

June 20, 2024

To: Mr. Gregory Rondeau, Chairman
Town of Franklin Planning Board
355 East Central Street
Franklin, MA 02038

Copy: Donegal, LLC

A&M Project #: 1362-25

Re: 6 Forge Parkway
Industrial Building
Response to
Review Comments

Dear Mr. Rondeau,

Allen & Major (A&M) is in receipt of review comments from the BETA Group, Inc., dated May 30, 2024, for the above referenced project. Please find A&M's responses to these comments below. The most recent comments are provided along with A&M's responses in **bold**. For ease of review, comments that have been addressed are omitted.

BETA Group, Inc.:

P6. The existing driveway has been modified/widened to better accommodate trucks entering the site. While encroachment into the opposing travel lane has been eliminated at the intersection, it remains beyond the first entrance into the 4 Forge Parkway property. Also, WB-67 trucks entering the site will need to traverse the sidewalk that is proposed through the mountable island, creating a safety issue for pedestrians. Recommend replacing the mountable island with a hatched area of pavement and evaluating if a median can be provided for pedestrian refuge due to the increased crossing distance. A high visibility crosswalk should be provided. Additional modification to the limits of the modified driveway should be evaluated to determine if truck encroachments into the opposing travel lane can be further reduced. Turning movements for trucks exiting the site must also be provided.

A&M Response: An updated truck turning plan has been submitted and is based upon discussions with BETA. Additionally, an additional sheet has been added to illustrate the exiting movements of the trucks.

P7. Confirm the limits of the existing median island and location of light pole in front of the site on Forge Parkway. Aerial and street views do not appear to match with the configuration depicted on the plans.

A&M Response: The median lines were taken from town GIS information, which was out of date. They have been updated as requested.

P8. Clarify if the proposed sidewalk and driveway modifications on the 4 Forge Parkway property require additional easements or rights of entry to be completed.

A&M Response: Based upon existing agreements, there are no new easements or rights of entry required for this work. Once construction commences, it will be coordinated directly with the operators of the hotel property.

SW2. BETA4: The design has been revised and now includes new impervious area being directed to the Forge Parkway system. The calculations should address the issue of compliance with the Standards for this portion of the site. Also, indicate the disposition of the existing inlet stone on Forge Parkway that will be within the limits of the mountable curb island.

A&M Response: The new rumble strip is composed of cobble stones and is not considered impervious.

SW8. BETA4: BETA recommends for the designer to provide a verbal or preliminary update on the results of the test pits at the next hearing. BETA does not object to the requirement for test pits to be completed as a condition of approval; however, if the Board chooses to include this condition BETA recommends that test pits are completed prior to plan endorsement.

A&M Response: The additional test pits have been added to the updated plans. Based on these new test pits there was a slight modification required for the small bio-retention area near the hotel driveway.

SW9. BETA4: Refer to comment SW8.

A&M Response: See response to SW8

Very Truly Yours,

ALLEN & MAJOR ASSOCIATES, INC



Michael A. Malynowski, PE - Senior Project Manager

Attachments:

1. Site Development Plans, revised as of June 20, 2024
2. Drainage Report, revised as of June 20, 2024