



NORTHBOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Town of Northborough
Planning Board
63 Main Street
Northborough, MA 01532

Dear Planning Board Members:

RE: Amended Site Plan Approval, 39-43 King Street

I have reviewed the request for an Amended Site Plan dated September 7, 2021 for 39-43 King Street and have the following comments:

There is no hydrant listed on the plans, so I am unable to determine if it is located properly for use with the Fire Department Connection.

The change to one entrance/exit is not acceptable. The developer is proposing a large population of at-risk individuals. We are already limited to access to the rear of the building due to topography and reducing to one entrance will further complicate any potential operations.

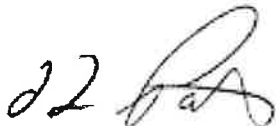
The areas on the plan labeled "Area of Refuge" do not appear to be of sufficient size, however, that can be addressed in the building plan review.

A final concern is the staffing proposed in the application. While not a direct component of the Fire Department Site Plan Review the number of proposed staff is, in my opinion, very low for a facility with 62 assisted living beds and 26 memory care beds. In the last 12 months we have responded to 62 EMS calls at assisted living facilities in Town.

While the call volume is not an issue for us, this response level goes to show the burden placed on the staff at these facilities. I mention this at this time only because of the applicants proposed staffing numbers which will impact the number of parking spots.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at any time.

Respectfully in Safety and Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Parenti', written in a cursive style.

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