



Town of Lancaster
Office of the Town Administrator
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KATE HODGES, *Town Administrator*

Kathleen Rocco, Executive Assistant

May 15, 2023

RE: Request for Input and Feedback from Residents, proposed 40B site permit.

Dear Lancaster Residents,

Attached you will find a copy of Neck Road, LLC's comprehensive permit site approval application which was filed with the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency ("MassHousing") last week. This permit is required under the State's comprehensive permit statute M.G.L. c.40B § 20-23, enacted as Chapter 774 of the Acts of 1969, also known as "Chapter 40B." As part of MassHousing's review, the agency will conduct an inspection of the site and is actively soliciting comments from the Town. MassHousing has assured us that they will consider any and all relevant comments or concerns from the Town relative to Neck Road, LLC's application.

It is with this notion in mind that I write to you today. Town Administration is interested in collecting feedback from anyone who may be interested in providing an opinion, comments or concerns relative to Neck Road, LLC's application. In order to submit the Town's comments within the thirty (30) day window, I ask for those who wish to provide comments to please do so, in writing, by no later than June 5, 2023, by 12:00 PM. Comments may be emailed to my attention at khodges@lancasterma.net, mailed to the address above, or dropped-off in person to the Town Clerk or Select Board Offices, located on the first and second floors of the Town Hall, during regular business hours. The Town must provide its comments to MassHousing no later than June 6, 2023 in order for our feedback to be considered.

Thereafter, MassHousing will issue Neck Road, LLC a 'Site Approval Letter' which indicates *approval, conditional approval or denial* of the application. Should the application be approved, Neck Road, LLC would then contact Lancaster's Zoning Board of Appeals to continue the approval and development processes. Neck Road, LLC has two calendar years from the date of MassHousing's approval to apply to the ZBA for next steps.

I encourage everyone to read Neck Road, LLC's application and take time to compile your thoughts on this important project. It is imperative that our collective response to MassHousing reflect the will of our entire community; that cannot be achieved without feedback from a variety of citizens. Should anyone wish to review this application in-person, a hard copy of Neck Road, LLC's dated application, as well as several large-scale site maps, are available for viewing in our Public Library during regular business hours.

I look forward to listening to, and learning from, the many perspectives of Townspeople relative to this project's potential. Thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this important community discussion.

Respectfully,

Kate Hodges, Town Administrator
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