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October 16, 2013
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Ms. Jean Fraser
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RE: FIRE LANE, 133 YORK STREET

Dear Jean,

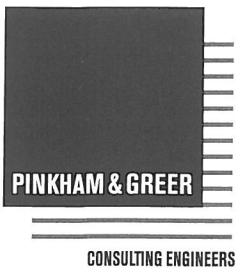
In response to your comments concerning the Fire Lane Access, we have provided the 20' lane to the front of the building as requested, at our initial Staff Review meeting. We have equal or better access to our site than the Harborview site next door that you referenced.

The developers have spent a large sum of money buying and designing this site with the six unit building. They have based their decisions on the Ordinance and previous Planning Board decisions. It was clear to us that the Fire Lane needed to extend to the building similar to the Harborview site.

We have gone a step beyond that approval by installing a new hydrant within 100' of our building. This was the decisions of the Fire Department and we have complied.

The requirement for a 20' fire lane across the front of the building was never contemplated and is quite impossible. We are in compliance with NFPA 1 Chapter 18, Section 18.2.3.2.1.

"A fire department access road shall extend to within 50 ft (15m) of at least one exterior door that can be opened from the outside and that provides access to the interior of the building."



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We have equal or better fire access than projects previously approved by the Board. We expect the Board to stand by those decisions and approve this project.

Sincerely,

PINKHAM & GREER

Thomas S. Greer, P.E.

The signature is a cursive, handwritten name in black ink. It is positioned above the printed name "Thomas S. Greer, P.E.".

Enclosures

cc: Jeremy Benn/Joe Flynn, Paul Peck, File

TSG/rjs