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Subject: FW:
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Following are our comments on the proposed "Commons at Weiss Farm". The Fire Department reserves the right to change or add other comments at this time.

Erin, please pass along to the Board of Selectment.

Chief Rolli

From: Burnham, Ann
Sent: Tuesday, November 26, 2013 10:54 AM
To: Rolli, Joe
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The Fire Department offers the following comments for “The Commons at Weiss Farm”.

- Our Firefighter per thousand people is already low. With 414 beds within 264 units, the problem becomes worse.

Current Firefighter per thousand people.

Melrose	2.13
Winchester	2.18
Reading	2.03
Wakefield	1.98
Woburn	1.92
Stoneham	1.63 (current)
Stoneham	1.60 (with project)

- From 1/1/2011 to 11/25/2013 the Fire Department has responded to 7339 calls for service. Of those 7339, 625 (9%) were calls for service for Franklin Street and all other streets east of Weiss Farm.
- Mountain View Apartments (similar demographics as proposed “Commons at Weiss Farm” has 282 beds within 194 units. From 1/1/2011 to 11/25/2013, the Fire Department has responded to 232 (3%) calls for service for an average of .82 calls per bed.
- Using the .82 calls per bed for “The Commons at Weiss Farm”, we would anticipate another 340 calls would be made during this time period. This would increase the calls for service to 7679 with 965 calls for Franklin Street and all other streets east of Weiss Farm, which would put us at 13%.

The increase of calls as well as the decrease in Firefighter per thousand gives us concern.

The Fire Department withholds further comments in regards to fire lanes, apparatus turning radius, accessibility to buildings, hydrant locations, sprinkler connections, etc. Until definitive plans can be reviewed.