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Mr. Jesse Geller
Zoning Board of Appeals

Dear Mr. Geller:

Re: The Residences of South Brookline Comprehensive Permit Application

In response to the Applicant's December 8, 2014, changes to the plan, I am making recommendations to the Zoning Board of Appeal in addition to those specified in my November 28, 2014, letter to the ZBA.

1. The Applicant has responded to my request to eliminate the need for emergency apparatus to back-up when egressing from Lot E3 (between Asheville Road and VFW Parkway) by designing a turnaround in the driveway at Building 11.
2. In regard to Lot E2 (between Thornton and Asheville Roads) at the rear of Building 12, emergency apparatus will still need to back up when egressing; however, because there is no surface parking at the rear of Building 12 and likely only one apparatus will position at that location, the conditions are safer for emergency vehicles backing-up.

In addition, I will review and approve final plans for site circulation.

3. To eliminate the need for emergency apparatus to back-up when egressing from Lot E1 (between Independence Drive and Thornton Road), as well as to provide access to Lot E1 from Thornton Road, the Applicant will:
 - Ensure access from / egress onto Thornton Road at Lot E1(along the west side of Building 7).
 - Install an Opticon Emitter activated gate at the Site's property line where Grassmere Road becomes Thornton Road.

Because a utility pole exists close to the area on which access from / egress onto Thornton Road would need to be installed, I will need to verify that emergency apparatus would have the necessary space to egress onto Thornton Road from this lot.

4. In addition, because the Applicant proposed the use of grass concrete paving in its testimony before the ZBA at the rear of the mid-rise building on Lot E2, and on the surface parking lot on Lot E1 providing access from / egress onto Thornton Road for emergency vehicles, I recommend the following conditions:

- The grass concrete paving must be designed to support the weight of emergency apparatus. The Applicant should specify the proposed load bearing capacity of the grass concrete paving designed for this project for my approval.
- The landscaping around the grass concrete paving must include visual cues that indicate where emergency responders can drive their apparatus. These visual cues should be indicated on landscaping plans for my review and approval.
- The use of grass concrete paved areas must be restricted to emergency apparatus and designated as Fire Lanes.
- The Applicant will maintain the Fire Lanes where grass concrete paving is used so that they are clear of snow, leaves, debris, parked vehicles, outdoor furniture, and other obstacles.

Respectfully submitted for your review,



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