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TO: Lee Newman, Town Planner
Needham Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Paul F. Buckley *PFB*
Chief of Department

DATE: June 14, 2013

RE: **Needham Mews 692 & 744 Greendale Avenue (2)**

On June 11, 2013 Deputy Chief Donald Anastasi, Fire Inspector Matthew Kane and I met with Glenn Dougherty from TETRA TECH to review a revised site plan for the Needham MEWS project, proposed for 692 & 744 Greendale Avenue.

Items number 1 through 7 on my May 13, 2013 memo to you have been re-designed to better accommodate fire apparatus, and our other concerns. Although the revisions are better than the original proposal they are still not optimal, as the layout of the buildings and retaining walls leave very little room for flexibility and space for emergency operations.

Our primary concern at this point is the lack of any designated Fire Lanes, or even simply an area for delivery trucks (i.e. Mail, Fedex, UPS, furniture, etc.). Our recommendation would be to eliminate some of the 40 parallel parking spaces in the center area between buildings A, B, C and buildings D, E. To better serve the needs of the residents with emergency services, as well as provide safe placement of emergency vehicles, we would suggest the following:

Leave the handicapped parking spaces in front of buildings D and E, with one additional adjoining parking space for a visitor or delivery, and eliminate the remaining 17 spaces on that side and designate that space as a Fire Lane. Additionally, eliminate the parallel parking spaces which are directly in front of each main entrance at buildings A, B and C. In the second recommendation, we would require at least two spaces be eliminated in front of each entrance and designate those areas as Fire Lanes.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions.