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Sherborn, MA 01770

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Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals
19 Washington Street
Sherborn, MA 01770

Re: Transportation Impact Assessment 34 Brush Hill Rd Supplemental Comments

Dear Members of the Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals:

We are providing these comments as a supplement to our September 3, 2024 letter to you in light of new documents filed by the applicant's transportation consultant, Vanasse Associates and the peer review performed by Tetra Tech:

1. In Tetra Tech's October 11, 2024 review, it states:

A.3. It appears several of the contours along the west side of the entrance roadway tie-out to existing conditions just beyond the limit of the property line with the abutter at 36 Brush Hill Road. All work shall be contained within the subject property unless easements have been acquired.

A.4. We anticipate grading activities to the property line may impact vegetation health on the abutting property, particularly since the grading associated with the roadway is a cut.

We are unequivocally opposed to any and all trespass or other impacts to our property.

2. In Vanasse Associates' September 11, 2024 Response to Peer Review, it states:

The TIA states that the paved width of Brush Hill Road varies from 16 to 20 feet. The minimum roadway width guideline reported by AASHTO for low-volume roadways is 18 feet. Tetra Tech recommends that the Applicant work with the Town to identify potential solutions to increasing the roadway width to provide safer and more efficient travel along Brush Hill Road.

These measurements are repeated in subsequent submissions and are inaccurate. In reality, and as reported in the letter from Dennis and Victoria Natale's August 5, 2024 letter (and repeated in our letter of September 3, 2024) the actual width of Brush Hill Road is as narrow as 14'9", and at the point where the proposed driveway intersects Brush Hill Road, the road is 15 feet. We know this first hand because we measured it carefully with the Natale's. Conversely, there are no submissions from the applicant of actual road measurements that have been taken.

This represents a significantly more narrow road than the standards established by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO). The real fear among the Brush Hill Road community is that there will be increased traffic coupled with limited visibility from the access driveway which poses a great risk of traffic accidents.

Respectfully submitted,

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