

Stoneham Fire Department
25 Central Street
Stoneham, MA 02180

July 15, 2014

Dear Chief Rolli,

I am writing to you today in hopes you will make the recommendation that the 264 unit apartment complex proposed at the property known as Weiss Farm is too big of a project for Franklin Street, and quite frankly too big for Stoneham. The added strain this will put on our already taxed Fire Department will result in a public safety risk to the residents of Stoneham. Franklin St. is already too congested and if an emergency was to happen at any "peak" travel time your vehicles would struggle to be able to get down the two lane Franklin Street. Another concern is do you have the proper equipment and staff to handle emergencies in such a large complex? Do we have the budget to hire more firefighters?

It is my understanding that under Chapter 18, Article VI, Section 18-37 of the Stoneham Town Code, as amended, the Zoning Board of Appeals must hold a public hearing within 30 days of receipt of the Application for Comprehensive Permit on the Commons at Weiss Farms, which was received by the ZBA on or about June 30. The ZBA may request the appearance of representatives or local officials, such as you, at the hearing if it considers it necessary or helpful in reviewing the Application. In making its decision, the ZBA must take into consideration the recommendations of local officials.

I hope you & your department share in these concerns that this project is too big for Stoneham! I appreciate any help you could provide in attempt to stop this project.

Thank you & your department for keeping us safe.

Robert & Tara Lawler
53 Walsh Ave

CC: Board of Selectman
Board of Appeals