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Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals
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ZBA Members,

This letter is to address comments raised in the revised letter dated February 18th, 2021, from Tetra Tech to the ZBA. The following are our responses to some of those comments:

Comment 1: "The Applicant stated they spoke with the Fire Chief who found the design to be acceptable for emergency access. We recommend the Board include a Condition in the Comprehensive Permit to require the Applicant provide written confirmation from the Fire Chief regarding emergency access to the rear of the buildings."

The Fire Department does in fact find the access sufficient. As these buildings are three stories high, access roads to the rear of the buildings are not required.

Comment 2: "The Applicant stated they spoke with the Fire Chief who found the design to be acceptable for emergency access. We recommend the Board include a Condition in the Comprehensive Permit to require the Applicant provide written confirmation from the Fire Chief regarding secondary emergency access to the site. Additionally, as noted in our original comment, the proposed emergency access is reliant on the access driveway to the Meadowbrook Commons development which is not under control of this Project. We recommend the Board include an additional Condition in the Comprehensive Permit that limits building permits until the proposed emergency access can be adequately provided."

The Fire Department finds the proposed design for the emergency access road sufficient. We spoke with the developer today, and they indicate that although it is a gravel emergency access road, they will properly maintain the road in the event of snow or other issues.

We are also open to the building permit being issued for the clubhouse and building 1 and building 2 before the emergency access road is in place, as long as the fire hydrants on the property are in place and are operational before any vertical construction starts; and the hammerhead turnaround is in place. We will have additional comments regarding these items when it comes time to review the construction management plan.

Please let me know if you have any questions.