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Date: July 14, 2020

To: Planning Board

From: Kellie Walsh, Town Planner

Subject: Tamsab Realty, LLC (owner) and Commonwealth Automotive Center (applicant) - Review for

acceptance and consideration of final approval for a site plan amendment for an Amazon fleet delivery business and automotive service center along with associated site improvements. The parcel is located at

539 Elm Street in the Integrated Commercial Industrial District. Tax Map 14, Lot 3.

### BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

Map 14, Lot 3 is located at 539 Elm Street in the Integrated Commercial-Industrial District and West Elm Overlay District. The subject property is abutted by residential housing to the north and west, vacant land owned by Hitchner Manufacturing to the east and Marmon Utility to the south. The applicant is proposing an Amazon fleet delivery business and automotive service center to be located at the subject property utilizing the existing building/auto service area and existing parking. It was also represented to staff that the intent is to use the auto service area to service the fleet and the general public.

## **APPLICATION STATUS**:

The application is complete and ready to be accepted.

#### NOTICES:

Notices were sent to all property abutters on July 9, 2020.

#### **WAIVERS:**

No waivers have been requested.

## **ZONING:**

The parcel is within the Integrated Commercial Industrial Zoning District. The intent of the Integrated Commercial-Industrial District is to provide an area for sales and service activities, both wholesale and retail, as well as industrial activities. This District is intended to be the area in which vehicular oriented business can occur. The property also falls within the West Elm Street Gateway Overlay District.

## **TRAFFIC AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT:**

Access to the property would be from two existing curb cuts off of Elm Street.

#### PARKING:

The site has an existing parking lot with a total of 109 spaces including 2 handicap spaces.

### **LANDSCAPING:**

The applicant is not proposing any additional landscaping on site.

## DRAINAGE/STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Minimal improvements are anticipated for the site, therefore no changes are being proposed to the existing drainage/stormwater management plan.

## INTERDEPARTMENTAL REVIEWS:

Ambulance: No comments.

Assessing: No comments.

Building Department: No comments.

Code Enforcement/ Health: No comments.

Conservation Commission: see attached.

Fire Department: No comments.

**Heritage Commission:** The town departments that review traffic impact need to comment as the sheer number of Amazon trucks will certainly change commuting times. What provisions limit the number of trucks being dispatched? This site cannot support the number of trucks at the two locations off of Amherst St. in Nashua.

Police Department: No comments.

Public Works: No comments.

Water/Sewer Utilities: No comments.

Drainage/Stormwater: No comments.

Community Development / Planning:

- 1. Staff recommends the applicant provide additional information regarding the traffic impacts off-site on Elm Street.
- 2. In discussions with Staff the applicant indicated the potential of the general public utilizing the auto repair service. Staff recommends the applicant provide additional information regarding the traffic flow on-site related to the fleet vehicles and the potential interaction with general public utilizing the auto repair area.
- 3. Parking. The plan notes 70 fleet vans requiring 70 spaces. Will the employees operating the fleet vehicles be parking on-site as well?
- 4. Site plan. Note 3. The note references the addition of lighting to be downcast per the Milford Development Regulations. Given this is an amendment to an existing site plan, the Board should determine if a lighting plan is required or if this can be addressed by staff administratively.
- 5. Staff recommends the following notes be added to the site plan to reflect the conditions of the previous approval.
  - a. All auto body work is to be performed inside the building
  - b. Fumes from the auto body shop will not be vented outside of the building
  - c. The site is limited to a total of 109 vehicles
  - d. Access to the site is to be from Elm Street only.

#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The applicant should be prepared to address the comments raised by the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Town Consultants, Staff, and public pertaining to the Site Plan. If the Board is satisfied with the information and responses from the applicant and finds the remaining concerns can be addressed with staff, staff would recommend a conditional approval. If the Board would like additional information from the applicant regarding traffic or other, staff would recommend continuing the application to the next regularly scheduled Planning Board meeting.

# **Town of Milford**CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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## **MEMORANDUM**

July 17, 2020

To: Milford Planning Board

Re: Interdepartmental Review Map14 Lot3 589 Elm Street Minor Site Plan

To the Board,

The Milford Conservation Commission (MCC) reviewed this plan at their July 9, 2020 meeting. The Commission has a comment.

The MCC would like to see erosion control measures installed to protect the wetland from
whatever activity that occurs on the site. There are several parking spaces located in the buffer,
eliminating the natural protection to the wetland provided by a buffer. The MCC recommends
that the applicant use a mulched berm or a vegetated siltsock, to provide more permanent,
productive and protective measures against stormwater runoff into the wetland.

The Commission appreciates the opportunity to review this application. We look forward to seeing a well-designed project that improves the natural resource functionality of the site.

Very Respectfully,

Chris Costantino Milford Conservation Commission Alternate | Coordinator



Milford, NH



1 inch = 138 Feet



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