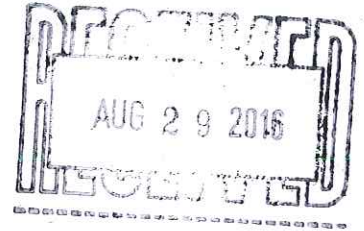


Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &  
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August 24, 2016

Mr. David Ziomek  
Interim Town Manager  
Town of Amherst, Massachusetts  
4 Boltwood Avenue  
Amherst, MA 01002



Re: Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit

Project Name: North Square at the Mill District  
Location: Cows Road between Sunderland and Montague Roads  
Number of Units: 130  
Subsidizing Agency: Department of Housing and Community Development  
Applicant: Beacon Communities Development LLC

Dear Mr. Ziomek:

This will serve to notify you, pursuant to 760 CMR 31.01 (2) (d), that the above-named Applicant has applied to the above-named Subsidizing Agency under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program for preliminary approval of the above-referenced project. The project is a rental project, with a total of 130 units, of which 26 (20%) are low income under 40B.

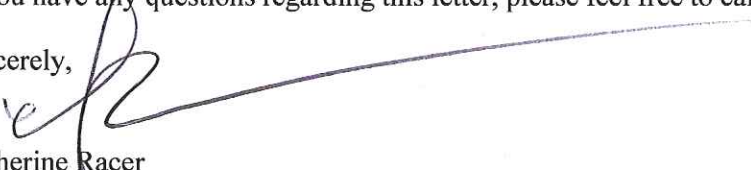
Enclosed please find a copy of the application for your review. The review period for comments ends 30 days from the date of this letter. Any comments will be considered prior to issuing a determination of Project Eligibility. Please address comments to:

Rebecca Frawley Wachtel, Director  
Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program  
DHCD  
100 Cambridge Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02114

If and when an application is made for a comprehensive permit, assistance is available to the Zoning Board of Appeals to review the permit application. The Massachusetts Housing Partnership's (MHP) Ch. 40B Technical Assistance Program administers grants to municipalities for up to \$10,000 to engage qualified third-party consultants to work with the ZBA in reviewing the Ch. 40B proposal. For more information about MHP's technical assistance grant visit MHP's web site, [www.mhp.net](http://www.mhp.net) or e-mail [community@mhp.net](mailto:community@mhp.net).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to call Rebecca Frawley Wachtel at 617-573-1318.

Sincerely,

  
Catherine Racer  
Associate Director, Division of Housing Development