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To: Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals

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Date: January 2, 2020

Re: Site Plan Review #302 & #304 Whiting Street
South Shore Habitat for Humanity

Dear Board,

The Whiting Street (Rt.53) area from Cushing Street to the Weymouth line has seen increased development over the past decade. There are increased traffic volumes from senior living facilities and dense residential condo developments along the Whiting Street corridor. Increasing populations south of Hingham have resulted in vehicles seeking alternative routes to avoid the traffic delays along the Rt.3 Expressway.

Our focus during this buildup has been committed to improving the infrastructure of the Whiting Street area. It was not designed to safely accommodate pedestrian traffic generated by these and future projects.

I offer the following comments that I feel are crucial to this project:

- The development of sidewalks along Whiting Street (Rt.53)
- Peer review of the driveway plans that ensure proper sight distance.
- Peer review of driveway radius to ensure adequate entrance/exit safety and adequate movement for emergency within the site.
- Proper reflective signage at street entrance indicating house numbers
- Adequate street and intersection lighting
- Drainage review to assure that water is not flowing onto whiting street. This is critical for the winter months.
- During Construction there will be no parking on Whiting street
- Construction plan that includes equipment storage on site and parking on site. The plan should also provide police details related heavy truck usage times. Excavation and demolition

The review is subject to additional comments as the plans progress. I would suggest this might be the time to ask the state to look at changing the speed zones to fit the area.

Respectfully,

Chief Glenn Olsson

