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Memorandum

To: Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

Date: June 23, 2014

From: David Cedarholm, P.E., Town Engineer

Subject: 99 Bennett Road – Thompson Inn

The revised Concept Parking Plan dated 6-5-14 and submitted for the proposed parking lot and driveway associated with the above subject property lacks significant information required to perform a thorough assessment of its compliance with the Durham Site Plan Review Regulations. The total estimated area of disturbance for the proposed parking lot, driveway, and associated stormwater management measures has not been provided, however based on my own rough estimate of the total area of disturbance it appears to significantly exceeds the 10,000 square foot disturbance threshold referenced in Section 9.03.A of the Site Plan Review Regulations. This would suggest that the applicant needs to provide for review and approval by the Planning Board a Stormwater Management Plan including supporting documents to satisfy both Part I (Section 9.03.B) and Part II (Section 9.03.C). This is an exciting project and I very much support the project's goals and intent. However, it is critical that the full extent of the site's impact from stormwater runoff be carefully assessed considering the significant extent of the proposed area of disturbance, the steepness of the slopes at the site, the close proximity of this project to the Lamprey River, and the potential for the inadequately controlled stormwater runoff and erosion from the site to impact the existing drainage system (i.e. roadside wales and culvert) in the Town's Right-of-Way on Bennett Road.