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TO: Planning and Economic Development Board
FROM: Matt Buckley, Chairman
RE: Merrimack Building Supply of 20 Trotter Drive

The Medway Design Review Committee (DRC) is pleased to provide this review letter on the proposed expansion of Merrimack Building Supply. On April 24th, the DRC met with Bill Donagan (owner), his sons Ryan and Jonathan Donagan, engineer Peter Lavoie of Guerriere and Halnon, and architect Walter Fuller of Cubic Architects. During that meeting, we reviewed a design set of the proposed structure, including building elevations, and the proposed site plan (dated 3-10-2017) which included a proposed parking layout. A wide-ranging discussion was had and the DRC offered many recommendations. At its May 22nd meeting, the DRC reviewed a revised building elevations and a revised site plan dated 4-25-2017, which included a proposed landscape plan.

The DRC is satisfied that the site and building designs put forward, to date, are consistent with the Medway *Design Review Guidelines*. The updated plans reviewed on May 22nd included all of the suggested changes made by the DRC during the April 24th meeting. The applicant has demonstrated a willingness to design to the standards set out in the *Guidelines*. The presentation illustrates a well-designed structure which includes appropriate materials, elevations, and landscaping.

The DRC has several additional recommendations based on the revised site plan set. They are listed below:

- The site plan notes the continuation of an existing stone wall along the building façade. The DRC requests to review the planned material selection for this wall. A detail for the stone wall should be included in the plan set.
- Does the stormwater management plan include a maintenance schedule for the proposed rain garden? If not, the DRC recommends one be provided.
- The DRC recommends that any outside dumpsters be enclosed and fully screened with an opaque material.

The DRC respectfully submits these review comments for consideration by the Board and the applicant. Once again, the DRC is available to discuss any of these points and would gladly offer any additional recommendations as needed.

Sincerely,

Matthew Buckley, Chairman

cc: Bill Donegan, Merrimack Building Supply
Peter Lavoie, Guerriere and Halnon