



Amendment to Approved Project

City of Rochester, New Hampshire

Case # 224-321, 324, 328-A-07 Property Address 597 Salmon Falls Road
Type of project: Site Plan; Subdivision X_; Lot Line Adjustment; Other
Project name Great Woods Development, LLC Subdivision
Date of original Planning Board approval June 2, 2008
Description of amendment Revise the Precedent Conditions of Approval to eliminate the following conditions: Condition 1b) For the construction of a dust walking path with paved apron and split rail fence between lots 22 & 23, Condition 1c & 1d: Extend the sidewalk onto the Pray Subdivision and acceptable cross sections
Condition 1e: Provide benches in appropriate locations Condition 1f: Provide Landscaping in the Cul-de-Sac
And remove the requirement for each lot to have two (2) street trees within 15 feet of the ROW and associated 15' wide Street Tree Easements.
Would this affect a wetland or wetland buffer or require a conditional use? Yes No _X_
Name of applicant or agent filling out this form Norway Plains Associates, Inc
Phone Number: 603 335-3948 Email Address: slawler@norwayplains.com
Applicant? Agent? _X Today's date _June 9, 2018
Please note: There is a \$125.00 fee for amendments. They are reviewed by the Planning Board and a public hearing is held. Abutters must be renotified by the applicant. The applicant must submit any supplementary materials necessary to explain and support the amendment, such as a narrative and plans. This form, the abutter's list, the fee when applicable, and other necessary materials must be submitted at least 17 days prior to the Planning Board meeting at which the amendment will be presented (by the Friday, 2-1/2 weeks prior to the meeting to allow for public notice).
Office use below
Fee required? Yes No Check # Staff initials that check received
Amendment approved Amendment denied Date of Planning Board action
Conditions
Signature: Date:

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Re: Amendment to Approved Project Application for Great Woods Development, LLC – 597 Salmon Falls Road; Map 224, Lots 321-324 & 328 (Laredo Lane, Smoke Street, & Bailey Drive)

Dear Mr. Creighton:

On behalf of the Steve Miller and Great Woods Development, LLC., we hereby an application to Amendment to Approved Project for the residential subdivision located off Salmon Falls Road. The 47-lot subdivision was approved by the Rochester Planning Board on June 2, 2008. As approved, there were several precedent conditions of approvals that the developer would respectively request to be eliminated.

We hereby respectively request the amendment to the approved project by eliminating the following conditions and notes:

<u>Precedent Conditions 1b</u>) "At the entrance to the open space between lots 22 and 23, show asphalt apron connected to the road pavement. The apron should lead to a six-foot wide stone dust or crushed stone path leading back the length of the adjacent lot. The sides of the path should be marked by a spilt rail fence."

<u>Precedent Condition 1c)</u> "Extend the sidewalk onto the Pray Subdivision to Stonewall Drive (a dredge and fill permit will be required)."

<u>Precedent Conditions 1d</u>) "Provide an acceptable cross section for the sidewalk that extends to the Pray Subdivision and for the paths leading into the open space."

<u>Precedent Condition 1e</u>) "Show benches in appropriate locations throughout the subdivision. Include design showing benches to be constructed of granite."

<u>Precedent Condition 1f</u> "Include landscaping plan for the center of the cul-de-sac to be approved by Planning Department."

Eliminate Notes per City of Rochester Planning Department #7 on the Overall Subdivision of Land, which states "Prior to dedication of the streets to the City, two street trees (Deciduous shade trees) within the front 15 feet of each lot, within the easement area referred to below. Identify the species of trees to

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be planted and planting specifications. Newly planted trees must be suitable to the site conditions and of nursery stock with a diameter at four-foot breast height of at least 2 inches. One of the following species must be used unless otherwise approved by the Planning Department: Maple, White Oak, Scarlet Oak, Linden, Thornless Honeylocust, Marshall Seedless Ash, European Hornbeam, Calley Pear (Not Bradford), Chinese Elm, and Japanese Zelkova."

Eliminate Notes per City of Rochester Planning Department #8 on the Overall Subdivision of Land, which states "All buildable lots are subject to a 15-foot wide tree planting easement along the front of all of the lots to allow for the developer to plant required street trees (in the event they are to be planted after a lot is sold). This note must accompany the easement; "This area is reserved for the planting of street trees by the developer as required in this subdivision approval. This easement applies to the initial installation of trees only and automatically terminates upon acceptance of the street by the City. Required street trees must be planted (or persevered) prior to the City acceptance of street. See conditions of approval for more details."

During the design and approval process in 2007 and 2008, the City Planning Department made several suggestions from the developer to add some minor site features to the subdivision plans. Although it was agreed upon at that timeframe, it is our understanding that the City is less in favor of requiring these amenities. These conditions of approval will also place a financial burden on the City for future maintenance of them. There will be long term cost associated with upkeep of the landscaping within the cul-de-sac, the stone dust walking paths with paved aprons and split rail fence and the walking path from this subdivision to Stonewall Drive and the 'Pray Subdivision'. Additionally, requiring trees close to the City streets could result in issues for the Department of Public Works with down limbs and/or damages from tree roots.

We look forward to discussing this project with staff and the Planning Board. Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

NORWAY PLAINS ASSOCIATES, INC.

By:

Scott A. Lawler, PE, Project Engineer

cc: Great Wood Development, LLC



