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Board of Public Works

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To: Jessica Fidalgo, Planning Board Chair
From: Vincent D. Furtado, BPW Superintendent
Date: December 29, 2025
Re: 4 Earle Street – Preliminary Subdivision

The Board of Public Works has the following comment regarding the Preliminary Subdivision for Earle Street.

Highway:

- The portion of the gravel road closest to the proposed dwelling appears to encroach beyond the layout line
- The infiltration trench around the gravel road encroaches beyond the layout lines and also encroaches within the 25-foot no-disturb buffer zone.
- Gravel road elevations indicate the road will only push stormwater to the gutters, how is the stormwater handled once it reaches the gutter infiltration trench. Are any accommodations for overflow for significant storm events being considered?
- Who is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the infiltration trench drain?
- Gravel material used for the base and finish grade should comply with latest MassDOT specifications at the time of the work.
- Any evaluation or stormwater calculations completed to ensure no adverse effects to abutting properties or downstream impacts by the proposed project.
- Applicant should be responsible for restoration of existing gravel road and any other incidental impacts leading from project limits to Route 6 upon completion of the project.
- No objections for waiver requests of Section 322-16A, 322-16B, 322-32, or 322-49 as described on the cover sheet of the submitted plan set as this will align with the existing conditions of the currently developed private way.
- General comment – there has previously been interest from neighbors to encourage and allow children to traverse down Earle Street through the paper street portion of Jenny Street to safely get to school pick up locations on Shaw Road avoiding the necessity to travel down

Route 6. This is purely for general commenting purposes and not a request of the highway department to make this accommodation.

Sewer:

- The plan proposes tying into the existing sewer line that primarily serves #4 Earle Street. This sewer line extends approximately 800 feet to the Shaw Road main and is currently only 1.5 inches in diameter.
- A detailed flow capacity calculation is required to determine whether the existing line can accommodate the additional flow from the proposed E1 connection. E1 pump base needs to be in cement.
- Any connection to the existing line will require written permission from the owner of #4 Earle Street, along with a formal legal agreement outlining access, use, and maintenance responsibilities.
- It is recommended that the existing sewer line be upsized, or alternatively, that an additional sewer line be installed within the existing easement to accommodate the increased demand.
- Each property within the subdivision must be equipped with a shutoff valve with a check valve to ensure proper system control and backflow protection.

Water:

- No Town water proposed. Board of Health needs to approve private wells.

Board of Public Works:

- Preconstruction Meeting with Utility Contractor
- Fees: Sewer, Water, Driveway, Trench Permit, Inspection Services and As-built plans