CITY OF PORTSMOUTH LEGAL DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

DATE:

OCTOBER 1, 2021

TO:

PETER BRITZ, INTERIM PLANNING DIRECTOR

FROM:

SUZANNE M. WOODLAND, ACTING DEPUTY CITY MANAGER

ROBERT P. SULLIVAN, CITY ATTORNEY

RE:

BORTHWICK FOREST EASEMENTS

At its meeting of September 20, 2021, the City Council had for consideration and action four easements relative to the Approved Site Plan for Borthwick Forest. As you may recall, these easements will secure municipal rights to both new and existing public water lines as well as to public bicycle and pedestrian path infrastructure.

The City Council is requesting the Planning Board provide an updated recommendation relative to the four easements. Due to the substantial time that has passed from the date of initial site plan approval to the requested action of the City Council to accept easements, the Legal Department recommends that this referral for recommendation be noticed as a public hearing. As you know, the Legal Department is working with the Planning Department to avoid similar lags in time between approval and finalization of easements so this can be avoided in future.

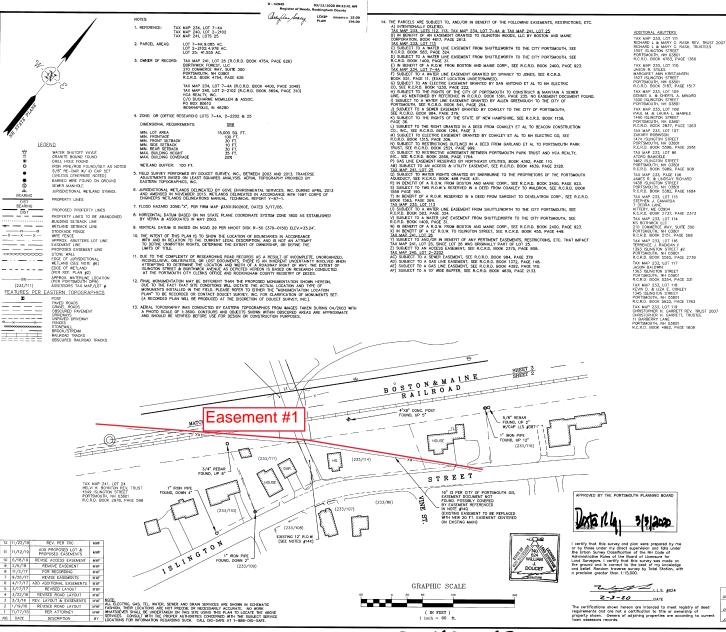
For the Planning Board's convenience, the history of approvals is as follows:

Original Site Plan Approval: May 18, 2017

Administrative Approvals granted: September 7, 2017; November 9, 2017; February 20, 2018; and March14, 2019

Planning Board Approval of an Amended Site Plan for the conversion of a ground level parking garage to office and associate parking with stormwater improvements: June 20, 2019.

Attached for convenience are the previously approved plan pages showing the easements to be conveyed to the City as well as documentation of prior approvals for convenience.



- "PLAT OF LAND BARBERRY LANE PORTSMOUTH, NH FOR NORTHERN UTILITIES, INC.." BY DURGIN-SCHOFIELD ASSOCIATES, DATED 2/21/89, R.C.R.D. PLAN 40-19079.
- BY DURGHT-SCHOPELD ASSOCIATES, DATED 2/21/88, R.CRD. PLAN §D-19070.

 "ALTIA/CAS HAD TITLE SUFFLY FOR NORTHAND DEVELOPMENT, SORTHMOK AVENUE, COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, PORTSMOUTH, NIN," BY MILLETTE, SPRAGUE & COLWELL, INC. DATED 8/19/11.

 "CAS LINE AS-BUIL ESSEMENT AND CONSERVATION EASSEMENT PLAN," BY KIMBALL CHASE COMPANY, INC. DATED 16/39/15, R.C.R.D. PLAN §D-15830.
- "LAND IN PORTSMOUTH, NH BOSTON AND MAINE CORPORATION TO LANDERS AND GRIFFIN, INC.," J.D. BATCHELER ENGINEER OF DESIGN, DATED 2/66, R.C.R.D. PLAN #843.

- "SUBDIVISION OF LAND LOCATED IN PORTSMOUTH, NH FOR HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA," BY KIMBALL CHASE COMPANY, INC. DATED 2/28/94.
 "SUBDIVISION PIAN OF LAND FOR PORTSMOUTH PARK TRUST BORTHWICK AVE. EXT./ COAKEY RD. COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM PORTSMOUTH, INT. BY RICHARD P. MILLETTE AND ASSOCIATES, DATED 3/27/35, R.CR.D. PUM. 109—1374. PLAT OF PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS, PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL OFFICE BUILDING, A CONDOMINIUM PORTSMOUTH, NH," BY CESP, INC., DATED 12/12/86, R.C.R.D. PLAN

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- 11."LOT LINE RELOCATION PLAN FOR J. HARRISON HOLMAN OFF ISLINGTON ST. COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM PORTSMOUTH, N.H." DATED MARCH 6, 1980 BY RICHARD P. MILLETTE AND ASSOCIATES. R.C.R.D. PLAN 80-9356.
- 12. PLAN OF LAND CURT COWDY BROADCASTING CORPORATION PORTSMOUTH, N.H.* DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1977 BY THOMAS F. MORAN, INC. R.C.R.D. PLAN ≱D-6765.
- 13."CITY OF PORTSMOUTH DEFENSE HOMES LOCATION PLAN" REVISED JUNE 17, 1941 BY JOHN W. DURGIN, R.C.R.D. PLAN #01108. 14-PLAN NO. 220 SHOWING PORTION OF PROPERTY OF THE HEIRS OF CORNELIUS COAKLEY TO BE CONVEYED TO BEACON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY DATED APRIL 28, 1953 BY MOULTON ENGINEERING CO.
- SUBDIVISION OF LAND LOCATED IN PORTSMOUTH, N.H." DATED MARCH 6, 1984 BY KIMBALL CHASE COMPANY, INC. R.C.R.D. PLAN #D-13069.
- 16."LOT LINE RELOCATION PLAN FOR PORTSMOUTH PARK TRUST AND HOSPITAL CORPORATION OF AMERICA BORTHMOK AVE EXTENSION COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM PORTSMOUTH, N.H." DATED JUNE 14, 1985 BY RICHARD P. MILLETTE AND ASSOCIATES, PLAN 80-15924.
- 17."SUBDIVISION OF LAND PORTSMOUTH, N.H. FOR J. HARRISON HOLMAN DATED MAY 1982 BY JOHN W. DURGIN ASSOCIATES, INC. R.C.R.D. PLAN 40-10843.
- TOT LINE REVISION FOR RUTH M. GATS & FREDERICK C. & JACQUELINE O. MURRAY TRUSTEES ISLINGTON STREET PORTSMOUTH N.H.," DATED JANUARY 17, 2002 BY E.J. COTE & ASSOCIATES INC. R.C.R.D. PLAN 80-28645.
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- 22"STREET REVERSION AND LOT LURS REJOCATION PLAN MAP 23"-10"S 141, 143, 144, 146 & 147 FOR DENNIS COMELY, DONNA & MILLAM GLADHILL, JOSEPH ANNESTEN AND THE CITY OF PORTISSIONITH FOR AVENUE, BRRESRY LANE & HAIO AVENUE PORTSBOUTH, NH. COUNTY OF ROCKINSHAM* DATED JUNE 2001 BY AMBIT ENDRESRENG, INC. READ, PLAN 30"-2500.
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- 26."PLAN OF LOT, ISLINGTON ST., PORTSMOUTH, NH FOR EDWIN BOYNTON" DATED MARCH, 1955 BY JOHN W. DURGIN, R.C.R.D. PLAN #1349—227.
- "PLAN OF PORTSMOUTH NATIONAL RECOVERY MUNICIPAL PROTECT NO. 152" DATED 1933, ON FILE AT NHOOT DISTRICT VI.
- "LOT LINE REVISION PLAN FOR PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL OFFICE BUILDING ASSOCIATION ISLINGTON WOODS, LLC AND HCA REALTY, INC.", BY DOUCET SURVEY, INC., DATED JANUARY 13, 2006. R.C.R.D. PLAN D—33642.
- 29. "EASEMENT PLAN FOR ISLINGTON WOODS, LLC AND BOSTON & MAINE CORPORATION" BY DOUGET SURVEY, INC., DATED OCTOBER 20, 2005, R.C.R.D. PLAN D=33500.
- "LOT CONSOLIDATION AND RESUBDIVISION PLAN, LAND OF BORTHWICK FOREST, LLC AND SHOWING LAND OF HOA REALTY, INC.", BY DOUCET SURVEY, INC., DATED MARCH 16, 2017, R.C.R.D. PLAN D=40905.

SEE SHEET 5 FOR LINE & CURVE TABLES SEE SHEET 6 FOR PROPOSED EASEMENTS

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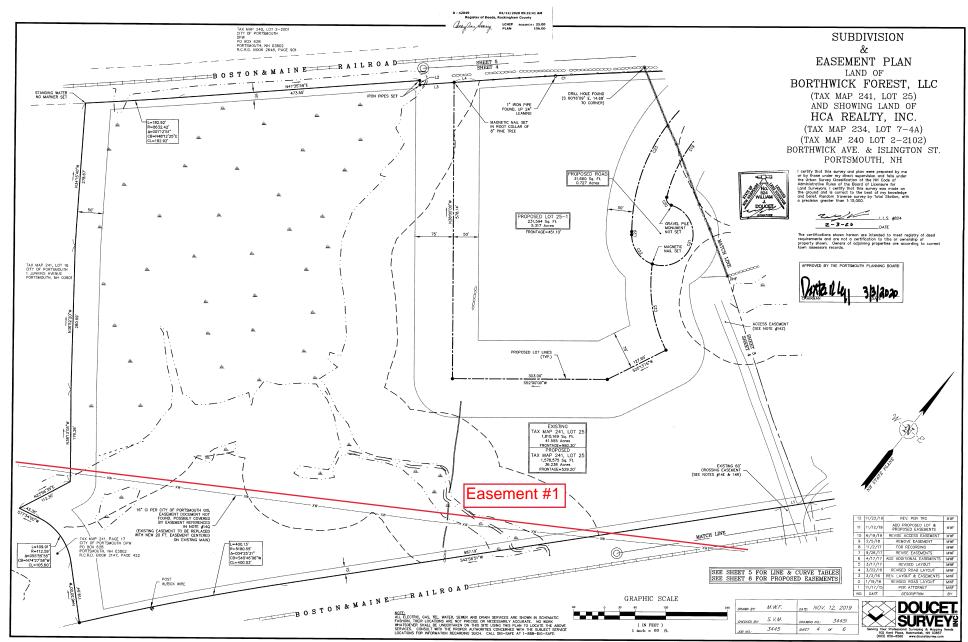
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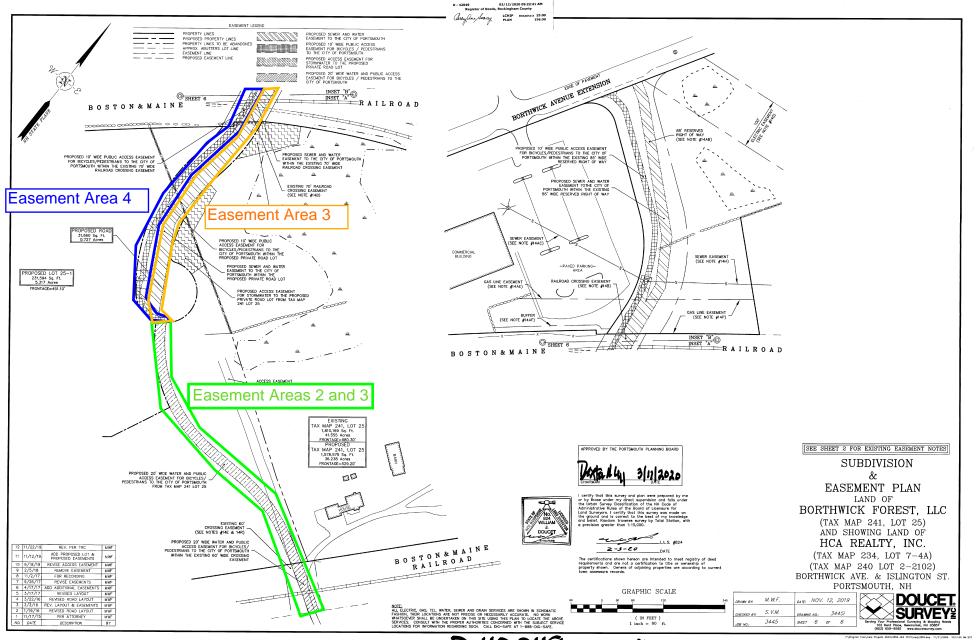
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Community Development Department (603) 610-7232

Planning Department (603) 610-7216

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

May 22, 2017

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Site Plan Review for Property Located off Borthwick Avenue and WBBX Road

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Planning Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting of May 18, 2017, considered your Site Plan Review application requesting Site Plan Approval to construct a 50,000 s.f. office building with related paving, lighting, utilities, landscaping, drainage and associated site improvements. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted as follows:

- A. Voted to determine that the application for Site Plan approval is complete according to the Site Plan Regulations and to accept it for consideration.
- B. Voted to **grant** Site Plan Approval with the following stipulations:

Conditions Precedent (to be completed prior to the issuance of a building permit):

- 1. To address the recommended traffic mitigation measures at the intersection of Route 33/ Borthwick Avenue and pedestrian safety improvements at Greenland, Sherburne and Borthwick Avenue, the applicant shall provide a meaningful cost-sharing contribution, to be determined in consultation with the DPW and Planning Department, to advance the design development process for long-term intersection improvements, or for DPW's use to investigate the feasibility of realigning Borthwick Avenue as it approaches Route 33.
- 2. The Site Plans (C 102.1 and C 102.2), General Notes Sheets (G-101.1 and G-101.2), and Landscape Plans (C-105.1 and C-105.2) shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the City or as determined appropriate by the Planning Department and shall include the following notes:

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RE: Off Borthwick Avenue & WBBX Road

Site Plan Review May 22, 2017

- "1. The Site Plan shall be recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds.
- 2. All improvements shown on the Site Plan shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the Plan by the property owner and all future property owners. No changes shall be made to this Site Plan without the express approval of the Portsmouth Planning Director.
- 3. The property owner and all future property owners shall be responsible for the maintenance, repair and replacement of all required screening and landscape materials.
- 4. All required plant materials shall be tended and maintained in a healthy growing condition, replaced when necessary, and kept free of refuse and debris. All required fences and walls shall be maintained in good repair.
- 5. The property owner shall be responsible to remove and replace dead or diseased plant materials immediately with the same type, size and quantity of plant materials as originally installed, unless alternative plantings are requested, justified and approved by the Planning Board or Planning Director."
- 3. The applicant shall review the proposed best management practices of the mulch in landscaped areas with the Fire Department to confirm that potential fire hazards have been adequately addressed.

Conditions Subsequent (to be completed prior to the final release of site plan security):

1. The property owner shall prepare a monitoring report for the intersection of Borthwick Avenue with Greenland Road and Sherburne Road within one year of the occupation of the proposed office building.

The Site Plan Review process is not complete until a Site Review Agreement has been fully executed and a Site Review bond (i.e. Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond or cash) has been approved by the City.

The building/construction plans must be reviewed and approved by the Inspection Department prior to a Building Permit being issued.

As a reminder, digital as-built plans are required in a CAD or ESRI file format prior to the release of your Site Review Bond. Please refer to the Site Plan Review Regulations for special requirements.

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RE: Off Borthwick Avenue & WBBX Road

Site Plan Review May 22, 2017

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available through the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Juliet T.H. Walker, Planning Director

for Dexter Legg, Chairman of the Planning Board

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cc: Robert Marsilia, Building Inspector

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Robert D. Ciandella, Esq.



Community Development Department (603) 610-7232

Planning Department

September 7, 2017

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Administrative Approval for Site Plan
Property located off Borthwick Ave and WBBX Road

Dear Owners:

I hereby grant administrative approval for the following:

- To modify condition precedent #1 of the Site Plan approval granted May 18, 2017, to take place no more than 6 months after issuance of a building permit.
- To modify the condition of approval #3 of the Conditional Use Permit granted on May 18, 2017, to allow the restrictive covenant be approved by the city no more than 6 months after issuance of a building permit.

The above amendments are documented in the following document received by the Planning Department on August 28, 2017:

Letter from Robert Ciandella, dated August 25, 2017.

This approval is granted subject to all stipulations as approved by the Planning Board on May 18, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

Sincerely,

Juliet T.H. Walker, AICP

Planning Director

cc: Robert Ciandella, DTC Lawyers

Robert Marsilia, Chief Building Inspector Peter H. Rice, Public Works Director



Community Development Department (603) 610-7232

Planning Department (603) 610-7216

November 9, 2017

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Administrative Approval for Site Plan
Property located off Borthwick Ave and WBBX Road

Dear Owners:

I hereby grant administrative approval for the following:

- To modify stipulation #8 to allow the property monuments to be set after the completion of the proposed road as they will be disturbed during construction. The installation of the monuments will be included in the site work bond as security that they get installed.
- To modify condition precedent #2 to allow Borthwick to file the mylars of the most current site plans for the building with the caveat that the City will not record the same and will await the filing of finalized plans after Borthwick obtains its amended site plan approval.

The above amendments are documented in the following document received by the Planning Department on November 7, 2017:

Letter from Robert Ciandella, dated November 7, 2017.

This approval is granted subject to all stipulations as approved by the Planning Board on May 18, 2017 and prior Administrative Approval dated September 7, 2017.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this.

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Sincerely,

Juliet T.H. Walker, AICP

Planning Director

cc: Robert Ciandella, DTC Lawyers

Robert Marsilia, Chief Building Inspector Peter H. Rice, Public Works Director

Community Development Department (603) 610-7281

Planning Department

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

February 20, 2018

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Amended Site Plan Application for Property Located off Proposed Subdivision Road to be Created off Borthwick Avenue

Dear Sir/Madam:

The Planning Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting of February 15, 2018, considered your Amended Site Plan Application to increase the height of the proposed office building (footprint of $16,700 \pm s.f.$) from 3 stories to 4 stories (gross floor area of $66,800 \pm s.f.$), with related paving, lighting, utilities, landscaping, drainage, multi-use path and associated site improvements. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted to **grant** Site Plan approval, with the following stipulations:

- 1. The Amended Site Plan (Sheet C102) shall be recorded at the Registry of Deeds by the City or as deemed appropriate by the Planning Department.
- 2. All conditions of original Planning Board approval as amended to remain in effect, with the exception of required recording of the Landscape Plans.
- 3. Off-site traffic mitigation for Borthwick Avenue/Greenland Road intersection shall include consideration of improvements to bicycle and/or pedestrian connections.

Three complete sets of revised Site Plans must be provided to the Planning Department, along with a pdf version.

The Site Plan Review process is not complete until a Site Review Agreement has been fully executed and a Site Review bond (i.e. Irrevocable Letter of Credit, Surety Bond or cash) has been approved by the City.

As a reminder, digital as-built plans are required in a CAD or ESRI file format prior to the release of your Site Review Bond. Please refer to the Site Plan Review Regulations for special requirements.

The City's Land Use Compliance Agent, Vincent Hayes, will be inspecting the work during construction.

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RE: Borthwick Avenue

February 20, 2018

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available through the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Juliet T.H. Walker, Planning Director

for Dexter Legg, Chairman of the Planning Board

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cc: Robert Marsilia, Building Inspector

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Robert Ciandella, Esq.

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Community Development Department (603) 610-7281

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March 14, 2019

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Administrative Approval for Site Plan
Property located off Borthwick Ave and WBBX Road

Dear Owners:

I hereby grant administrative approval for the following:

- To replace Conditions #2, #3 and #4 of the Planning Board Letter of Decision with the following: "The Planning Board approval of a public road is amended to require that the road be private, rather than public. The private road will be built in accordance with the City's road regulations and specifications and will be subject to review and approval by the third party oversight engineer hired by the City pursuant to condition #6. Any easements required for maintenance, repair or operation of subterranean utilities and the easement for the 10 foot wide multi-use path shall be subject to final review and approval by the City. The applicant shall coordinate with DPW on such utility locations. The applicant shall be responsible for drainage maintenance and management and the applicant will coordinate with PanAm to refine the roadway design including geotechnical design, cross sections and drainage features."
- Raise the ground floor elevation by 2 feet to increase the basement level floor height and add additional parking spaces to meet the minimum parking requirements.

The above amendments are documented in the following document received by the Planning Department on February 7, 2019 and March 4, 2019:

- Letter from Robert Ciandella, dated February 5, 2019.
- Site Plan Set titled "Proposed Subdivision Road & Office Building Development", prepared by Tighe & Bond, Inc., dated March 20, 2017 and last revised March 4, 2019.
- Site Plan Amendments Exhibit prepared by Tighe & Bond, Inc., dated March 4, 2019.
- Letter from Patrick Crimmins, P.E., dated March 4, 2019.

This approval is granted subject to all other stipulations of Planning Board approval on May 18, 2017 and all other prior Administrative Approvals dated September 7, 2017, November 9, 2017 and May 10, 2018.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Juliet T.H. Walker, AICP

Planning Director

cc: Robert Ciandella, DTC Lawyers

Patrick Crimmins, P.E., Tighe & Bond Robert Marsilia, Chief Building Inspector Peter H. Rice, Public Works Director



Planning Department 1 Junkins Avenue Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801 (603) 610-7216

PLANNING BOARD

June 24, 2019

Borthwick Forest, LLC 210 Commerce Way, Suite 300 Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Amended Site Plan Application for properties located on Borthwick Avenue and Islington Street

Dear Applicant:

The Planning Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting of Thursday, June 20, 2019, considered your application for Amended Site Plan Review approval for the conversion of a ground level parking garage to office space and associated parking lot expansion and stormwater management improvements. Said property is shown on Assessor Map 241 Lots 25 & 26 and lies within the Office Research District. As a result of said consideration, the Board voted to grant Amended Site Plan Review Approval with the following stipulations:

- 1) Prior to construction of the reserve parking area in the future, the plans shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission for review.
- 2) The required note referencing the stormwater maintenance plan and annual inspection and maintenance schedule shall be included on the recordable plan sheet.
- 3) The Stormwater Maintenance Plan shall be updated to revise Section 1.3.3 to note that any updates to the plan (and deed) will require further review and approval as required by the Site Plan Review Regulations.
- 4) The site plan shall be reviewed for pre-approval by the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds and subsequently recorded, as deemed appropriate by the Planning Department.

The Board's decision may be appealed up to thirty (30) days after the vote. Any action taken by the applicant pursuant to the Board's decision during this appeal period shall be at the applicant's risk. Please contact the Planning Department for more details about the appeals process.

This site plan approval shall not be effective until a site plan agreement has been signed satisfying the requirements of Section 2.12 of the City's Site Review Approval Regulations.

Unless otherwise indicated above, applicant is responsible for applying for and securing a building permit from the Inspection Department prior to starting any project work.

The Planning Director must certify that all stipulations of approval have been completed prior to issuance of a building permit unless otherwise indicated above.

This site plan approval shall expire unless a building permit is issued within a period of one (1) year from the date granted by the Planning Board unless an extension is granted by the Planning Board in accordance with Section 2.14 of the Site Review Regulations.

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available by contacting the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Juliet T. H. Walker, AICP, Planning Director for Dexter Legg, Chairman of the Planning Board

CC:

Patrick Crimmins, PE, Tighe & Bond Rosann Maurice-Lentz, City Assessor Robert Marsilia, Building Inspector Peter Rice, Director of Public Works