

## 8 Strafford Avenue /Alpha Phi Fraternity Site Walk Minutes

August 23, 2017

### Attendees

Tobin Farwell, Engineer  
Robert Brown, Planning Board  
Paul Rasmussen, Planning Board  
Wayne Lewis, Planning Board  
Jim Lawson, Planning Board  
Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner  
Barbara Dill, Planning Board  
Katie Madden, Alpha Phi International Fraternity National Housing Corporation

Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

Mr. Farwell led the group through the site, starting with the staked boundaries of the property. He showed the area where the driveway will be widened to accommodate the 8 parallel parking spaces. The spaces will not have curbing. He discussed the drainage, which will drain to the abutting property. He indicated a red dumpster owned by an abutter but on the fraternity property which will have to be moved. Also identified pavement on the adjoining property that is on the fraternity property, which will have to be torn up. We discussed the vegetated buffer zone, including options to place shrubs between the new spaces and the abutting property. There was also discussion regarding the neighboring gravel drive that appears to be used as an egress by residents/visitors of the fraternity. There will not be curbing or shrubs for that section of the parking spaces.

Mr. Farwell indicated the fire department sent him an email indicating they were ok with the plans to add spaces and the changes would be “no less” conforming than it currently is. We discussed a turn-around spot, but the applicant feels the drivers can successfully use a 3-point turn to exit the parking space. We discussed adding a bike rack in a couple possible locations. Discussion on whether bikes would be safe in this area, especially on weekends. They could use the porch to store bikes. Katie agreed to poll the residents to see if they would be likely to use a bike if there was a bike rack. She said she would get the info before the evening Planning Board meeting and get the results to Mr. Farwell.

We clarified that the two “reserved” spaces will be restriped and marked as “Handicapped” spaces.

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the site walk at 4:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Brown, Planning Board Secretary