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Planning & Urban Development Department Gregory A. Mitchell, Acting Director

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May 16th, 2012

Nelle R. Hanig Business Programs Manager Economic Development Division City of Portland 389 Congress Street Portland, ME 04101

Project Name:

Portland Technology Park

Project ID:

10-99700005

Address:

300 Rand Road (aka 1581 Westbrook Street)

Applicant:

City of Portland Economic Development

Dear Nelle:

I refer to your letter of May 1, 2012 requesting approval to carry out work in advance of receiving a building permit for the Portland Technology Park Project.

On January 24th, 2012 the Portland Planning Board approved with conditions the Portland Technology Park (PTP) at 300 Rand Road. As provided in Section 14-532, this letter serves as the written permission from the Planning Authority to commence tree removal as specified in your letter prior to the receipt of a building permit. The commencement of site work is limited to the extent of work outlined in your letter dated May 1, 2012 and listed below:

- 1. Tree clearing by Maine Forestry Services (as overseen by Jeff Tarling, City Arborist) of the road area, as determined in accordance with the "Overall Site Plan" approved by the Planning Board (copy attached), to be undertaken after the boundaries of the road are flagged by SGC and Woodard & Curran;
- 2. Tree thinning by Maine Forestry Services (as overseen by Jeff Tarling, City Arborist) over the remainder of the site, subject to prior flagging of significant trees, such trees to include those shown on the Tree Preservation Plan dated January 13, 2012 as presented to the Planning Board at the hearing;

3. Associated erosion control measures, including- as afar as possible- the use of the proposed road and unit drives as routes for tree removal vehicles and tree dragging to minimize disturbance to the areas of the site that will remain forested and undisturbed after the proposed PTP is developed.

Please note that this letter does not include permission for any other tree removal (beyond the tree thinning for forest management purposes as included in 2 above) within the LCE areas at this time.

Please also be advised that you must obtain any permits that may be required from the Department of Public Services for the temporary closing of any sidewalks and any work within the ROW.

Prior to the start of this approved advance work, a pre-construction meeting shall be held at the project site with the contractor, the City's Development Review Coordinator, and the City Arborist to review the construction schedule, erosion and sedimentation controls, and other critical aspects of the site work. It shall be the contractor's responsibility to arrange a mutually agreeable time for the preconstruction meeting.

Please contact Philip DiPierro, Development Review Coordinator at 874-8632 regarding the preconstruction meeting. If there are any further questions, please contact Jean Fraser at 874-8728.

Sincerely,

Alexander Jaegerman

Planning Division Director

Attachments:

- 1. Letter requesting approval to advance work dated May 1, 2012
- 2. PTP Overall Site Plan signed by PE 12.30.2011
- 3. PTP Tree Preservation Plan dated January 13, 2012

cc: Greg Mitchell, Interim Director of Planning and Urban Development

Alexander Jaegerman, Planning Division Director

Barbara Barhydt, Development Review Services Manager

Jean Fraser, Planner

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Thomas Erriso, P.E., TY Lin Associates

David Senus, P.E., Woodard and Curran

Rick Blackburn, Assessor's Department

Approval Letter File



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Executive Department Mark A. Rees, City Manager

Economic Development Division Gregory A. Mitchell, Director

May 1, 2012

Alex Jaegerman Planning Director 389 Congress Street Portland, ME 041010

Dear Alex,

The Economic Development Division (EDD) is seeking approval to carry out work in advance of receiving a building permit for the Portland Technology Park project. The project now has site plan and subdivision approval as well as all other required permits (Traffic Movement, SLOD and NRPA).

Specifically, the work would involve tree removal to include tree clearing from the area that will accommodate the road, and maintenance thinning throughout the remainder of the 40 acre property. As overseen by Jeff Tarling, City Arborist, the City has a contract with Maine Forestry Services (MFS) for forestry management work throughout Portland. As part of that contract, MFS will be determining and marking the trees that should be taken down on the Portland Technology Park property. MFS will subcontract with a tree removal company to actually take the trees down and remove them from the site, and will be overseeing the work of the subcontractor.

We anticipate putting the construction of the road and utilities at the Park out to bid by June. As trees will need to be cleared from the road prior to construction, we've determined in discussions with Jeff Tarling that removal of the trees would best and most responsibly be accomplished by a company that subcontracts with and will be overseen by MFS. MFS is also the company that has created the Forestry Management Plan for the property.

Prior to tree removal, the boundaries of the road and the significant tree protection areas will be flagged by SGC, a surveying company and subcontractor to Woodard & Curran, the firm that has been conducting the engineering work for the Portland Technology Park. That flagging along with the Forestry Management Plan, will guide the tree removal decisions of MFS.

The EDD has discussed this request with Jean Fraser in the Planning Division who advised us that we would need to request approval for any site work prior to receiving a building permit. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nelle R. Hanig

Business Programs Manager

Cc: Greg Mitchell Jean Fraser



