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Alan Lehotsky, Chair
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Vanessa Moroney, Chair
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Dear Mr. Lehotsky and Ms. Moroney:

I have received your correspondence of 9/12/14 regarding your request for an exception to the recently issued DDS Policy on Home and Community Based Settings. It is clear from reviewing the information you presented that you have been working diligently on this project for nearly two years with the understanding that there would be a capacity for four individuals on one side and five individuals on the other side of this duplex living arrangement to be located at 338 Bedford Road.

I am granting the exception to the policy with the understanding that the capacity is limited to nine total beds and that no other group homes will be sited near this property. The Department plans to utilize the beds in the following manner – eight of the beds will be used as a long term home for individuals and one bed will be reserved for intermittent use to provide emergency respite care. It is my understanding that this use will not have an impact on your count for Chapter 40B purposes.

I greatly appreciate the commitment the Town has made to develop this housing for the people we support. It is a partnership that I am confident will have a positive impact on the lives of the individuals served and on the community at large. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 617-624-7711 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Tummino

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