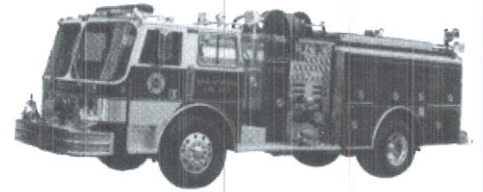


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To the Town of Marlborough Planning Board,

It has been brought to our attention that you are currently reviewing an application for a bed and breakfast to be located at 80 Gobblers Knob, in the Town of Marlboro. To be clear, the Marlboro Hose Company #1 is a proponent for business development, as it is only beneficial to our town and local economy. With that thought in mind, we would not be doing our due diligence if we do not recognize some firematic concerns at this location.

Primary concerns that should be considered for any emergency situation is ease of access to the property. Due to the fact that the lower driveway for the property is a hard ninety degree turn, or "switchback", it creates an issue with access to the property with fire apparatus. Because of this condition, it creates a situation where fire apparatus needs to be backed down the driveway, approximately four hundred feet, off of Gobblers Knob. This will hinder the timely deployment of water supply hose which would be needed to combat any fire at the location. There is also a driveway that accesses the property from the upper portion of Gobblers Knob however, this access point is fairly steep and appears to be mostly loose stone and is overgrown with tree branches and other vegetation. The access to this property could also be a hindrance for other emergency services during foul weather conditions such as snow and ice. We would ask that the planning board to look carefully at this application and look for ways to rectify the access concerns as described, in an effort to avoid potential life safety hazards at this location.

We thank you for your time and efforts in this matter, and for creating a mutually beneficial plan that will ensure the safest conditions for the property owner and any customers that will be enjoying their stay at this location.

Firematically yours,

Chief Erick Masten

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