

**Technical Review Group (TRG)**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**  
**Town Council Chambers**  
**NOTES OF MEETING**  
**8 STRAFFORD AVENUE**

(The meeting also included a discussion of Riverwoods. See separate notes about that discussion.)

**TRG members present:**

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner  
Audrey Cline, Building Official  
Rene Kelley, Deputy Police Chief  
April Talon, Town Engineer  
Randall Trull, Fire Department

**Applicants present:**

Tobin Farwell, engineer

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Mr. Farwell presented the application. They are adding 2 handicap parking spaces. He said that porous pavement would not work. He said the pavement is already striped except for the handicap spaces. He said the parking area is staying the same and won't be regraded or repaved.

Mr. Farwell said they will not get to the project this year because the students are coming back for the Fall semester. He said the dumpster is screened. The other dumpster on the property belongs to the adjacent lot. He will talk with them about removing it.

Randall asked if the driveway width would change. Mr. Farwell said it is 16 to 18 feet wide and won't change. Randall said this could be tight for the apparatus but should be okay as long as they maintain that width. Mr. Farwell said he would add the dimension to the plans.

The TRG discussed the drainage. Mr. Farwell said the new spaces would drain back to the driveway with the front 4 then draining to Strafford Avenue and the rear 4 then draining to the rain garden in the back. There will be a slight uptick in runoff to Strafford Avenue. April said it would be better if the front 4 spaces pitch to the buffer on the side to treat that runoff. Mr. Farwell said he thought it would

be preferable to direct the runoff away from the abutting property but he will revise the plans to show this. She said it is always best to direct runoff to permeable/grass areas if possible.

Rene said there are no police concerns. Nathaniel had no concerns.

Audrey suggested including some kind of turnaround in the parking lot as the drivers in the handicap spaces would need to back out some distance. The TRG briefly discussed whether there was a good solution, such as eliminating 1 or 2 spaces to allow for maneuvering. Mr. Farwell said he prefers to not lose any parking spaces. Michael said the board could discuss this and look at it during a site walk. Mr. Farwell said the spaces are 9x18 feet.

Mr. Farwell said the new parallel spaces would probably have parking facing toward the rear of the lot.

Michael suggested having revised plans by the Friday after the August 9 Planning Board meeting so they could be forwarded to the TRG and board well in advance of the August 23 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner/TRG Chair