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To: Pelham Planning Board
From: The Pelham Highway Safety Committee (HSC)
Date: January 28, 2020
Subject: HSC opinion regarding road access for the proposed 40 lot conservation subdivision known as **NEIL FINEMAN 2018 TRUST & LEMIEUX, Albert III & Christine** – Currier Road, Peabody Lane & Bridge Street (Rte. 38) – Proposed 40 Lot Residential Conservation Subdivision with 3 Open Space Lots

Dear Planning Board members,

On January 23, 2020 the HSC met to review several items including the revised road configuration and candidate road names related to the subject project. Present were Police Chief Roark, Fire Chief Midgley, Road Agent Ferreira, Planning Director Gowan, Steve Keach, Peter Zohdi (the project design engineer), Jean Warren from Mr. Zohdi's office, Bob McCarthy the project applicant and Celia Lingley who took meeting minutes.

Peter Zohdi presented the plan and the proposed access from an improved Peabody Lane, and from two new access roads from Currier. During discussion of the project Mr. Keach explained the "middle" access from Currier would be steep and would require road drainage to be captured and integrated into existing Currier Road closed drainage system. This would add a significant maintenance burden to the Pelham Highway Department without any perceived benefit. Highway Agent Ferreira agreed. Fire Chief Midgley commented that his prior concerns regarding access to the project are entirely resolved by the new configuration of the road that spans the entire project from end to end. Police Chief Roark made the motion to send HSC opinion to the Planning Board that the "middle" Currier Road access point is no longer needed with the project road providing two-way access from any lot within the project. The HSC voted unanimously to approve the motion and added the condition that the project road is not phased but constructed all at one time.

Mr. Zohdi added that his client is willing to improve Peabody from the project entrance to the back portion of the road so it is a consistent width that will allow the normal two lanes of travel. He also described his intention to identify a Pelham driveway of the same grade and length as proposed for Pricilla Pike-Church's driveway and to take her there so she can see for herself what is being proposed.

The HSC next discussed the list of proposed road names and voted to approve the candidate name Thistlewood Drive. That motion was also approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
The Pelham Highway Safety Committee