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To: Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals
From: Fire Chief Zachary J. Ward
Date: February 11th, 2021
Subject: Response to Comments for 41 North Main Street Development

Chairman Novak,

This letter is to portray the comments and concerns of the Sherborn Fire & Rescue Department regarding the proposed development at 41 North Main Street.

These comments and concerns are based solely with our mission in mind, which is to protect life and property. As you know, the Department uses a unique but challenging water supply system, in which we use dry hydrants from up to 5,000 feet away from a fire or use tanker shuttles. We also have limited initial fireground staffing. These aspects of our operation are considered when commenting on a project such as this one.

Below are our responses to the comments contained in the letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals from Allen & Major Associates, dated February 1st, 2021:

Comment 11: The current swept vehicle path plan is insufficient. It contains the largest fire truck owned by the Town of Sherborn, but some of our mutual aid partners have larger vehicles, and the hammerhead turning area needs to accommodate those vehicles.

Comment 12: Fire lanes will be particularly important in this complex. We need to see a site plan with designated fire lanes.

Comment 13: We would like to meet with the developer again to discuss the site, and to discuss the water supply cistern locations. We have not met since this new plan was proposed.