

September 20, 2007

Anthony Petrucelli, Chair
Westfield Planning Board
City Hall
59 Court Street
Westfield, MA 01085

Reference: 785 North Road, Westfield

Dear Mr. Petrucelli:

I am writing you on behalf of the Barnes Aquifer Protection Advisory Committee (BAPAC) to provide our comments regarding the Special Permit application for a 50' x 80' building addition at 785 North Road in Westfield owned by Mark Lavalley. BAPAC reviewed plans dated August 8, 2007 developed by D.L. Bean, Inc at their meeting on September 11, 2007. BAPAC is composed of representatives from the four jurisdictions in which the Barnes Aquifer is located. The committee was created in 1989 to address developments of regional impact that are proposed within the aquifer to ensure that drinking water resources remain safe for the more-than 60,000 people that it serves.

The proposed project consists of a 50'x80' addition to an existing building known as the Auction House. Two leaching catchbasins will be replaced with catchbasins that drain to a detention basin with a stone trench. BAPAC recommends that a Stormceptor and gate valve prior to the detention basin be included to provide for oil and grease control prior to infiltration. In the event of a hazardous release on-site, the gate valve allows the contaminant to be contained prior to the infiltration system. Similarly, BAPAC recommends a macadam berm around the parking lot to direct all runoff into the stormwater treatment system.

Thank for your consideration and the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Michael Czerwiec
Vice-Chair

cc: Charles Darling, Westfield Water Department