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Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Hummel, Robert
Subject: RE: McLean Zone3 DSPR Hearing Schedule

Hey Robert,

This is the first time that the fire department has seen this particular project. The Department making access to enter the property is not negotiable. Although some access can be made to the property with apparatus parked on Pleasant Street, this will not always be ideal for first responder safety, traffic, and best means of entry all parts of the structure. Ideally, the fire department always aims and recommends to have unrestricted access to all four sides of the building. As part of the planning process apparatus access plans need to be evaluated and a report shall be submitted to the fire department for review and approval prior to construction commencing. This plan should demonstrate the ability of fire apparatus to maneuver onto and through the property as there are clear indications that entry off of Pleasant Street will be changing. During later stages of the project we would need to see how new vehicle parking, patron parking, employee parking, and deliveries might hamper the ability of fire apparatus traveling on the property.

As part of the evaluation and acceptance, the Belmont Fire Department will provide apparatus to confirm their ability to appropriately transverse the site as needed, beginning on Pleasant Street, when apparatus would need to begin their maneuvers into the driveway. The access plan need to further address fire department access in regards to 527 CMR 1.00, The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code. The submitted plans do not clearly show or discuss the length of the fire access roads. Although there are dimensions on the plans that were just received, we need some clear distances. This includes road lengths, width, and overhead obstructions throughout the property. Depending on final design, this road length may necessitate additional compliance with aspects of 527 CMR 1.00, Chapter 18, which have yet to be discussed. The fire department will need confirmation that the site roads can handle the jack point loads of aerial apparatus.

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Andrew,

On a side note, the Planning Board last night also opened the public hearing for the Subaru dealership. The Planning Board asked if the Fire Department can provided comments regarding the fire truck required access and movement within the site. Their continued public hearing is the October 5.

Application/Plans

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif6831/f/uploads/21-16_subaru_dspr_application.pdf
https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif6831/f/uploads/dspr_site_plans_part_1.pdf

https://www.belmont-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf6831/f/uploads/dspr_site_plans_part_2.pdf

Thanks,
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