

June 28, 2022
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Maureen O’Meara, Town Planner
Town of Cape Elizabeth
320 Ocean House Road
P.O. Box 6260
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

Re: Carr Woods Condominium Development - Deep Brook Road
Major Subdivision and Resource Protection Permit Review

Dear Maureen:

It is my understanding that the Town and interested parties have raised a question regarding Sebago Technics’ (Sebago) review of the Carr Woods project. Specifically, some concern was put forth about any potential conflict of interest by members of our staff in reviewing the project. The concern arose due to one of Sebago’s current employees, Colen Peters, being a nearby resident and having provided letters and testimony of concerns regarding the project.

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Town, Planning Board, applicant and members of the public assurance that no undue influence or conflict has or will occur in Sebago’s review of the merits of the project. Sebago and its professional staff have extensive experience in handling such situations and providing and maintaining a fair, unbiased perspective. All staff understand the need to separate professional services from personal concerns.

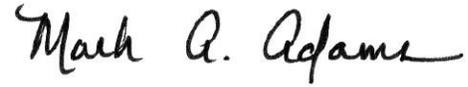
Stephen Harding, P.E. has served our company and the Town for many years in conducting engineering peer reviews of projects that come before the Town’s Planning Board. Our records indicate that Steve began his review of the project on April 30, 2021. Mr. Harding then began providing written reviews for the project on May 12, 2021. One other Sebago employee, Henry Hess, a Registered Landscape Architect has also recently provided review services for the project.

Cole Peters is a Certified Geologist with more than 40 years of professional service. Mr. Peters joined our company in February 2022. Prior to his arrival, he had provided written and verbal concerns to the Town and Planning Board regarding the Carr Woods project. Subsequent to his arrival, he has provided an additional letter and testimony before the Planning Board. In addition to Sebago Technics protocols, Mr. Harding, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Hess are all licensed professionals who adhere to state laws and the respective Code of Ethics for each of their professions.

In response to the concerns, I have spoken independently with Mr. Harding, Mr. Peters, and Mr. Hess regarding this matter. I reinforced with each of them the need for impartiality on the part of Sebago Technics and that there be no conversation, communication, or collusion between Mr. Harding and Mr. Peters or Mr. Hess and Mr. Peters. I am confident that each individual has and will act with the utmost professionalism and discretion.

In summary, we fully understand and appreciate the concerns raised and need for impartiality. I can assure all interested parties that Sebago and its staff will perform their responsibilities solely through the application of professional and technical standards of the profession, state and municipality.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark A. Adams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark A. Adams
CEO/President

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