

TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH



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Jonathan Gulliver, District Highway Director
403 Belmont St.
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RE: Park Central - Southborough

Dear Mr. Gulliver:

The Southborough Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) recently requested Mass DOT attend a ZBA meeting for the 180-unit 40B project currently before the Board. I spoke to Jeffrey Gomes, from District 3 who stated that Mass DOT will not attend a ZBA meeting and all comments should be directed to the ZBA and communicated to Mass DOT once the applicant applies to Mass DOT for a permit after the applicant receives local permitting.

At the last two meeting the applicant's traffic engineer gave an overview of the traffic study and at the last meeting the Board's consulting traffic engineer provided comments.

Abutter concern expressed is limiting egress from Park Central onto Route 9 which also includes limiting egress from Cumberland Farms. The developer is proposing to create alternative egress onto Flagg Road and has suggested access or emergency access onto Bantry and Tara Roads.

It would be helpful to include Mass DOT early in the planning process rather than wait until local permits have been granted.

The Town of Southborough would like to invite Mass DOT to a future ZBA meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 6th. If this is not convenient an alternative would be to coordinate a meeting with the town planner leading a discussion with the residents and developer in attendance.

To discuss this in further detail please contact me at 508-485-0710 ext 3028.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Burney

cc: Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Selectmen, State Representative Carolyn Dykema