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DATE: October 6, 2021

TO: Patrick Deschenes, Director of Community Economic Development

FROM: Melissa Ranieri, Health Director

RE: Darwin Commons

The Walpole Health Department has the following questions/comments regarding the proposed comprehensive permit 40B application for the Residence at Darwin Commons.

1. The proposed plan mentions the existing sidewalks located on Darwin Lane. The Health Department would request that additional sidewalks be located throughout the proposed development to promote safety throughout the development.
2. In order to promote a safe and healthy lifestyle for those individuals living in the development and nearby, we would request that adequate street lighting be installed throughout the streets of the development.
3. The Health Department would like clarification regarding who will be responsible for collecting both the trash and recycling for the development, as well as if onsite dumpsters or individual barrels will be used. The applicant should provide information to assure adequate space and pick up schedule for both trash and recycling is being provided.
4. The Health Department would like to inquire if an Environmental Assessment & Due Diligence (21E) has been conducted on the land where the project is proposed.
5. The Health Department would strongly recommend the applicant help with carbon footprint and use renewable energy where feasible throughout the project (e.g. solar water heaters, solar streetlights, even solar on roofs instead of all gas).
6. The Health Department does have concern regarding the protection of the town's ground water since the site lies within Zone II as well as Zone I of the well head protection areas.