
From:
Sent: Sunday, April 14, 2019 10:55 AM
To: Michael Antonellis
Subject: GBE Comments from Fire Chief Hanson

Dear Mr. Antonellis,

Thank you for your reply. I appreciate your efforts to find and post earlier comments from the Chiefs and the town Boards. Please let me know if you were able to find contemporary replies from either Chief regarding public safety concerns for the GBE proposal.

The comments from the Fire Chief appear to be from sometime last fall. Since he did not date his letter, it's hard to determine which version of the proposal it applies to. Do you have any notes on file to put his memo in proper context?

In his letter, Chief Hanson appears to justify the lack of emergency roads as well as limited access to the back of the apartment buildings based upon access to 2 sides of the buildings and the fire lane that was added between them.

The proposed 96 apartments could add 218 residents, or more. Still, there is no plan for secondary access to this property.

The Applicant's recent versions of the apartment complex eliminated the fire lane between the two buildings to provide space for services that were not provided within them (ie: elevator, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, etc.).

The back of the two buildings and lobby are now over 480 feet long without any access. This seems like a poor plan with regard to public safety. What if they need to evacuate someone from a 3rd floor apartment or one of its 4th story lofts?

How far is too far for first responders to have to carry a 40-foot ladder before they can begin a rescue?

Please let me know when residents can expect to see a comprehensive fire safety review from Chief Hanson and/or from the MA Department of Fire Safety engineer.

Thank You,

Greg Jackson
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