December 30, 2021
Mr. John Lee, Chairman
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081
United States

## Re: Diamond Hill Estates - Dupee Street

Review Letter No. 4 (Fire Access)
Comprehensive Permit (40B) Peer Review
Walpole, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Chairman:
We have reviewed supplemental materials provided by the Applicant specifically related to anticipated movement of a responding Town of Walpole fire apparatus at the above-referenced Project. Based on the information received, it is our opinion that the access arrangement proposed by the Applicant provides reasonable accommodation for responding emergency vehicles for the following reasons:

1. Proposed design meets applicable MasDOT intersection design guidelines - The proposed intersection geometry accommodates a WB-50 turning movement without encroaching on the opposing lane of approach traffic which is considered a typical encroachment for an approach from an arterial road to a local road. Given the project meets this MassDOT typical standard it can be reasonably inferred that associated emergency access is acceptable.
2. Emergency Vehicle Encroachment is relatively small - Turning figures provided by the Applicant indicate the Walpole Ladder Truck will encroach less than one (1) foot into the opposing lane leaving adequate space for a vehicle traveling in the opposing lane to continue with only a slight, if any, modification of its speed or path of travel despite Massachusetts emergency vehicle yielding requirements.
3. Vehicles traveling in encroached are expected to pull over - We assume that under responding conditions the Fire apparatus' emergency siren and beacons will be in use clearly warning traffic in all lanes of its approach. Massachusetts Emergency Vehicle Law requires drivers to pull over as far as possible to the right-side curb at the approach of an emergency vehicle and stop. There is more than 11 feet of available width remaining in the opposing lane and several hundred feet of clear site line to accommodate the required response.

A copy of the Applicant's plan showing the proposed intersection geometry and emergency vehicle travel path sketch is attached for your convenience. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us at (508) 786-2200.

Very truly yours,


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Vice President

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