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Zoning Board of Appeals
499 Plymouth Street
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RE: Blackledge Farms

Dear Board,

On April 10, 2015 I had a meeting at the Halifax Fire Station with Mr Springer and his engineer to discuss the proposed Blackledge Farms project. I requested this meeting so that I could gain a better understanding of how some of the specific concerns that I had previously raised would be addressed.

This meeting included a discussion on the proposed bridge, access issues, and hydrant plan.

I provided Mr. Springer with a copy of NFPA 1 Chapter 18 (Fire Department Access and Water Supply). This is the regulation that is applicable to this project.

I instructed Mr. Springer's engineer to use the following dimensions for fire apparatus when designing the roads and bridge. Length 47', Width 98", GVW 75K lbs. The roads and bridge will need to allow for the proper maneuvering of these vehicles, be capable of supporting the weight of two of these vehicles traveling in opposite directions, and meet all other requirements of NFPA 1 Chapter 18.

As access and egress are a major concern with this development and there does not appear to be any possibility of an alternate access. I have asked the engineer to certify that any proposed bridge and road be above the height of the FEMA flood level.

During the meeting Mr. Springer requested that we waive the requirement of having a fire hydrant every 500' in the portions of the project where there are no homes. While I am not in favor of waiving this requirement I did tell him that we would review any plan that is formally submitted.

Respectfully,

Jason Viveiros

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Chief of Department