



Manchester-By-The-Sea Fire Department

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Sue Brown
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Sear Sue,

I have conducted several reviews of the proposed plans for the 40B projects and have met with the architect and engineers on many occasions. I have reviewed the concerns regarding the need for the second access road. Understandably, a second access road for emergency vehicles would be ideal. However, as the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ); and in accordance with NFPA 1 and the Massachusetts Fire Code; and having consulted with the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services; I have determined that the current single split roadway design is adequate for emergency vehicles to access the property, and a second fire/access road is not required.

The roadway meets the proper width, grade, length, and vehicle turnaround at the end to accommodate our apparatus and as is required by code. The building is required to and will be equipped with the latest in fire protection, to include a full fire alarm system, sprinkler and standpipe systems, remote annunciators, a Knox box, a BDA radio booster (if required), as well as the proper water supply and correct locations for fire hydrants. An approved property maintenance plan will need to include specifics regarding snow removal and the ability to keep the roadway clear and accessible for emergency vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason M. Cleary
Fire Chief