



TOWN OF FRANKLIN – OBSERVATION REPORT

725 Union Street

Report No.: 4831 723 - 32 Date: February 21, 2024 Arrive: 1:00 PM

Observer: Matt Crowley, PE Weather: Clear ~40° Leave 3:00 PM

Owner: 725 Union Street LLC Engineer: J.K. Holmgren Engineering Inc.

153 Buckskin Drive 1024 Pearl Street Weston, MA 02493 Brockton, MA 02301

Items Observed: Conformance Observation – Submitted in conjunction with

Applicant's request for acceptance of Form H – Certificate of Completion

OBSERVATIONS

Observation Requested By: Scott Rogers – JK Holmgren

Met/walked site with: N/A

Current Activity on Site: No current activity

Observed Construction: BETA arrived on site to perform a construction observation in conjunction with the Applicant's request for acceptance of Form H – Certificate of Completion. An as-built plan, dated February 9, 2024, and a Form H – Certificate of Completion, signed February 12, 2024, were provided via email. BETA's site walk confirmed the site to be constructed in general conformance with the Approved Plans with the following exceptions/notations:

- Although not detailed on the plans, the crosswalk from the ramp connection to Union Street lacks a ramp on the sidewalk adjacent to the building.
- Only 2 parking spaces have been provided at the northwest corner of the lot where 3 were proposed. The total parking provided on the site is 99 spaces, where 100 were proposed as part of a parking waiver. BETA defers to the Board on this issue.
- The proposed chain link fence (with mesh fabric) has been modified to an ornamental (metal) fence. It is anticipated that the fence would only be required for fall protection and is not necessary for screening.
- The "No Parking Fire Lane" signs depicted on the sign summary have not been installed. BETA notes there
 does not appear to be any specific locations proposed on the plans and defers to the Fire Chief on any
 requirements for installation. "Fire Lane" has been striped adjacent to the building in areas depicted on
 the plans.
- The rip rap for the emergency basin overflow has been placed higher than the basin berm adjacent to the
 outlet control structure. While it is anticipated that flows would likely permeate the stone below the
 berm elevation, the stacked stone should be removed to ensure flows are directed as designed.
- Hoods have not been installed in catch basins.

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- Only 2 trees have been installed in the area of the proposed generator where 5 were proposed. BETA
 defers to the Conservation Commission on this issue as the area is located within the buffer zone of
 wetlands.
- The 3 Colorado Spruce proposed adjacent to the westerly retaining wall have been relocated to the top of the infiltration berm. The Stormwater Handbook states that trees should not be placed on impounding embankments as they increase the chance of basin failure.
- The winterberry and arrowwood plantings to the west of the parking area do not appear to have been planted. BETA notes there may be insufficient space for plantings between the curb and guardrail, and wall and property line.
- Remnants of erosion controls should be cut and spread or removed in coordination with the Conservation Agent.



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SITE PHOTOS



Building view from Union Street



Driveway Entrance





New sidewalk and driveway apron along Union Street



Crosswalk lacking ramp on far side





Retaining wall along westerly property line

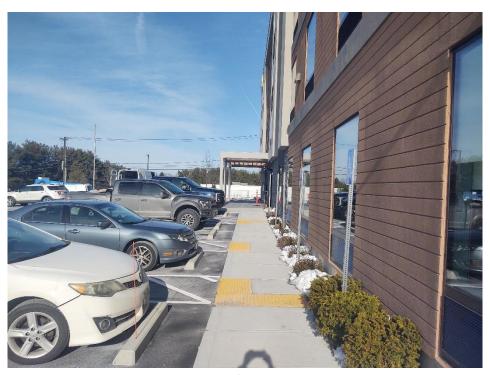


Typical ornamental fence and wooden guardrail





Typical accessible parking



Accessible route from parking spaces





Typical sidewalk



Two parking spaces where three were proposed





View on east side of building



Installed fire hydrant





Front entrance



Typical planting





Typical lighting



Dumpster area





Typical plantings adjacent to infiltration basin



Rear view of building





Plantings adjacent to generator pad



Spruce trees relocated to top of basin berm





Outlet control structure



Rip rap placed higher than basin berm elevation





Infiltration basin



Remnant erosion controls that should be removed in coordination with Conservation Agent



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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 21, 2024

TO: Franklin Planning Board

FROM: Department of Planning and Community Development

RE: 725 Union Street

Form H

General

- 1. The Planning Board approved a Site Plan for 725 Union Street on March 25, 2019, that a Special Permit for height of the building.
- 2. BETA has reviewed the as-built plans and has submitted a comment letter.

SITE PLAN OF LAND

FORM H ENGINEER'S CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION (to be executed by developer's engineer)

Site	Plan known as Proposed Hotel	<u> </u>		
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