



Walpole Fire Department Emergency Services

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To: Planning Board
From: Paul C. Barry, Deputy Fire Chief PCB
Date: February 28, 2018
RE: Nichols Pond Way
460 East Street
Definitive 11-Lot Subdivision
Revised Plans dated 2/15/18

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TOWN OF WALPOLE
PLANNING BOARD

The Fire Department has reviewed the application and revised plans for the above mentioned referenced subdivision and offers the following comments:

1. We are not in favor of the waiver request to allow the dead end road to exceed the allowed 750 feet length:
 - If for some reason we are unable to travel down a dead-end roadway our capability to respond to an emergency is very limited.
 - A blocked roadway that extends beyond 750 feet would only exacerbate the problem.
 - With a blocked roadway our limited on duty staff would be presented with logistical challenges providing appropriate equipment to the scene of the emergency.
2. We find the hydrant locations acceptable.
3. We are in favor of a looped water main.
4. We have concerns with the newly proposed fire lane:
 - Year round maintenance is a concern. We currently have fire lanes in town not maintained and inaccessible to fire apparatus. Who would be responsible for maintaining the fire lane and how would that be enforced?
 - In his March 20, 2007 comments to the Planning Board regarding Barachiah Lane, Michael Laracy, the Deputy Fire Chief at that time, wrote "Are there plans in the near future to develop the remaining 19 acres? If so the fire department would like to suggest that requested waiver from Section V-6 be denied."
 - Access from Barachiah Lane, which is reported as only twelve feet wide, would require changes to the current layout, the width would need to be increased from current width to twenty feet and/or No Parking signs

would need to be installed and enforced. Both suggestions would more than likely present hardships for the current homeowners on Barachiah.

- The proposed geo-grid grassed emergency access drive would need to be designed and maintained to support the imposed loads of our fire apparatus so as to provide all weather driving capabilities.

If I can be of further assistance please let me know.