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Laurie Connors, Town Planner
Town of Millbury
127 Elm Street
Millbury, Massachusetts 01527

Re: Rice Pond Village
17 Rice Road, Millbury
Special Permit Application for a multi-family condominium development

Dear Ms. Connors:

I want to take this opportunity to briefly respond to the comments and questions from Mr. Charles Hunter of the Genesee and Wyoming Railroad. The form that this response will take is that I will repeat each of Mr. Hunter's comments in italics and then respond in normal text.

- *What are the current proposed (Town and developer) improvements to this crossing?*

As shown on the Plan of Offsite Improvements dated 3 December 2021, the Applicant proposes to widen the driving surface at the crossing to 24 feet and to also widen the Rice Road traveled way below the crossing, installing a low retaining wall on one side of it to allow that widening.

- *Is the developer prepared to pay all costs associated with widening the paved surface and additional gates & lights?*

Additional gates & lights are not proposed. The developer will pay all costs reasonably associated with the improvements shown on the above referenced plan.

Drainage

- *It appears that the entire site is higher than the railroad. Is all drainage directed away from the operating railroad corridor?*

All drainage is directed to an in ground infiltration structure located where site soils are sand textured. As the Town's chosen peer reviewer, David Glenn, PE, of Stantec, has confirmed, this infiltration structure has been sized to accept even the 100 year return frequency storm flows of an 8.35 inch rainfall event with no outflow. There is no piped discharge to the railroad property only some remaining overland flow and peak flow to the railroad property will decrease.

- *Will the proposed 118'x52' infiltration structure shown between units 24 and 25 contain all run-off water and not have an overflow on to railroad corridor?*

That is correct, as noted above, this has been confirmed by the peer reviewer.

- *What is the unidentified structure shown along property line and back of infiltration structure between units 24 and 25? Is it a retaining wall?*

Yes, it is a retaining wall with its face 1.5 feet off the property line.

Fencing

- *Please provide an exact picture of the proposed 5' high vinyl coated chain link fence along boundary that will be required under terms of the project.*

A picture is inserted below. There's nothing unusual about this fence.



- *Can boundary fence be extended north from Units 17/18 to end of project at the dog park?*


It's not clear how much utility the 75 feet of fence in that location will have with an open boundary behind the Jackie Drive abutter immediately to one side and the open boundary at the power line easement to the other side but if the Board deems it necessary the Applicant will install fence there as well.

As to having a second peer reviewer in addition to the Stantec review of the Plans, we don't believe that is merited or that it would be fair to the Applicant.

If you have any questions at all, please contact me.

Sincerely,

AZIMUTH LAND DESIGN, LLC



James Tetreault, PE, CPESC

Cc: Whitney Street Home Builders, LLC