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CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE

PROJECT NAME : 555 Pleasant Street
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Watertown
PROJECT WATERSHED : Charles
EOEA NUMBER : 13242
PROJECT PROPONENT : Beacon Residential Properties
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : N/A

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project change is insignificant and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

As originally described in the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) submitted in 2004, the project entailed the construction of 375 residential apartment units in nine buildings (five four-story apartment buildings and four two- and three-story townhouse buildings), and associated infrastructure and amenities, on a 13-acre site on Pleasant Street. A Certificate on the ENF was issued on April 30, 2004 that did not require further review under MEPA.

According to the NPC, the project change entails the addition of 10 residential units to the overall development program. Of the total of 385 units, 60 will be designated as affordable. All of the units will now be located within five four-story apartment buildings and the townhouse units have been eliminated from the development program. All parking will now be located under the buildings, which will result in a decrease in the amount of impervious surfaces originally proposed and an increase in the amount of landscaped areas on the site. The 10 additional units will use an additional 1,210 gallons per day (gpd) of water, and generate an additional 1,100 gpd of wastewater. The project change will require the construction of an additional 0.1 miles of sewer mains and may require the issuance of an amended Sewer

Extension/Connection Permit by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The proponent should consult with DEP if a Sewer Extension/Connection Permit has already been issued for the project.

The proponent has requested that I find this project change insignificant in accordance with the criteria set forth in the MEPA regulations at 310 CMR 11.10(6). The project change will not increase the size of the project by more than 10 percent, nor will it result in an increase in impacts of greater than 25 percent. I find that the proposed project change is insignificant, in accordance with the MEPA regulations at 310 CMR 11.10(6), and that no further review of the project under MEPA is required as a result of the proposed change. Any remaining issues can be addressed during the state and local permitting processes.

March 24, 2006
Date


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