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Barrington Planning Board
Attention: Marcia Gasses, Planner
PO Box 6600
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Re: Journey Baptist Church
8 Eastern Ave
Barrington, NH

Marcia, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Barrington Planning Board,

On behalf of Journey Baptist Church, Berry Surveying has requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the activities taken place to date, and discuss the process moving forward. At this time Berry Surveying & Engineer has an active agreement with the church to work on their behalf and represent them on this project.

As the board knows the church and their contractor appeared before the board to discuss tree removal, land clearing, and the placement of gravel for temporary parking facilities. At that time, after our most recent discussion with Marcia, they were told to refrain from commencing any of these efforts until such time as a full site review was approved. The contractor took it upon himself to move ahead and remove the trees, and stumps on site. At this point, Marcia, and we believe code enforcement went to the leadership of the church and demanded that this work discontinue.

The leadership of the church contacted Berry Surveying & Engineering to start work on the site review matters and asked that we contact Marcia to discuss the work completed on the site to date. We did so on the Thursday April 10th and we mutually decided it was best if we come to the next Planning Board meeting to discuss the issues at hand.

Thursday afternoon, we went to the site to determine where test pits would be required for the site review, whereas test pitting was scheduled for Friday April 11, 2014. At this time we witnessed the site. It is our opinion that the site was un-safe for church operations whereas there are many children on site during the multiple services held. There were holes where stumps had been removed, ruts from heavy machinery, and small amounts of slash. Additionally there have been drainage problems on site. The current drainage system is in failure and water ponds / floods the rear driveway. The snow removal activity and the construction activities on site had bermed material

against the edge of pavement, and during any future rain even would compound the current problem. Lastly, the now uneven, rutted loam material would be subject to erosion and migration during the next rain event. The prediction for later in the weekend and early into the week was for rain at a rate which would cause more problems at the site.

We understand completely that the problems discussed above are the product of improper construction practice and lack of permitting, but it was at our direction that while the contractor was on site Friday morning the mess he created be cleaned up and the site left in a safe condition. We asked that he remove the problematic berms, against the pavements edge, remove uneven and unsafe surfaces, and stock pile material at the rear of the site. The sandy subsoil was exposed, so that when the predicted rain events arrive, there will be no runoff and the current drainage problem will be rectified. When this was completed, he was instructed to park the machine and not do any further work. No gravel surfacing was to be installed, and no further digging or earth removal is undertaken until such time we work out an action plan with the Board and planning staff.

It was our professional opinion that the site demanded corrective action prior to the machinery being de-mobilized

We will be in attendance at the next Planning Board meeting to discuss this further.

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