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To: Topsfield Zoning Board

From: Jen Collins-Brown, Fire Chief

Date: February 16, 2023

RE: Fire Department Feedback on the Beals and Thomas Peer Review

Cc: Lynne Bermudez, Kevin Harutunian

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Our concerns are in general, the same as what we made on the original application.

We would like the Group to confirm that the charging stations will not obstruct the FDC.

We would like to confirm that the awning on the entryway is at least 10 feet and 6 inches high to allow for fire apparatus to move under it.

With regards to emergency access, if the road is wide and there is pedestrian access/egress, we would agree with the waiver of a second vehicular access.

We provided the Caleb Group the KME (Fire Truck Manufacturer) turning analysis. To turn the truck around in the cul-de-sac, it must be a minimum of 42 feet in diameter. We would prefer that there not be any vegetation in the center of the cul-de-sac.

We would like to confirm with the landscape plan that there is adequate distance of mulch away from the building and that there is at least 36 inches of clearance around the hydrant and FDC.

We believe the dumpster should be set away from the building.

We would ask that the applicant work with the water department to ensure the appropriate size water main for the use as well as the number and location of the hydrant or hydrants.

Please let us know if you have any other questions.