

Civil Site Planning Environmental Engineering 133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801-4413

November 1, 2022

Beverly Mesa-Zendt, Planning Director City of Portsmouth Planning Department 1 Junkins Avenue, 3rd Floor Portsmouth, NH

Re: It's Good to be Kneaded, LLC 361 Islington Street Tax Map 144, Lot 23 Altus Project No. 5356

Dear Ms. Mesa-Zendt:

On behalf of It's Good to be Kneaded, LLC, Altus Engineering, Inc. is pleased to submit preliminary plans for discussion at the November 8, 2022 Technical Advisory Committee Work Session.

On October 18th, the Board of Adjustment granted variances to allow for the project to proceed to the Site Review phase of permitting. At the public hearing, several members of the public expressed concern regarding the mature oak tree at the rear of the site.

Following the meeting, Altus visited the site with arborist, Chris Kemp of Piscataqua Landscaping. Chris confirmed that the tree is healthy even though it is nearly fully surrounded by paved surfaces. Mr. Kemp suggested that we attempt to maintain a minimum of 6 to 8-feet of unpaved surface around the tree to provide a healthy environment. In the attempt to do so, we have had to reconfigure and reduce the width of the access way around the building. The submission set demonstrates that small delivery and trash removal vehicles can safety maneuver the site.

There is an old sewer service running adjacent to the tree providing service form the property to the west of the site. We are proposing to leave this pipe in place as we wish to minimize disruption of the oak's root system. Additionally, Mr. Kemp said he that he wouldn't be surprised if the tree is getting nutrition from the antiquated pipe. Replacing the sewer may have a detrimental impact to the oak tree.

It is our intent to discuss the pavement layout and utility services at the work session as well as any other threshold issues that the Committee may have for concerns.

We look forward to presenting to the Committee on the 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

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