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To: Concord Zoning Board of Appeals

From: Walter Latta Jr., Assistant Fire Chief

Re: 275 Forest Ridge Road - Residences at Thoreau Comprehensive Permit

Over the last three weeks, Department staff conducted a site walk and met with the Applicant and their consultant team. On March 8th, we had a virtual meeting that was recorded and discussed the main boulevard driveway entrance and the secondary dirt emergency access road. The Applicant advised the Department that the secondary emergency access road may be difficult to achieve due to legal issues and easement rights. At this meeting, they also presented the revised boulevard that reduced the pavement width and modifications to the driveway entrance.

Upon conclusion of the presentation, the Department has determined that if the secondary emergency access road is not incorporated into the final project design and approval, the Department strongly recommends that for public health and safety and emergency vehicle response, the main boulevard driveway be at its original design of 18 feet wide on one side and 14 feet wide on the other side. The Department does not support a reduction in the main boulevard driveway in any manner if a secondary access cannot be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Latta Jr.