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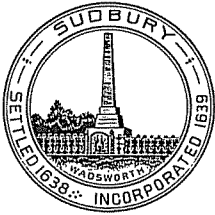
RE: Sudbury Raytheon Redevelopment

Dear Mr. Duffin:

The Town of Sudbury, acting through its Board of Selectmen and Planning Board, has held several meetings to discuss the Town's goals and priorities as they relate to redevelopment of the Raytheon property upon its sale to a private developer. First, we thank you for meeting with Town officials and indicating Raytheon's desire for a smooth transition. These early discussions set the stage for a productive process which we hope results in a redevelopment scheme that is mutually beneficial for all parties. We also thank Raytheon for being an outstanding corporate citizen for six decades. While the decision to vacate the property by Raytheon is a great loss for Sudbury, we trust that a continued cooperative approach by all parties will result in positive developments for the community. This letter is the product of several months of discussion between the parties on this topic and is intended to provide clarity regarding the Town's goals for the disposition and future development of the property.

We have studied the property and understand its development potential, acknowledging current zoning and other permitting limitations. We have come to understand limitations in the market for certain commercial uses, including the current use of the property for large scale office. This knowledge has encouraged us to consider new uses for the property that can help fulfill several different Town needs and goals.

From the Town's perspective, we feel that the property is well suited for a mixed use project with a focus on residential with supporting retail. The Town's objective in suggesting these uses is to help promote a project that reflects the nature and character of Sudbury and which will create enough affordable housing units to reach, or nearly reach, our 10% state requirement in order to enable Sudbury to successfully prevent undesirable 40B projects that would circumvent town planning and zoning. Sudbury's affordable housing gap is approximately 240 units. It is our strong preference that any housing component be developed entirely as rental housing under a state-recognized subsidy program so that all units count towards this requirement. This will entail that no less than 25% of the units are affordable under the state's definition and are eligible to count on Sudbury's Subsidized Housing Inventory. It is our desire that the maximum allowable percentage of the new housing units be age restricted housing, in order to minimize the impacts of this redevelopment on our already burdened school system and provide additional housing diversity for our growing senior population. Congregate care and assisted living facilities would be welcomed, especially if they also included an affordable component. We also think some amount of retail and limited office use of proper scale and character would complement the area and provide convenient services to the new residents.



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The Town will consider endorsing a Local Initiative Program (LIP) 40B application if the proposed development is responsive to the above Town objectives and helps the Town achieve its affordable housing goal. The LIP process will likely prove to be the most expeditious, as it would not require a zoning change.

With any project, we expect that all impacts will be fully mitigated, including but not limited to increases in the number of school-aged children, potential environmental contamination, traffic and support service needs. The Town will also seek to obtain certain additional items from the developer to enhance the new development on the site and provide benefits to the Town as a whole, including but not limited to access to the abutting rail trail, expansion/relocation of the Route 20 Fire Station, reservation of land for active and/or passive recreation, streetscape improvements and maintaining a location for the medi-vac helipad.

We have appreciated your forthright approach to the discussion regarding the property thus far. The redevelopment of this property provides a unique opportunity for Sudbury and may be a catalyst for longer term mutually beneficial economic development initiatives, including renewed interest in installing a sewer along Route 20. We are exploring innovative funding initiatives at the state level to fund the sewer project, including District Increment Financing. With such expanded wastewater capacity, the future value of the Raytheon property will increase and additional community-embraced development opportunities will be possible. Such an economic development tool will be most effective if supported by the developer and Raytheon and we would seek such support if we proceed in this manner.

The Town is ready and willing to continue to work with Raytheon and its partners to discuss the redevelopment of this property in a manner that is consistent with Town goals and mitigates identified impacts. Please let us know how and when we can be of continued service as this project proceeds.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen,

Charles C. Woodard, Chairman

On behalf of the Planning Board,

Craig Lizotte, Chairman

cc: Albert G. Tierney III, McCall & Almy