# **Town of Windham**

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#### MEMO

DATE: December 5, 2018

- TO: Windham Planning Board
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- RE: 18-41 Anglers Road Common Sketch Subdivision & Site Plan Planning Board Meeting: December 10, 2018

## Overview -

The applicant is proposing a mixed-use development consisting of forty (40) apartments and 11,500 square feet of commercial space for office, retail or service business on a 6.5 acre property that a portion of the Windham Economic Development's property located on Anglers Road. A 1.4 acre portion of the WEDC property was transferred less than 5 years ago, so the remaining 1.6 acre lot labeled as Lot 3 on the sketch plan will also be subject to subdivision review.



Aerial View of the subject parcel relative to surrounding properties and street network.

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As this project involves the construction of non-residential buildings with a floor area over 1,000 square feet and residential buildings containing three (3) or more dwelling units, this application will be reviewed under the Town's Subdivision Review and Site Plan Review ordinances. Each section will be listed separately below, though references from the Site Plan review section to the Subdivision Review section will be made for overlapping review criteria.

A Development Team meeting was held on December 3, 2018. Comments from that meeting are incorporated into the memo below.

Tax Map: 80, Lot: 66 Zone: Commercial 1 (C-1).

#### SUBDIVISION REVIEW

#### Staff Comments:

- 1. Waivers: *The Planning Board cannot act on waivers or potential waiver requests at the Sketch/Preapplication review phase. It is appropriate to discuss potential waiver requests to give the applicant guidance.* No waivers were requested but staff notes the following:
  - a) Section 518.2.a Curb Cuts and Driveway Openings, Performance Standard In the C-1 District a parcel shall be limited to one (1) curb cut on the same street. The Planning Board may waive the standard by applying the applicable waiver criteria of Section 800/900. Given the size of the lot and the frontage on Anglers Road and that the ordinance also requires a residential subdivision street to have two connections to an existing public street when 31 or more units are proposed (§911.M), this standard could reasonably be waived.
- 2. Complete Application: *N/A with Sketch Plan*

**MOTION:** The application for project 18 41 Anglers Road Common is found complete in regard to the submission requirements based on the application checklist, but the Planning Board retains the right to request more information where review criteria are not fully addressed.

- 3. Public Hearing: No public hearing has been scheduled for this project. The Planning Board must determine whether to hold a public hearing on the application.
- 4. Site Walk: A site walk has not been scheduled for this project.

Findings of Fact and conclusions for the

#### Windham Planning Board,

**MOTION:** The Subdivision application for 18-41 Anglers Road Common on Tax Map: 80, Lot: 66 is to be (approved with conditions/denied) with the following findings of fact and conclusions.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

## A. POLLUTION

- No portion of this subdivision is within the mapped 100 year floodplain.
- This subdivision is located over a significant sand and gravel aquifer.
- A hydrogeologic assessment must be submitted as part of the Preliminary Plan when the subdivision is not served by public sewer and the subdivision is located over a sand and gravel aquifer or has an average density of more than one dwelling unit per 100,000 square feet.

## B. WATER

- The development will be served by public water for domestic use, and would connect to the main in Anglers Road.
- A written statement from the Portland Water District verifying that there is public water in proximity to the subdivision must be submitted with the Preliminary Plan.
- An Ability to Serve letter from the Portland Water District approving the public water service to the subdivision must be submitted with the Final Plan.
- An existing fire hydrant is located on Anglers Road in the middle of the parcel frontage. At the Development Team Meeting on December 3, 2018 Deputy Fire Chief John Wescott stated that a new hydrant should be located at the rear of the property near the island between units 32 and 33. Existing and proposed hydrant should be shown on the plan.
- At the Development Team Meeting on November 19, 2018 Deputy Fire Chief John Wescott stated that all the new buildings would require sprinklers and alarms.

# C. SOIL EROSION

- A soil erosion and sediment control plan must be submitted as part of the Preliminary Plan.
- A stormwater management plan that meets the water quality and quantity standards as well as the flooding standard of Section 3 DEP Chapter 500 Stormwater Management must be submitted as part of the Preliminary Plan.
- This project requires a Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Chapter 500 Stormwater Permit, which must be submitted with the Final Plan.
- A bioinfiltration pond, a component of the stormwater system for the Town's Anglers Road Realignment project is located on the property. The pond was required as part of the Maine DEP Stormwater permit and, therefore, any modifications will require an amendment to the Maine DEP Stormwater permit for the Anglers Road Realignment Project.

# D. TRAFFIC

- The development will have access from the new internal network of subdivision streets.
- Two curb cuts on Anglers Road area shown on the sketch plan. Section 518.2.a states that in the C-1 District a parcel shall be limited to one (1) curb cut on the same street. The applicant should submit a written waiver request.

- Sight distance in each direction for the proposed street on the existing public streets should be shown on the Preliminary Plan.
- Section 911.M.3.d states that streetlights may be required at intersections with existing public streets. A streetlight on public portion Anglers Road at the intersection of the first first street entrance to the subdivision should be shown on the plan. The Planning Board should discuss if a streetlight at the second entrance will be necessary.
- Per Section 911.M.5.a.6 access drive standards for condominium subdivisions shall meet the major private road standard (right-of-way width is not applicable).
- The applicant should specify the street classification that will be used to provide frontage/setbacks for the proposed buildings: Curbed Lane, Commercial Street, or Residential Street.
- At the Development Team Meeting on December 3, 2018 Deputy Fire Chief John Wescott commented on concerns about fire equipment being able to access Unit 40 based on the layout of the parking area.
- The sketch plan shows the roads with a paved sidewalk for pedestrian access.
- The paved public portion of Anglers Road ends in the middle of the parcel.
- At the Development Team meeting on December 3, 2018 the applicant stated that they would propose to rebuild the private portion of Anglers Road to the road standard to the proposed second entrance.
- The property is currently utilized as a school bus stop. The applicant should clarify if this use will continue to be accommodated on the site.
- The sketch plan shows 132 parking spaces. The ordinance does not have a minimum number of spaces required but the applicant shall demonstrate that the number of spaces provided onsite will meet the needs of the proposed uses (24 two-bedroom residential apartments, 16 three-bedroom residential apartments, and 11,500 square feet of office, retail or service business).
- A traffic impact analysis is required for subdivisions projected to generate more than 140 vehicle trips per day and should be submitted with the Preliminary Plan.
- If the project generates over 100 peak hour trips and requires a Traffic Movement Permit from the Maine Department of Transportation, it must be submitted with Final Plan.
- The project is subject to the North Route 302 Road Improvements Impact Fee (Section 1204). A traffic analysis shall be conducted in order to determine the traffic impact and requisite impact fee total, as measured by additional vehicle trips to be generated by a development project that pass through the North Route 302 Capital Improvement District in the peak commuter hour.

# E. SEWERAGE

- The development will be served by individual private subsurface wastewater disposal systems.
- Soil test pit analysis must be included with the Preliminary Plan submission. Test pit locations must be shown on the Preliminary Plan.

# F. SOLID WASTE

• A dumpster location should be shown on the plan and screening detail provided.

## G. AESTHETICS

- The site is partially wooded and partially clear and is undeveloped.
- There are no documented rare botanical features for significant wildlife habitat documented on the site.
- A landscape plan is required for the preliminary plan submission. Limits of tree clearing should be shown on the plan. A note should be added to the plan stating that clearing of tress is not allowed in areas where tree cover is depicted on the plan for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of Planning Board approval.

## H. CONFORMITY WITH LOCAL PLANS AND ORDINANCES

- Comprehensive Plan:
  - The plan does meet the goals of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan. The project is located in the North Windham growth area.
- Land Use Ordinance:
  - The lot meets the minimum frontage (100 feet) for lots in the C-1 zoning district.
  - A portion of property is located in the Aquifer Protection Overlay District B that has a 50% maximum impervious area. The amount of impervious area in the overlay should be shown on the plan.
  - Net residential density calculations should be shown on the Plan.
  - The proposal does not meet setback requirements of the C-1 districts. Buildings must be setback 0-20 feet and parking shall not be located within a structure's front setback area.
  - The façade of all buildings must be oriented parallel to a front lot line. The Commercial Building must front on Anglers Road and provide a primary entrance along the front façade.
- Subdivision Ordinance
  - A landscaping plan must be submitted with the Preliminary Plan.
  - Standard notes and the standard condition of approval must be shown on the plans.
  - The Tax Map and Lot numbers provided by the Tax Assessor must be shown on the Final Plan.
  - Subdivision plan data compatible with the Town GIS must be submitted as part of the Final Plan submission.
  - Documents should be provided with the Final Plan submission and must specify the rights and responsibilities of the owner with respect to the maintenance, repair, and plowing of the subdivision streets, open space and stormwater infrastructure.
- Others:
- Chapter 221 Street Naming and Addressing: Street names approved by the Town Addressing Officer shall be shown on the Final Plan.
- I. FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY

- Evidence of financial capacity must be provided as part of the Preliminary Plan submission.
- Evidence of technical capacity must be provided as part of the Preliminary Plan submission.

## J. RIVER, STREAM OR BROOK IMPACTS

- This project is located in the Chaffin Pond watershed, a lake watershed most at risk from new development as designated in Maine DEP Chapter 502.
- The applicant should demonstrate that the project will not adversely impact any river, stream, or brook.
- The plan should show the 250 foot Resource Protection District around Chaffin Pond on the plan.

## CONCLUSIONS (N/A)

- 1. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** result in undue water or air pollution.
- 2. The proposed subdivision **has/does not have** sufficient water available for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the site plan.
- 3. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** cause an unreasonable burden on an existing water supply.
- 4. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** cause unreasonable soil erosion or a reduction in the land's capacity to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition results.
- 5. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** cause unreasonable highway or public road congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to the use of the highways or public roads existing or proposed.
- 6. The proposed subdivision will/will not provide for adequate sewage waste disposal.
- 7. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** cause an unreasonable burden on the municipality's ability to dispose of solid waste.
- 8. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** have an undue adverse effect on the scenic or natural beauty of the area, aesthetics, historic sites, significant wildlife habitat identified by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or the municipality, or rare and irreplaceable natural areas or any public rights for physical or visual access to the shoreline.
- 9. The proposed subdivision **conforms/does not conform** with a duly adopted site plan regulation or ordinance, comprehensive plan, development plan, or land use plan.
- 10. The developer **has/does not have** adequate financial and technical capacity to meet the standards of this section.
- 11. The proposed subdivision **is/is not** situated entirely or partially within the watershed of any pond or lake or within 250 feet of any wetland, great pond or river as defined in Title 38, Chapter 3, subchapter I, article 2-B M.R.S.A.
- 12. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** alone or in conjunction with existing activities, adversely affect the quality or quantity of ground water.
- 13. The proposed subdivision **is/is not** situated entirely or partially within a floodplain.
- 14. All freshwater wetlands within the proposed subdivision **have/have not** been identified on the plan.

- 15. Any river, stream, or brook within or abutting the subdivision **has/has not** been identified on any maps submitted as part of the application.
- 16. The proposed subdivision **will/will not** provide for adequate storm water management.
- 17. If any lots in the proposed subdivision have shore frontage on a river, stream, brook, or great pond as these features are defined in Title 38, section 480 B, none of the lots created within the subdivision **have/do not have** a lot depth to shore frontage ratio greater than 5 to 1.
- 18. The long-term cumulative effects of the proposed subdivision will/will not unreasonably increase a great pond's phosphorus concentration during the construction phase and life of the proposed subdivision.
- 19. For any proposed subdivision that crosses municipal boundaries, the proposed subdivision **will/will not** cause unreasonable traffic congestion or unsafe conditions with respect to the use of existing public ways in an adjoining municipality in which part of the subdivision is located.
- 20. Timber on the parcel being subdivided **has/has not** been harvested in violation of rules adopted pursuant to Title 12, section 8869, subsection 14.

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Approval is dependent upon, and limited to, the proposals and plans contained in the application dated November 19, 2018, as amended \_\_\_\_\_\_, and supporting documents and oral representations submitted and affirmed by the applicant, and conditions, if any, imposed by the Planning Board, and any variation from such plans, proposals and supporting documents and representations are subject to review and approval by the Planning Board or the Town Planner in accordance with Section 913 of the Subdivision Ordinance.

#### SITE PLAN REVIEW

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

#### Utilization of the Site

• See Subdivision Review.

#### Vehicular and Pedestrian Traffic

• See Subdivision Review.

#### Sewage Disposal and Groundwater Impacts

• See Subdivision Review.

#### **Stormwater Management**

• See Subdivision Review.

## **Erosion Control**

• See Subdivision Review.

## Utilities

- The Preliminary Plan should note the size of the existing water mains and show connections through the development to the proposed buildings.
- The applicant must secure a written statement from the Portland Water District that the development will not result in an undue burden on the system and the water lines will be installed in a manner adequate to provide needed domestic and fire flows.
- Electrical, telephone, and cable service to the development shall be provided by underground service.

## **Financial Capacity**

• See Subdivision Review.

## Landscape Plan

• A landscaping plan must be submitted as part of the Final Plan submission.

## **Conformity with Local Plans and Ordinances**

- 1. Land Use
  - See Subdivision Review.
- 2. Comprehensive Plan
  - This project meets the goals and objectives of the 2017 Comprehensive Plan.
- 3. Others:
  - Design Standards, Section 813. The project must meet the design standards of the C-1 zoning district, along with a minimum of eight (8) of the elective Design Standards.

## **Impacts to Adjacent/Neighboring Properties**

• Site lighting must be shown on Final Plan, and details of fixtures must be included in the submission.

## CONCLUSIONS

1. The plan for development **reflects/does not reflect** the natural capacities of the site to support development.

- 2. Buildings, lots, and support facilities **will/will not** be clustered in those portions of the site that have the most suitable conditions for development.
- 3. Environmentally sensitive areas, including but not limited to, wetlands; steep slopes; flood plains; significant wildlife habitats, fisheries, and scenic areas; habitat for rare and endangered plants and animals; unique natural communities and natural areas; and, sand and gravel aquifers **will/will not** be maintained and protected to the maximum extent.
- 4. The proposed site plan **has/does not have** sufficient water available for the reasonably foreseeable needs of the site plan.
- 5. The proposed site plan **will/will not** cause unreasonable soil erosion or a reduction in the land's capacity to hold water so that a dangerous or unhealthy condition results.
- 6. The proposed use and layout **will/will not** be of such a nature that it will make vehicular or pedestrian traffic no more hazardous than is normal for the area involved.
- 7. The proposed site plan **will/will not** provide for adequate sewage waste disposal.
- 8. The proposed site plan **conforms/does not conform** to a duly adopted site plan regulation or ordinance, comprehensive plan, development plan, or land use plan.
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- 10. The proposed site plan **will/will not** alone or in conjunction with existing activities, adversely affect the quality or quantity of ground water.
- 11. The proposed site plan **will/will not** provide for adequate storm water management.
- 12. The proposed location and height of buildings or structure walls and fences, parking, loading and landscaping shall be such that it **will/will not** interfere or discourage the appropriate development in the use of land adjacent to the proposed site or unreasonable affect its value.
- 13. On site landscaping **does/does not** provide adequate protection to neighboring properties from detrimental features of the development that could be avoided by adequate landscaping.

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