

September 6, 2023

John Lee, Chairman
Walpole Zoning Board of Appeals
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081

Re: Proposed 40B – Multi Family Development 981, 989 & 1015 East Street (Gilmore’s)

Dear: Mr. Lee:

Bohler Engineering is responding to the July 26, 2023 letter issued by the Town of Walpole’s Engineer Department., dated. For clarity, the original comments are in **italics**, while our responses are directly below in **bold** type.

Comment #1 The applicant’s design team should explore continuing the sidewalk on the north/west side of East Street to the existing RRFB at Glenwood Ave. It is understood that there is not sufficient ROW to construct a sidewalk from the location of the current gutterline, however, East St. has a wide cross section and moving the curb line in far enough for a sidewalk maybe an option (the road section currently narrows at the bridge/culvert over the Neponset River).

Response: After several email communications with the Town Engineer, Carl Balduf, and at his recommendation, the Applicant proposes to extend the sidewalk west on East Main to where the existing rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) is located and existing crosswalk. Mr. Balduf has encouraged us to relocate the existing crosswalk and RRFB so as not to encroach beyond the public right-of-way. The road shoulder will be narrowed by several feet to accommodate this shift in the existing crosswalk. Additionally, a driveway curb cut is proposed in front of the MBTA property where one does not currently exist. While the Applicant proposes what we believe to be a feasible solution based on the record information provided to our office by the Town, we understand the Town would undertake the formal engineered design and installation of same.

Comment #2 The proposed RRFB (and crosswalk) would result in three RRFB’s all within several hundred feet of each other. The current analysis should review the sight lines, stopping sight distances, and safety of both locations. Ultimately the location which provides the safest crossing should be the one that prevails.

Response: At this time the applicant proposes to extend the sidewalk rather than propose a new RRFB and crosswalk.



We are hopeful this letter demonstrates a thorough and complete response to previously issued Town concerns and requests on the sidewalk issue. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 480-9900.

Sincerely,

Bohler

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Eric G. Dubrule, P.E.

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John A. Kucich, P.E.

cc.
Patrick Deschenes, Community & Economic Development Director
Carl Balduf, Town Engineer