 209 School Street in Stem and Mr. Gooch has accepted the Town's offer to purchase; and

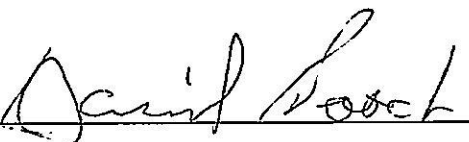
WHEREAS, on Parcel 08891715854 there is a concrete pad which the Town wants to remove from said parcel; and

WHEREAS, the Town presently has contractor(s) performing work on nearby property, which contractor(s) can perform the slab removal work while they are already present at the site and, if so, there will be a considerable financial savings to the Town.

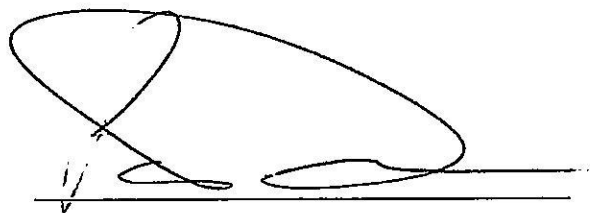
Wherefore, based on the premises and for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Town and by Mr. Gooch, the Town and Mr. Gooch agree as follows:

1. Mr. Gooch agrees to allow the Town and/or its contractor(s) to enter the Property prior to the closing of the purchase and sale transaction referred to above, for the sole purpose of removing the concrete slab now existing on Parcel No. 089917115854. The Town will notify Mr. Gooch prior to commencing the slab removal work on the Property.
2. The Town shall be responsible for the cost of the slab removal work, and shall indemnify and hold Mr. Gooch harmless from any claims for injury or damages related to the slab removal work on the Property;

Agreed to as of the date first written above.

  
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David Gooch

  
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Paul C. Dover, Mayor, Town of Stem