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David Ragucci
Town Administrator
Town of Stoneham
35 Central Street
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Dear Mr. Ragucci:

It was a pleasure to meet with you and other members of your staff and Representative Lewis on March 13, 2014. I write now in response to your letter of March 19, 2014 requesting that MassHousing require that representatives of John M. Corcoran & Co, LLC satisfy a pre-application requirement to meet with town officials regarding the current proposal for The Commons at Weiss Farm.

MassHousing has reviewed carefully the letter provided to us by the town and the town's related timeline of events outlining its interactions with the developer prior to the submission to MassHousing of an application for The Commons at Weiss Farm. While it does seem as though there is an argument to be made by both sides as to whether a meeting did in fact occur, MassHousing understands the town's position that the meeting that was held prior to the submission of the developer's formal application did not seem to offer any specific details of the proposed development.

As such, after careful consideration of your request, MassHousing will suspend the Agency's review of the application, for a determination of Project Eligibility, for a period of thirty (30) days to allow the applicant and the Town of Stoneham an opportunity to meet to discuss the revised plan that is currently under review by MassHousing. Please note that the Agency's policy and therefore this extension require only a single meeting to afford the community the opportunity to familiarize itself with the proposal.

This additional thirty (30) day period will be effective from the date of this letter. Any comments the town may wish to submit as a result of the meeting should be received by MassHousing no later than one week after the conclusion of the thirty (30) day period (May 9,

2014). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gregory P. Watson, MassHousing's Manager of Comprehensive Permit Programs, at 617.854.1880.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas R. Gleason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Thomas R. Gleason
Executive Director

cc: Representative Jason M. Lewis
Attorney Jonathan Witten, Special Town Counsel
Attorney William Solomon, Town Counsel
Richard J. High, President, John M. Corcoran & Co., LLC