

From: [Susan Grossman](#)
To: [Roland Bartl](#)
Cc: [Planning Board](#); [Dermot OGrady](#); laharvey@verizon.net
Subject: Re: Roosevelt Drive Subdivision~
Date: Friday, May 09, 2014 4:49:35 PM

Dear Roland,

Thank you for your response and explanation. Again I ask though...Has the Planning Board walked the site?

Appreciatively,
Sue Grossman

Sent from my iPad

> On May 9, 2014, at 4:18 PM, Roland Bartl <rbartl@acton-ma.gov> wrote:

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> Hi, Ms. Grossman:

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> The matter was actually addressed by the engineer who offered a diagram on screen for possible modifications in the turn-around area. This diagram was entered into the record. The change is minimal and not likely to affect the drainage at all, but the engineer will have to look into that just to be sure - or make equally minimal adjustments to the drainage system. The fire department comments did not say anything about a need to reach homes on Coolidge Drive.

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> The diagram is at:

> [http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-44822/04%20%20Firetruck%20Egress%20Sketch%20\(2014_05_06\).pdf](http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-44822/04%20%20Firetruck%20Egress%20Sketch%20(2014_05_06).pdf)

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> As always voting will occur at a duly posted public meeting of the Planning Board.

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> As an aside - -

> I have personally witnessed a test run some years ago in which a ladder truck was perfectly able to make a comfortable 3-point turn within a layout design for a smaller SU-30 truck unit. We also should be careful of not covering our world with unneeded pavement. There will always have to be balance between maximum accessibility and minimizing impacts on the natural systems. What this proposed subdivision represents in practical effect is a driveway serving two homes, something that is quite common in Acton.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Susan Grossman [<mailto:scgspeech@aol.com>]

> Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 8:53 PM

> To: Planning Board; Dermot OGrady; laharvey@verizon.net

> Subject: Roosevelt Drive Subdivision~

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> I am requesting that this email be read by ALL Planning Board members,

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> At our Planning Board Hearing on Tuesday the concerns of the Fire Dept. Deputy regarding the

inaccessibility of specific fire trucks being able to reach homes within the Roosevelt Drive subdivision and adjacent homes on Coolidge Drive were not presented and addressed. The engineer for the Gagliano Family assured all in attendance that there would be no problems in the event of a fire emergency. The engineer also stressed that the amount of pavement delineated in the Proof Plan allowed for adequate drain off. Now that those diagrams presented Tuesday night have been altered to accommodate a larger fire truck I question the ability for there to be adequate drainage given the additional pavement being proposed. Safety and the welfare of our immediate neighborhood and the greater community of Acton are at risk.

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> I am requesting that an emergency hearing meeting be scheduled to discuss the concerns of the Fire Dept. and the accommodating changes the engineer made to the proposal be reviewed and discussed by all parties involved and affected by the proposed Roosevelt Drive subdivision.

> In addition to requesting an emergency meeting , I am requesting personal feedback from each Board member stating that they have walked the proposed site and seen the topography of the land and it's relation to our concerns.

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> Before closed door voting takes place all correct facts, plans and concerns need to be discussed and considered. The Roosevelt Drive Subdivision should not, in any way, be considered a "given" for approval by the Planning Board.

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> Sincerely,

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> Sue Grossman

> 19 WashingtonDrive

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> Sent from my iPad