



## *Town of Ashland, Massachusetts*

*Department of Public Works*

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*July 8, 2025*

Ashland Zoning Board of Appeals  
Attn: John F, Trefethen, Chair  
101 Main Street  
Second Floor  
Ashland, MA 01721

### **Re: “Sanctuary at Ashland Mills” – Response to Applicants June 10, 2025 letter**

Dear Chairman,

The Ashland Department of Public Works (DPW) is writing this letter to present our response to the Applicant’s letter dated June 10, 2025, that was a response to Haley and Ward’s peer review #1 letter dated June 4, 2025.

In response to the Applicant’s question regarding the DPW’s position on the necessity of existing flow data from the proposed development to the Chestnut Street Pump Station: Yes, the DPW is in agreement that obtaining the existing flow data is essential. Without a clear understanding of the current available capacity in the sewer main between the development site and the pump station, the DPW cannot determine whether the existing infrastructure can accommodate the additional flow generated by the proposed development.

Regarding the Applicant’s inquiry about known deficiencies or issues within the existing sewer system in the area: The DPW is aware of grease accumulation in certain segments of the 18-inch gravity sewer along Homer Avenue. Other than this, no significant defects have been identified in the surrounding gravity sewer infrastructure at this time. However, there is a known issue with the existing sewer manhole located on Main Street, which currently serves the 10-60 Mill property.

Additionally, it is important to note that the Chestnut Street Pump Station is currently operating below its original design capacity. All four pumps, along with associated instrumentation and controls, are scheduled for replacement to restore the station's full capacity. Presently, two pumps are permanently offline pending these replacements. While upgrades are planned for the coming months, the pump station is not presently able to accommodate any increase in flow.

Sincerely,  
The Ashland DPW

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Maurer", written in a cursive style.

Daniel Maurer, Deputy Director

Cc: Doug Small, DPW Director  
Jasmin Farinacci, Director of Planning & Economic Development  
Rebecca Navarro, DPW Admin & Ops Manager