

September 24, 1986

Newburyport Planning Board
City Hall
Newburyport, MA 01950

Attn: Mr. James E. Gaines, Chairman

Re: Evergreen Estates
and Country Club
Newburyport, MA

Gentlemen:

This correspondence is to report our understanding of the status of construction for the golf course associated with the referenced development project. The construction of the golf course has proceeded at a slower rate than was originally anticipated. The progress of the project has been directly controlled by the developer and has not been a function of any work stoppage by the Board of Water Commissioners or their agents.

Meetings and project reviews have been held from time to time to review construction procedures. The developer has agreed to install additional thickness of loam with higher organic content than originally proposed. This has been represented by Dr. John M. Roberts, Consultant for the Developer, as a desirable method of promoting good turf development with adequate root thatch to prevent migration of landscaping chemicals such as pesticides, weedicides and herbicides.

The existence of adequate turf and impervious subsoil is necessary before the use and operation of the golf course will be approved by the Board of Water Commissioners. In order to satisfactorily complete the proposed golf course, additional loam will be required from offsite. This is based on the representation of the volume of material available onsite as indicated by the developer. The contractor has agreed more material will be needed and will be brought to the site.

Irrespective of any other action taken by the Planning Board regarding this development, it is the position of the Board of Water Commissioners that no operation of the golf course will be allowed until the original conditions have been completed and the following operational items are provided.

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- . Licensed pesticide applicator is retained to supervise and oversee the placement of any pesticides, herbicides or weedicides.
- . An adequate turf is established to suitably protect the soil from erosion and absorb any chemical application.
- . Highly organic root thatch and subsoil is established to prevent migration and provide uptake of any applied chemicals.
- . All fertilizer shall be organic compounds suitably biodegradable to prevent enrichment of the groundwater and possible nutrient contamination of the Newburyport Well No. 2.
- . All pesticide types shall be submitted to the Board of Water Commissioners with application rates and procedures and with all descriptions as provided by the manufacturer.

It is again important to stress that the golf course will be reviewed independently of the other portion of the development. No operations will be allowed by the Board of Water Commissioners until all original conditions are complied with or approved suitable alternatives have been accepted by the Board of Water Commissioners.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Board of Water Commissioners.

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Norman P. Smith