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NOTICE OF DECISION

August 5, 2021

L.P Gas Equipment, Inc.
PO Box 1800
Rochester, NH 03866

Re: Amendment and Conditional Use Permit to Approved Project to install an additional railroad track and unloading rail to the north of the existing track Case# 210 – 16 – I – 21

Dear Applicant:

This is to inform you that the Rochester Planning Board at its August 2, 2021 meeting **APPROVED** your application referenced above.

"Applicant", herein, refers to the property owner, business owner, individual(s), or organization submitting this application and to his/her/its agents, successors, and assigns.

Precedent Conditions [Office use only. Date certified: _____; CO signed off? _____;

As- Builts received? _____; All surety returned? _____]

All of the precedent conditions below must be met by the applicant, at the expense of the applicant, prior to the plans being certified by the Planning Department. Certification of the plans is required prior to issuance of a building permit or recording of any plans. Once these precedent conditions are met and the plans are certified the approval is considered final. *Please note** If all of the precedent conditions are not met within 6 calendar months to the day of the board's approval – by January 12, 2022 - the board's approval will be considered to have lapsed and resubmission of the application will be required. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant (or his/her agent) to ensure that these conditions are met by this deadline. We urge the applicant to carefully track his/her progress in meeting the individual conditions. See RSA 674:39 on vesting.

- 1) Plan modifications. The plan drawings are to be modified as follows:
 - a. On Sheet C-1, E-1 and C-2 indicate limits of rail yard existing and proposed. Currently there is no delineation of disturbed versus undisturbed areas and differing surface types.
 - b. On Sheet C-3 provide greater detail of the cross-section of the rail, including compacted subgrade % and materials. Show the fence post footing depth and dimensions in the typical cross section.
 - c. On Sheet C-2 note intended location for erosion control matting or note that all slopes 2:1 will receive matting.
 - d. Add construction sequencing notes.
- 2) Please provide test pit or soil boring data logs used to design new rail.
- 3) Please provide stormwater management design and report in accordance with Chapter 218 of City Ordinance. DPW disagrees with the statement that expansion of the rail yard will not affect drainage and stormwater management. A significant undisturbed area including wetlands and vegetation is being developed. Our understanding is that the stone ballast is intended to quickly disperse rainwater from the rails and drain to compacted graded subbase. Research indicates that the rail base would be modeled similar to gravel/dirt road for runoff calculation purposes. DPW asks that any new design aspects that may come out of this new analysis be added to the plan. If the change is a significant change from what is approved tonight the applicant must return to the Planning Board for further amendment.
- 4) State plane coordinates. The plans are to be tied into the State Plane Coordinate System.
- 5) Inspections. The applicant must sign the Agreement for Payment of Inspection Fees and make a cash deposit to cover the expected costs of inspections, in an amount that is determined by the Public Works Department. (The inspections will be conducted by the City of Rochester Public Works Department or its designee. The applicant must pay for inspections – at an hourly rate as determined by the Public Works Department – of the site, including all new infrastructure serving the site).
- 6) In accordance with RSA 676:4-b the Public Works Department may, at its discretion dependent on project complexity, require 3rd Party Construction inspection of all subdivision plan improvements. Payment of construction inspection services by the applicant whether performed by a 3rd Party firm or DPW will be via a signed Construction Inspection Services agreement. All required subdivision plan improvements shall additionally be subject to inspection by the City Engineer or designee who shall act as the agent of the Board in enforcing the standards and specifications called for in these regulations.
- 7) Pre-Construction meeting. A preconstruction meeting is required prior to the start of work. Please contact the Department of Planning and Development to schedule this no more than 2 week prior to breaking ground; The pre-construction meeting agreement is to be signed by the property owner prior to signing of final plans.
- 8) Other permits. All required State and Federal permits must be obtained – including any Driveway/Curb Cut permit, Water Service Connection Permit, Drainage Permit, Cross Connection

Control Permit, DPW Stormwater Permit etc., as appropriate – with copies of permits or confirmation of approvals delivered to the Planning Department.

- 9) Drainage maintenance. If applicable, a drainage maintenance agreement approved by Public Works must be executed. In order to comply with the Stormwater Management IOP Manual, DPW staff shall be allowed periodic access to the parking areas for inspections related to the annual stormwater infrastructure report compiled for the City Engineer.
- 10) Final Drawings. (a) three sets of large black-line plus (b) one set of 11" x 17" final approved site plan drawings plus (c) one electronic version by pdf or flash drive must be on file with the City. *Each individual sheet in every set of drawings must be stamped and signed by the land surveyor, engineer, or architect responsible for the site plans.* (The applicant need only submit additional black-line sets of drawings or individual sheets, as needed, to make five complete sets – consult the Planning Department). At the discretion of the Planning Department minor changes to drawings (as required in the precedent conditions, above) may be marked by hand. Note: If there are significant changes to made to the plans, as specified above, one full size paper check print must be sent to the Planning Department for review prior to producing these final drawings. Once the plan is recorded at the Registry of Deeds, submit two 11x17 recorded copies of the plan. Assessing will need an 11x17 recorded copy of the plan.

General and Subsequent Conditions

All of the conditions below are attached to this approval.

1. Erosion control shall be properly installed on site PRIOR to any construction. Erosion control shall be properly maintained throughout construction; any breaks or breeches shall be repaired within 48 hours of the storm event.
2. Wetland buffer areas shall not be impacted by any construction activities (other than those impacts permitted under the CUP and DES wetlands permit). Wetland buffers shall be marked with orange snow fence prior to any onsite activity, and such markers shall be maintained throughout construction.
3. All outdoor lighting (including security lights) shall be down lit and shielded so no direct light is visible from adjacent properties and roadways;
4. Snow storage - Snow shall be removed and stored such that the drainage structures can function properly and the required parking spaces can be utilized. Snow storage may not impact the City's access to the sewer pump station.
5. The new drainage infrastructure must be constructed prior to construction of the new building and associated parking. If the infrastructure is used as a temporary settling area during construction, the infrastructure shall be cleaned out and brought down to proposed bottom elevation prior to CO of new building.

6. A Surveyor is to submit a signed letter to the Planning Department stating that the new lot corner monuments have been set (Subdivision Regulation 6.1) and that reference pins have been set on all easement bounds (Subdivision Regulation 5.7.4)
7. Construction Cost estimate for this project shall be submitted for review and approval. Estimate shall be based on the Department of Public Works Construction Surety Schedule and shall include a 10% Contingency. Costs for items not specifically addressed in the Surety Schedule will be based on 1) City standards, 2) NHDOT weighted averages, 3) industry standards, or 4) contractor estimates.
8. Performance Guarantee. If applicable, prior to issuance of a building permit or beginning site work, the applicant shall provide site improvement and restoration security. The performance guarantee shall be an amount equal to 10% of the approved Construction Cost Estimate (including a 10% contingency) to ensure the proper and timely completion of site work and site restoration within the development. Before the subdivision/site plan can be recorded, lots deeded to third parties, or structures occupied the applicant shall provide a cost estimate of remaining site work including labor, and provide the City with a security in the form of either letter of credit or cash equal to 110% of the estimated cost for remaining work. (Any existing surety being held at this time may be converted toward this amount). This amount shall include preparation of as-built plans.
9. As-Builts. Three sets of full size (measuring at least 22" x 34") or black line paper plus 1 set of 11" x 17" plus one digital pdf copy of the as-built site plans (or "record drawings") stamped and signed by the Engineer or Surveyor are to be submitted to the Planning Department prior to issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy (or use/occupancy of the site where no CO is required). The as-built drawings must include the following language or equivalent: "This as-built drawing substantially conforms with the final plans approved by the City of Rochester Planning Board and certified by the Planning and Development Department except for the following significant modifications: ...". If no significant modifications were made simply state "none". Otherwise, itemize the modifications on the as-built or on an accompanying letter. The Department relies on the good judgement and good faith of the Engineer/Surveyor in determining which modifications should be considered significant (for example, minor adjustments in locations of plant materials would not be significant whereas relocation of a catch basin would be).

As-builts are to include State Plane Coordinates. A copy of the Asbuilt line work is also to be submitted as a CAD file that is georeferenced to that same coordinate system.

10. Execution. The project must be built and executed exactly as specified in the approved application unless changes are approved by the City.
11. Approvals. All of the documentation submitted in the application package by the applicant and any requirements imposed by other agencies are part of this approval unless otherwise updated, revised, clarified in some manner, or superseded in full or in part. In the case of conflicting information between documents, the most recent documentation and this notice herein shall generally be determining.

12. Violations. In the event of any violations of these conditions of approval or of any pertinent local, state, or federal laws – such as those regarding erosion and sedimentation control, wetlands, stormwater management, and general site development standards – the City of Rochester reserves the right to take any appropriate permissible action, including, but not limited to, withholding of building permits, withholding of certificates of occupancy, withholding of driveway permits, revocations of permits/approvals, referring violations to other agencies, and calling of bonds.
13. Other permits. It is the responsibility of the applicant to obtain all other local, state, and federal permits, licenses, and approvals which may be required as part of this project. Contact the City of Rochester's Building, Zoning and Licensing Department at 332-3508 regarding building permits. Please also contact the City of Rochester Fire Department at 330-7182 to ensure that the proposed building meets all Fire Codes. Finally, please contact the Department of Public Works for any stormwater, sewer, or water permits or fees that are required.
14. **APPEAL PROCESS:** Pursuant to RSA 677:15, an aggrieved party may appeal this decision to the Strafford County Superior Court within 30 days of the date the Board voted to approve or disapprove the application, or to the ZBA pursuant to RSA 676:5, III within 30 days of the date the Board made its decision.

Sincerely,


Shanna B. Saunders,
Director of Planning & Development

CC: Norway Plains Associates, Inc.