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RE: Comments regarding Stow Acres Comprehensive Permit

The Stow Police Department, being represented by, Lt. Kellie Barhight, Dispatch Supervisor Gabe Lopez and Chief Michael Sallese, has initially reviewed the application “The Residences at Stow Acres” and has the following comments for the consideration of the Board of Appeals.

Street Layouts

The Police Department has concerns with the two T-Intersections intersections of the clubhouse driveway at Stow Acres Drive, and Stow Acres Drive at Stow Acres Drive. Between the two intersections, there is only one access point into the development. If the access becomes obstructed, emergency services will not be able to provide service to the development. Modification to the intersection alignments could prevent the bottleneck effect. Alternatively, a secondary access could be provided through the Town-owned parcel to the west.

Outside of the development, the Police Department would like a further investigation of the proposed traffic modification to Cross Street and Randall Road. Sightlines, vehicle speed, Boon Road, and seasonal traffic for apple picking should be considered. The Police Department would like a copy of the traffic study peer review once complete, and the opportunity to provide additional comments once the Police Department reviews the peer review report.

Street Names

The Police Department requests the following street names to be changed:

1. Stow Acres Drive – The name may be misheard by the emergency dispatcher and confused with the Stow Acres Driving Range or the Stow Acres Country Club.
2. Sawgrass Place – The name may be misheard by the emergency dispatcher and confused with Sawmill Road.
3. Alley 3 – This alley has two discontinuous pieces—the Police Department requests that they be separately named to avoid confusion.
4. Alley 1, 2, 3, A, B & C – The alleys should either be all numbered or all lettered.

The Police Department does not have public safety concerns with the remaining street names (Augusta Lane, Pebble Beach Lane, St Andrews Lane).

Pedestrian Safety

The Police Department requests that all trails in the development be labeled/named. Trails on conservation land are labeled by colors (ex. Blue Trail at Town Forest); this allows for emergency respondents to locate emergencies if one were to occur. Mile markers or other place-based signage could additionally assist.

Crosswalks on the Augusta Lane, Sawgrass Place, and Pebble Beach Lane are encouraged to be raised crosswalks to prevent high speed vehicle cut-through traffic and improve the safety for pedestrians walking through the Stormwater Greenway.

Other Comments

1. The Police Department does not have keys to Knox-boxes –only the Fire Police Department has these. Police access through these would not be possible unless rammed through.
2. A street marking and signage plan would not be beneficial to identify where the vehicles are restricted and emergency access is ensured.
3. The Police Department does not have the authority to enforce parking regulations on private ways. This includes the guest parking spaces found on Augusta Lane and Pebble Beach Lane.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Sallese, Chief of Police