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## **TOWN OF NEWBURGH** PLANNING BOARD TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS

PROJECT:

THE RIDGE (f/k/a THE LOOP)

PROJECT NO.:

17-01

PROJECT LOCATION:

RT.300 & RT.52 SECTION, BLOCK & LOT: MULTIPLE

**REVIEW DATE: MEETING DATE:**  27 APRIL 2017 4 MAY 2017

PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: DIVNEY TUNG SCHWALBE, LLP

- 1. Orange County Planning comments have been received dated 31 March 2017. Three mandatory comments were received including: Transit access, pedestrian access and sidewalks along both sides of the onsite roadways. Three Bus Stops are identified on the current plans. The Bus Stops were modified from the previous Bus pull offs to stop locations at existing internal traffic control signs and/or in front of major building components. The Planning Board should evaluate the plan highlighted to display the Bus Stop parking area servicing the site. The Applicants have responded that they will continue to work with Transit Orange to identify locations for mass transit options on the site. It is recommended the Applicants receive correspondence from Transit Orange acknowledging their review of the site
- 2. The County suggested construction of sidewalks along State Highways in vicinity of the project. The Board is aware of this projects long history and conversations with NYSDOT regarding pedestrian access to the site. A sidewalk has been proposed along the easterly side of Route 52 Meadow Ave. access point into the site. Similarly a sidewalk has been proposed along the north side of the Route 300 Access Drive. These two sidewalks interconnect with the internal pedestrian circulation areas. Sidewalks along Route 300 in the vicinity of the project will encourage pedestrian cross traffic across NYS Route 300. This crossing would prove challenging to pedestrians based on traffic conditions and the multiple lanes existing along the property frontage.
- 3. The County identifies a requirement that sidewalks along both sides of onsite access roads and cross walks across these roads be provided throughout the parking lots. The Planning Board should review the supplemental information provided by the Applicant's Engineer identifying pedestrian facilities incorporated into the plan.

- 4. The Applicants have revised the plans in response to previous Planning Board comments regarding provisions for Emergency access and completion of proposed improvements at the Brookside Avenue terminus. The plans have been revised to identify removal of all previous residential structures owned by the Project Sponsor. An Emergency Access Drive and construction of the previously proposed cul-de-sac on Brookside Avenue have been identified.
- 5. A gravel maintenance path has been labeled on the plans. This should be labeled as Emergency Access Drive to specifically delineate the area for Emergency Vehicle access to the site. Revised findings should address long term maintenance of the Emergency Access Drive during all weather conditions.
- 6. Code Compliance and Jurisdictional Emergency Services comments regarding the access paths should be provided. It is noted a 16 ft. wide Emergency Access is proposed. A 14 ft. wide gate is identified.
- 7. Ken Wersted's comments regarding the traffic signals proposed as well as County comments regarding the technology to be utilized should be received.
- 8. Revised SEQRA findings must be made by the Planning Board to address the changes to the project since the 5<sup>th</sup> Amended Site Plan. It is recommended the Applicant's representative provide the Town with a markup of the previously issued SEQRA findings for use in revising the Boards previous findings.

Respectfully submitted,

McGoey, Hauser and Edsall Consulting Engineers, D.P.C.

Patrick J. Hines Principal

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Re: The Hudson Valley Ridge (f/k/a The Loop)
Response to Orange County Dept. of Planning Comments
Project No. 17-01

#### Mr. Hines:

The Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Orange County Department of Planning County Reply to the Town of Newburgh Planning Board dated March 31, 2017 and its recommendation for approval subject to compliance with Comments #1, 2a and 2b included in the memorandum. This letter submitted on behalf of the Applicant intends to demonstrate compliance with the County comments.

Following is a summary of each County comment and the Applicants response:

#### Comment #1

1. Transit Access: County Planning has previously advised the Town to address the lack of transit access on the project site. The site previously proposed a single transit stop onsite, with no passenger amenities, and in this proposal those measures are missing. Therefore, we continue to require that the Town and the applicant work with Transit Orange and the transit operators in the Newburgh area to design a logical internal bus route on the project site that accommodates passengers easily and hospitably. Transit Orange can be reached at (845) 615-3850 or online at www.trasnsitorange.info.

#### Response:

The Applicant agrees to continue to work with Transit Orange to explore expanding bus ridership onsite. The Applicant's current plan before the Planning Board proposes three (3) on-

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site bus stops, each marked by appropriate signage. Refer to the three (3) highlighted bus stop locations shown on the attached site plan drawings, Drawing Nos. SP-1.0, SP-1.1, and SP-1.2.

Further, this County Planning recommendation was incorporated as Condition #6 of Site Plan Amendment No. 4 approved by the Planning Board and requires the Applicant's continued compliance.

#### Comment #2a

- 2. Pedestrian Access: County Planning has also previously referenced the lack of proposed pedestrian amenities along Route 300, Route 52 and Meadow Avenue. The current site plan submittal does not include pedestrian amenities along those boundary roads, other than for short lengths at the proposed intersections, nor does it provide more than minimal pedestrian facilities in the developed area of the project site. Route 300 is a busy highway-commercial corridor that lacks pedestrian amenities along most of its length, however, this proposed development also borders residential development on Meadow Avenue and is adjacent to a mix of commercial and residential uses along Route 52.
  - a. The Town should require the applicant to construct sidewalks and crosswalks along Route 300, Route 52 and Meadow Avenue, and should accommodate safe pedestrian crossings at the proposed traffic circle on Meadow Avenue. This should be done in conjunction with the New York State Department of Transportation, and should accommodate the NYSDOT Complete Streets policy.

#### Response:

Maser Consulting met with the NYSDOT in late Spring/early Summer 2014 to review specifically this matter, the pedestrian accommodations proposed for the project at the entrances to the retail center. The result of that review is that which is currently shown on the plans. NYSDOT requested that the applicant provide a connection of the sidewalk proposed to be constructed on Rt. 300 to the "Sleepy's Plaza" parking lot located to the north. Maser's letter to James T. Rapoli, P.E. of NYSDOT confirming their discussions is attached.

Note, this County Planning recommendation was incorporated as Condition #7 of Site Plan Amendment No. 4 approved by the Planning Board and requires the Applicant's continued compliance.

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#### Comment #2b

b. The Town should additionally require, at minimum, sidewalks along both sides of the onsite roads and crosswalks across those roads and throughout the parking lots. The Town should consider the environmental health and wellness benefits of site layouts that encourage people to walk, and work with the applicant in creating a more pedestrian-friendly site design. This should include pedestrian-scale light fixtures and street furniture such as benches and trash cans. Safe and pleasant pedestrian access should be the town's goal as well as the applicant's.

### Response:

Attached Site Plan Drawing SP-1.0 has been highlighted to show the available on-site pedestrian circulation areas under the Proposed Action. It is the Applicant's opinion that sidewalks along both sides of each access road are not warranted given the potential for increased limits of disturbance, and possible further intrusion into on-site wetland areas. Offsite pedestrian circulation was reviewed with NYSDOT and summarized in the response to Comment #2a above.

Pedestrian scale lighting is proposed throughout the retail center to encourage walking between stores. The locations of the pedestrian scale lighting is also highlighted on attached Site Plan Drawing SP-1.0.

Street furnishings, sidewalk details, lights, planters, pergola, benches, trash cans and the like were included in the Conceptual Architectural Review Package submitted to the Planning Board as part of the pending Site Plan Amendment No. 6. Refer also to the attached excerpts from the 12/16/16 submittal to the Planning Board.

Detailed design plans continue to be subject to a building by building review as part of the ARB Approval required from the Planning Board upon submission of the individual structures for architectural review and approval of both building structures and the associated streetscape details.

Please note, the advisory comments contained in the 2017 County Planning memo are similar to those advisory comments included in prior County Planning reviews and which in the past have

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been found by the Planning Board to have been adequately addressed during the course of the project's review.

Please do not hesitate to call to discuss any of the above or should any questions arise that you would like to discuss in advance of the upcoming May 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting.

Very truly yours,

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

To:

James T. Rapoli, P.E., NYSDOT Region 8 - Planning

From:

Philip J. Grealy, Ph.D., P.E.

Date:

June 5, 2014

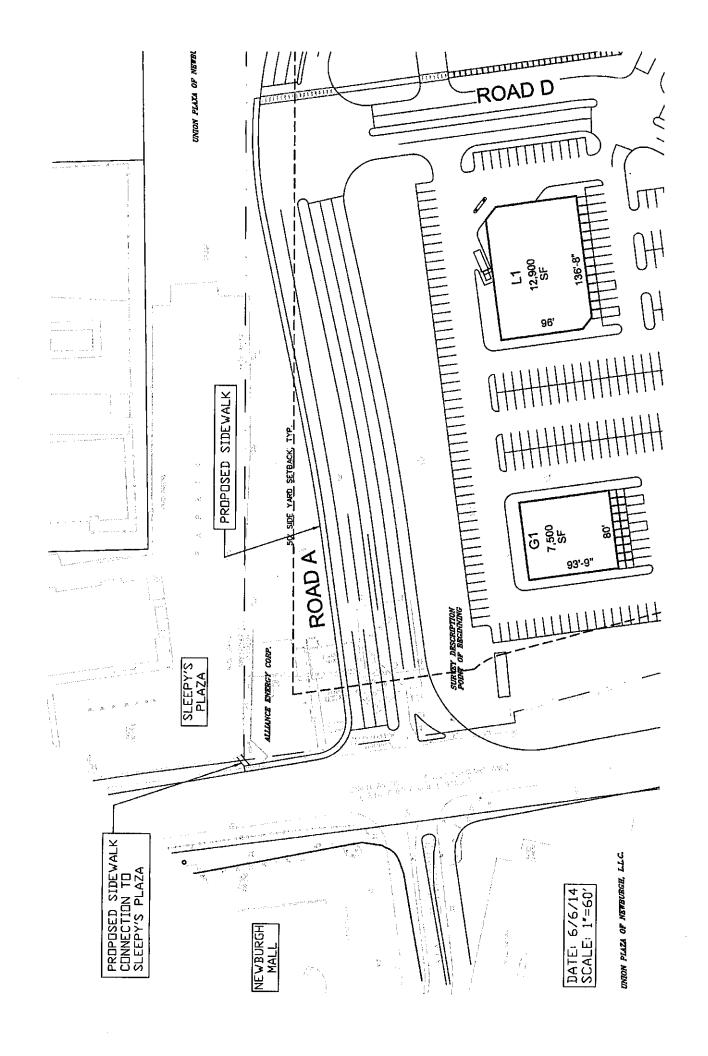
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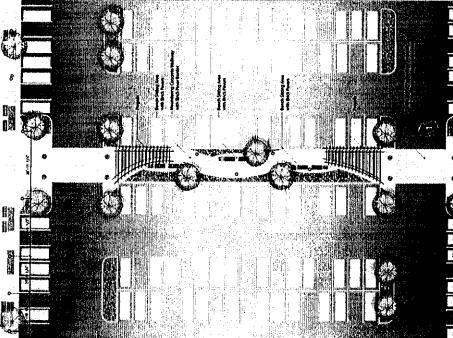
Hudson Valley Loop (Formally the Marketplace)

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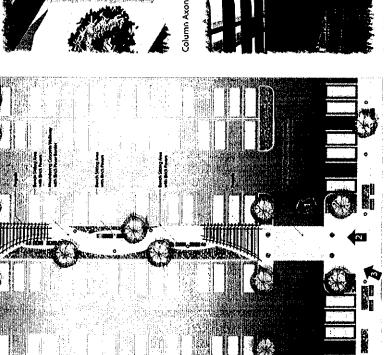
As a follow up to our discussion regarding the pedestrian accommodations for the above project, attached is a copy of the site plan showing the sidewalk which is proposed along the north side of the main entry driveway to Route 300. The sidewalk then extends along Route 300 to the north up to the property line to the adjacent retail complex. We have also provided a short segment connection to allow pedestrians a direct access to the parking area of this adjacent property. Note that this connection to the adjacent parking area also allows pedestrians to access the existing traffic signal located at the north end of this retail center.

Please let us know if this sketch plan satisfies your request.

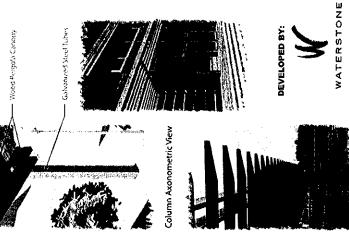




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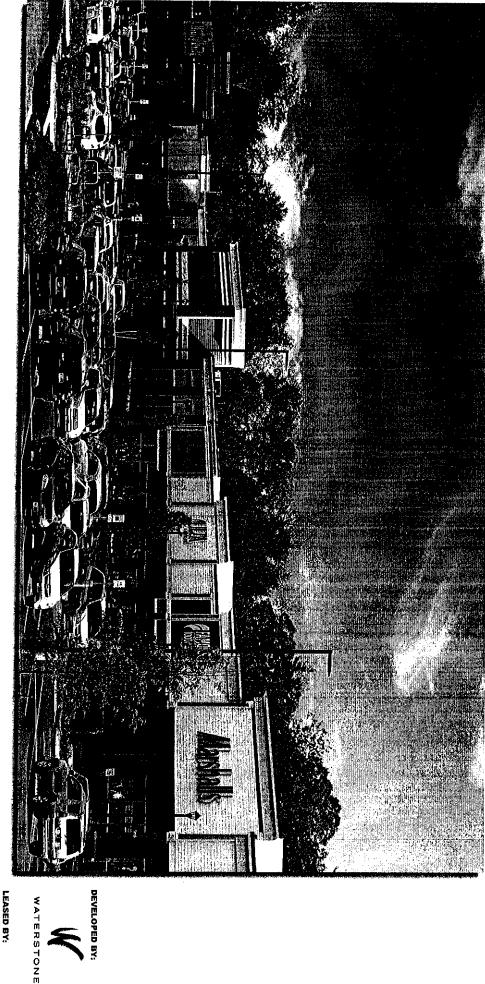
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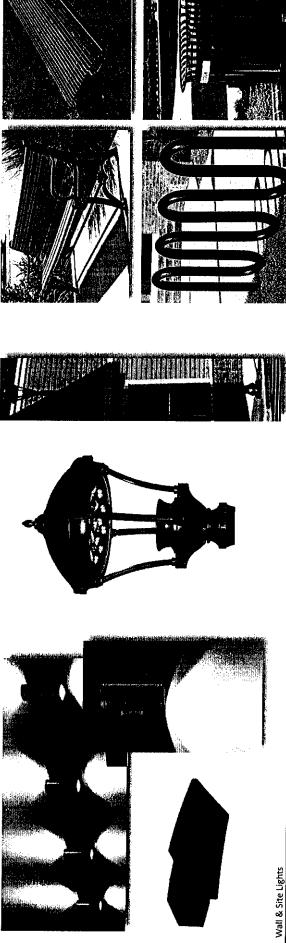
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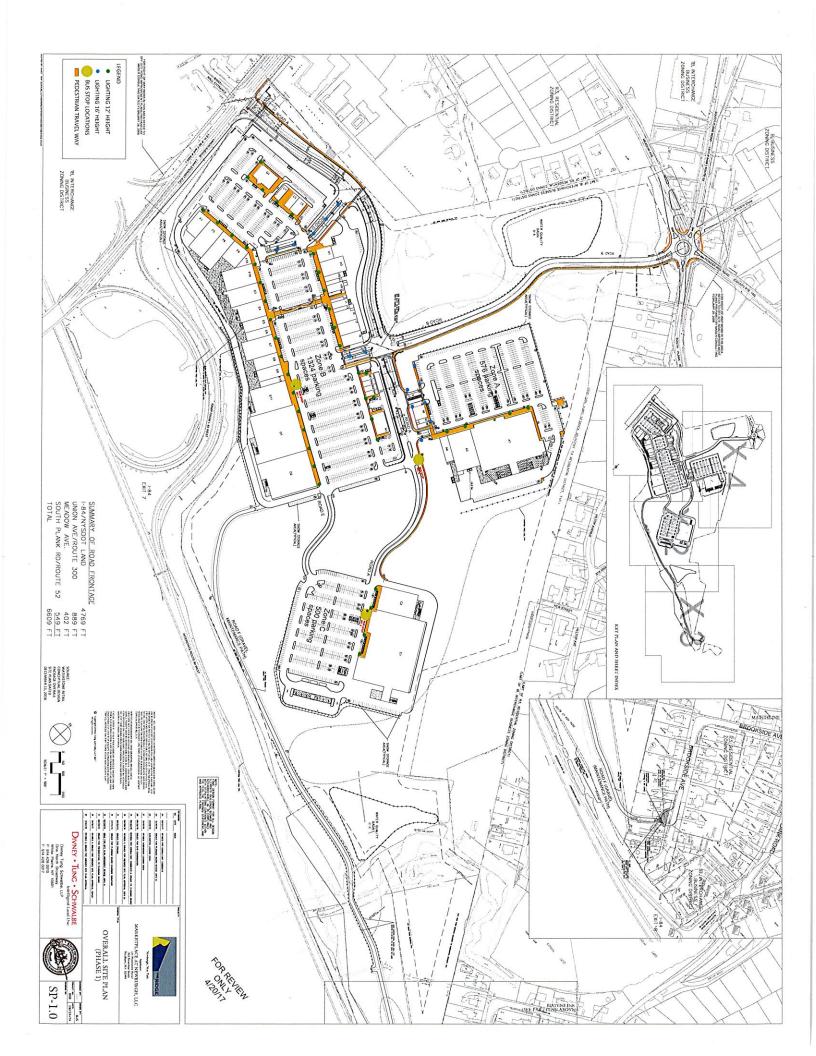
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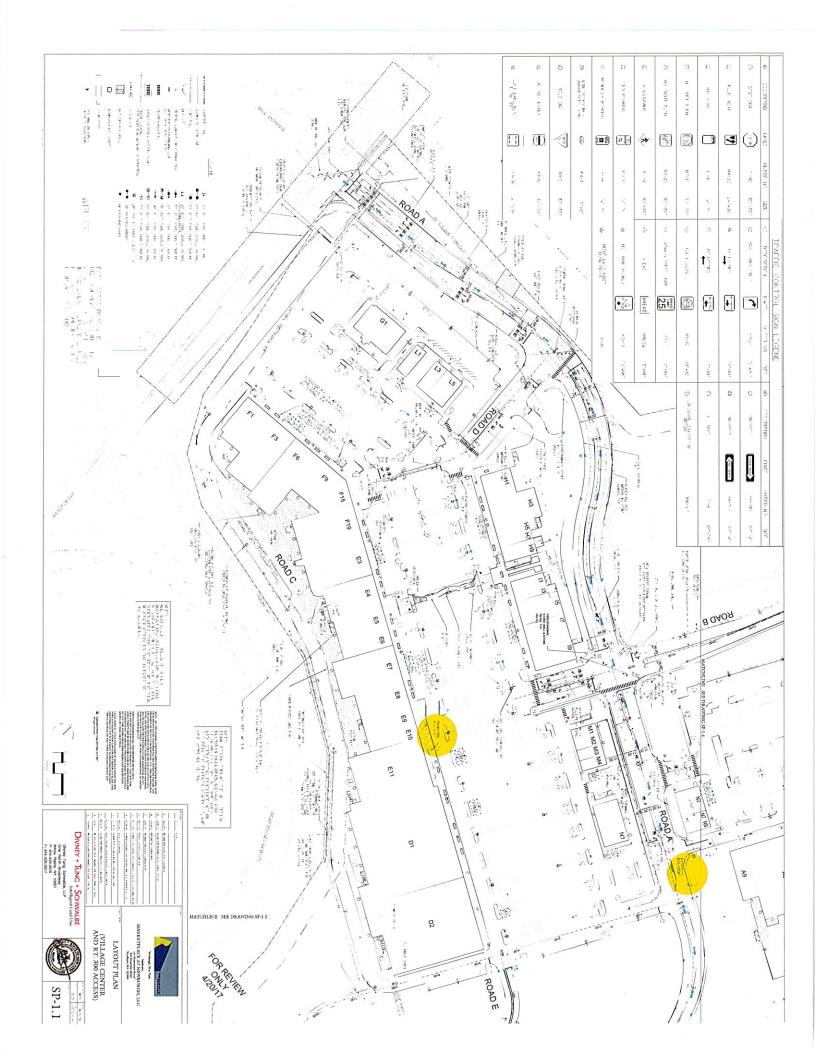
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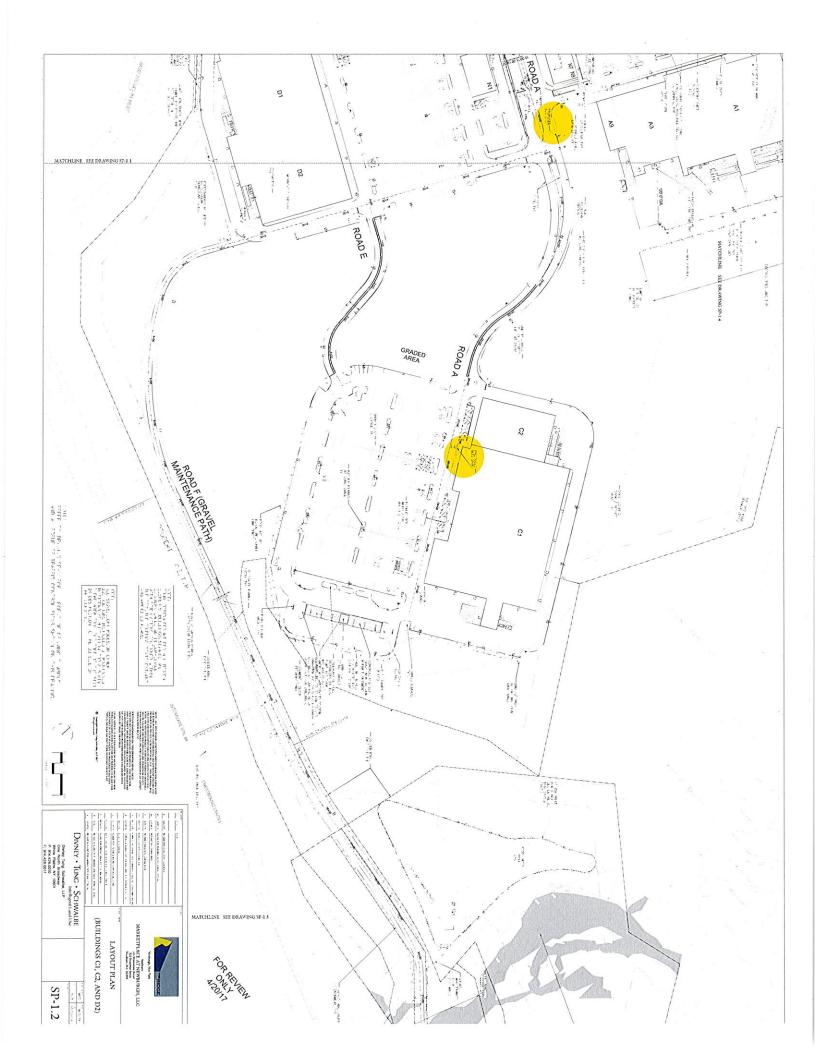
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April 5, 2017

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Re: The Ridge (f/k/a The Loop)
Project No. 17-01

Dear Mr. Hines:

Enclosed for review are revised plans from the Applicant that address the comments received from the Board at its March 16<sup>th</sup> Planning Board meeting. In brief, the Applicant was requested to extend the Road F/Gravel Maintenance Path to Brookside Avenue, complete improvements to Brookside Avenue, signalize the Road A/Road B intersection, and remove the Canoe Island from the Road B entry into the main parking area.

Following is a brief description of each:

1. Extension of the Road F/Gravel Maintenance Path (Refer to attached Drawings SP-1.0, 1.3, 1.5, 1.7, 1.8, 2.3 and 3.0, last revised 4/4/17.)

As requested by the Board, the Applicant proposes to extend the Road F/Gravel Maintenance Path to Brookside Avenue. The 16' wide path, previously designed to end at a point just east of Quassaic Creek, will now afford access from Brookside Avenue. Access to the path will be through a secured, double-leaf swing gate along Brookside Avenue.

Please note, that in constructing this extended path the Applicant requests the flexibility in the field to adjust the alignment of the path to better adapt to field conditions. The Applicant will seek to follow existing trails and areas of open clearing to the extent practical to minimize tree clearing and other disturbances which might otherwise impact the adjoining properties. However, all work will be required to remain within the previously approved limits of disturbance as shown on the drawings and under no circumstances will grades be permitted to exceed a 10% gradient.

2. <u>Brookside Avenue Improvements</u> (Refer to attached Drawings SP-1.3, 1.5, and 1.8, last revised 4/4/17.)



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The Applicant proposes to complete all the Planning Board previously approved Brookside Avenue improvements, including the demolition of all existing structures as shown on the accompanying plans, prior to the Town's issuance of any certificate of occupancy for any structure within the retail center.

Please also note that the Applicant has previously posted in conjunction with prior approvals a bond in the amount of \$51,300 in favor of the Town to secure completion of these improvements. This bond remains in place to this date.

3. <u>Signalization of the Road A/Road B Intersection</u> (Refer to attached Maser Consulting Drawing SP-8.0, last revised 4/4/17.)

The Applicant has modified its Phase One construction plans to include signalization of both the Road A/Road D intersection and the Road A/Road B intersection. The signal proposed is a new "state-of-the-art" signal like that proposed for the Road A/Road D intersection.

4. Removal of the Canoe Island from the Road B Entry into the Main Parking Area (Refer to attached Drawing SP-1.0, last revised 4/4/17.)

In accordance with the request of the Planning Board the Applicant has removed from the plans the previously proposed Canoe Island.

Thank you for the continued review of The Ridge application and please do not hesitate to call with either any questions or to discuss any of the above.

Very truly yours,

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