

## Town of Simsbury



Office of Community Planning and Development - Zoning Commission Application Planning and Development

DATE: APRIL 15, 1003 FEE: 8 240.00 CK#: APP#: 23-18
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 36 PORSET CROSSING
NAME OF OWNER: DOKSET CROSSING, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: 30 DOLSET CROSSING, SIMSBURY CT 6670
EMAIL ADDRESS: tony @ the Keystone companies. com TELEPHONE # 860-217-1700
NAME OF AGENT: DAVID S. ZIAKS, PE. F.A. HESKETH & ASSOCIATES
MAILING ADDRESS: 3 CREAMERY BROOK EAST GRANBY CT 06026
EMAIL ADDRESS: <u>dziaks &amp; fahesketh.com</u> TELEPHONE # 860-653-8000
ZONING DISTRICT: PAO LOT AREA: YY SQ FT/ACRES
Does this site have wetlands? TYES NO Have you applied for a wetlands permit? TYES NO
REQUESTED ACTION (PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX):
□ ZONE CHANGE: The applicant hereby requests that said premises be changed from zone
abutting property owners and all property owners within 100 feet of the subject site.
A check payable to the Town of Simsbury must accompany this original signed and dated application. Five (5) complete (folded) sets of plans, one (1) paper copy, and a digital copy of the completed application and correspondence must also be included. If you have a PDF of your plans, we would appreciate a copy of that sent to jhollis@simsbury-ct.gov, as well.  Signature of Owner Date  Telephone (860) 658-3245  Www.simsbury-ct.gov, 4-26-2023  Www.simsbury-ct.gov, 4-26-2023  O447  933 Informeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070
XX LOT A - 1.85Ac. LOT 4 - 4.64AC

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April 26, 2023

Mr. George McGregor, A.I.C.P Simsbury Town Planner 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06070

Mr. David Ryan, Chairman Simsbury Zoning Commission 933 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, Ct 06070

Re: Application of Dorset Crossing, LLC To
Modify The "DORSET CROSSING" Master Plan of Development

Dear Chair Ryan, Commission Members, and Mr. McGregor:

On behalf of Dorset Crossing LLC, we are submitting this application to the Town of Simsbury Zoning Commission for approval of Modifications to the PAD Zone and Master Plan of Development for "Dorset Crossing'. The property owner and applicant is Dorset Crossing, LLC. The managing member of Dorset Crossing, LLC is The Keystone Companies LLC, and the members of The Keystone Companies LLC are P. Anthony Giorgio and Karl Krapek.

#### **Narrative**

Dorset Crossing consists of 46.1± acres in the north end of Simsbury on Hopmeadow Street near the intersection of Wolcott Road. A Zone Change and Master Plan were originally approved in 2012. The original approval consisted of six lots and 16.36 acres of land set aside for Open Space.

Since that time there have been modifications to the Subdivision and PAD Master Plan and final Site Plan approvals for five lots. The last approvals consisted of final Site Plan

approvals for Lots D&G and a Master Plan revision and re-subdivision of Lot A to create a reconfigured Lot A and a new Lot H in October, 2022.

The site has unique development potential, as it serves as part of the land designated as the Northern Gateway noted in the 2017 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The "Northern Gateway" has been generally defined as the area of land west of Hopmeadow Street/ Route #10 from the Wolcott Road intersection on the north and westerly along the power utility right-of way and extending south to the intersection with Route 315. This area has developed over time with a mixture of separate uses ( retail, office, industrial, residential and open space ) at intervals on relatively small parcels and the Dorset Crossing PAD. Substantial open parcels are still available for new mixed use development and re-development of previously developed parcels.

This next phase in the development of Dorset Crossing presents an exciting opportunity to continue development of an integrated project of retail, medical office, office and residential with a mix of pedestrian scaled buildings.

#### **Current Approved PAD Program**

Pursuant to last Master Plan revision approval of October 25, 2022, the Master Plan program currently is as follows:

Lot A - Medical Office - 15,000 sq. ft.

Lot B - Residential - 216 units

Lot C - Residential - 48 Units

Lot D - Residential - 30 units

Lot E - Open Space 16.36 Acres

Lot F - Mixed Use Retail/ Office - 14,500 Sq. Ft.

Lot G - Residential Units - 42

Lot H - Mixed Use Retail/Office - 44, 500 Sq. Ft.

#### The Proposed PAD Program

The Dorset Crossing program under the proposed revised PAD would consist of the following, with the focus on proposed revisions on Lots A, H and F:

Lot A – Mixed Retail/Medical Office – 15,000 sq. ft.

Lot B - Residential - 216 units\*

Lot C - Residential - 48 Units\*

Lot D - Residential - 30 units\*

Lot E - Open Space 16.36 Acres\*

Lot F - Mixed Use Retail/ Office- 12,000 Sq. Ft.

Lot G - Residential - 42 Units\*

Lot H - Residential - 72 Units

#### **Traffic Analysis**

Traffic can be accommodated at the closest critical intersections and will not be detrimental in terms of traffic safety or circulation. An updated traffic report has been submitted with this application. The Hopmeadow Street access point was approved by CTDOT OSTA and is a signalized intersection.

Dorset Crossing Drive and Casterbridge Crossing are constructed and accepted as public roads and the Applicant has provided a dedicated right of way and has constructed a roundabout to provide interconnectivity to and facilitate the future construction of the By-Pass road from the Wolcott Road to Count Road as referenced and recommended in the Town's Route 10 Corridor Study and 2017 POCD.

#### **Basis for Approval**

Tonight we are asking the Commission to consider a change in the original concept Master Plan to permit the additional development of 72 multifamily units on Lot H in stead of the commercial space on Lot H as originally contemplated. We have also added Mixed Retail to the Medial Office designation for Lot A to recocognize recent expressions of leasing interest for potential tenants. The rationale for this change is to more accurately reflect the realities of the market today versus what we all hoped would happen a decade ago when the PAD was originally approved. These modifications do not alter or add to already approved uses but only modify the percentage of these uses.

Keystone Companies LLC is requesting a modification of the Concept Master Plan at Dorset Crossing because of a seismic shift in the medical and commercial office market in Simsbury over the past several years. Vacancy rates have remained continuously above 28% in this market and show no indication of improving. A brief ride up and down

<sup>\*</sup>No revisions proposed.

multifamily housing in Simsbury remains in the 3-5% range and does not appear to be changing anytime soon. The Simsbury market continues to demonstrate high demand for more multifamily housing product and the community has done a good job in managing this constant demand. The "net economic impact" of the additional development (as defined in the 2007 POCD) will be a positive for Simsbury. There will be a negligible financial impact on public schools because the additional 72 residential units will produce very few school children.

The build-out of the proposed development will have an acceptable impact on public facilities. Public sewer and water lines are available with capacity. There will be significant tax benefits to the community. The approval of this application will assist the Developer to complete the final build out of an important parcel in the Northern Gateway.

The proposed revised Dorset Crossing PAD development will be compatible with the adjacent and nearby office, retail and residential neighborhoods. The integrated pedestrian friendly village environment made up of retail, medical, office and residential uses will create a properly scaled critical mass that will have a positive effect on neighborhood property values. Over 16 acres of the 46.1 acre project site have already been dedicated to permanent open space.

The accompanying site plan reflects what we anticipate will be a well designed and attractive community of three buildings with 24 units in each building. These will be consist of studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments intended to appeal to working professions and empty nesters. The scale of this community will be nicely accommodated on Lot H with sufficient open space and onsite parking. We anticipate that these units could be potentially attractive as workforce housing units and, as such, could conceivably add to the affordable housing stock in Simsbury. At this time we do not have an identified developer in mind so cannot commit to an "affordable "housing community but will work diligently to encourage any future developer to view this with "affordability" in mind.

We respectively request an approval for this change in the original master concept plan. The original approved uses have not been changed, but the absolute numbers of types of uses will be changed if approved. We thank you for your thoughtful consideration and positive endorsement.

Very Truly Yours,

Thomas W. Fahev Jr.

#### TOWN OF SIMSBURY LAND USE and BUILDING DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE

#### Adopted by the Board of Selectmen 6/25/90, Revised 2/25/13 Effective 3/11/13.

The Simsbury Planning Commission, Zoning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency shall charge the following fees for processing applications in connection with matters administered by said Commission, Board or Agency or their staff:

#### Planning Commission.

- Application for subdivision approval, including resubdivision: \$310 for each A. subdivision lot.
- Application for change in subdivision regulations: \$195 B.
- Application for change in plan of development: \$195 C.
- Application of modification of any prior approval: \$195 D.
- Subdivision regulations: \$15 per paper copy. E.
- State Land Use Fee: \$60 for all applications. F.
- Outside consultant fee(s), if applicable. See Town Code § 85-6.1. G.
- Cost of placing legal advertisements and/or cost of required mailings to abutting property owners if required. \$50

#### **Zoning Commission.**

- Application for site plan approval: A.
  - (1) Residential use: \$50 per unit or a minimum fee of \$200, whichever is greater.
  - (2) Business use, site plan: \$20 each acre or any portion thereof, plus \$20 for each 1,000 square feet of structure shown on the plan or any portion thereof or a minimum fee of \$280, whichever is greater.
  - (3) Business use other than initial site plan: \$20 for each 1,000 square feet of structure or any portion thereof in excess of the square feet shown on the initial approval plan; minimum fee of \$200.
  - (4) Industrial use: the same as business use in Subsection A (2) and (3) above.
- Application for any Special Exception or Special Permit: \$180. B.
- Application of zone change: \$15 per acre or a minimum fee of \$580, whichever is C. greater.
- Application for change in zoning regulations: \$180. D.
- Application for modification of any prior approval, including sign approvals: \$180. Staff approvals: \$100.
- Zoning Regulations: Simsbury Center Code (FBC): \$25. Town Zoning Regulations: \$15
- Zoning Map: \$10 per color copy. G.
- Sign Permit: \$2 per square foot of sign area.
- Certificate of Zoning Compliance: \$25 I.
- State Land Use Fee: \$60 all applications J.

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April 18, 2023

Fahey, Landolina & Associates LLC 487 Spring Street Windsor Locks, CT 06096

Attn: Attorney Thomas Fahey

Re: Dorsett Crossing - Lots A, F & H

**Dorsett Crossing Drive and Route 10** 

Simsbury, CT Our File: 04174

#### Dear Attorney Fahey:

Pursuant to your request, our office has reviewed the potential traffic impact of a proposed modified PAD Master Plan for the Dorset Crossing development located on Dorsett Crossing Drive and Hopmeadow Street, CT Route 10, in the Town of Simsbury, Connecticut. This letter presents our findings.

Dorset Crossing was originally approved by the Simsbury Commissions in 2009 and was issued Certificate No. 1868 by OSTA on May 19, 2009. Subsequent approvals were issued by the Town and OSTA with the most recent OSTA approval issued in November, 2012. That approval is known as Administrative Decision No. 116 (AD 116). That approval allowed for a development consisting of 264 Apartment units, 14,500 s.f. of retail, 50,000 s.f. of medical office, 22,000 s.f. of general office and a 3,500 s.f. bank with a total of 815 parking spaces.

The current proposal involves potential development on Lots A, F & H which would result in a modified plan to include a total of 408 apartment units, 15,000 s.f. of medical office and 12,000 s.f. of retail / general office with a total of 741 spaces.

Our office has reviewed our files, and we have found the Trip Generation table submitted in support of the most recent town and OSTA approvals. We have also calculated the trip generation potential of the current proposed development utilizing the ITE Trip Generation Report, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition. The results are presented in Table 1.

From the table, it is evident that the proposed development will generate substantially fewer trips on a daily basis and during peak hours as compared to the current OSTA approved development. In fact, the traffic volumes will be reduced by approximately 50% over the previous approval.

Based on the projected reduction in both daily and peak hour volumes, it is my professional opinion that the approval of the revised PAD Master Plan will not have a detrimental impact on traffic operations on area roadways.

It will be necessary to make a submission to OSTA for a new Administrative Decision for the revised Master Plan. An OSTA Application can be made to OSTA concurrent with the application to the Town for Master Plan Approval. Final action by OSTA will not take place until after the town has approved the project.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide this information to you. If you require any additional information related to this project, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

F.A. Hesketh & Associates, Inc.

Scott F. Hesketh, P.E.

Manager of Transportation Engineering

cc: The Keystone Companies, Anthony P. Giorgio

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Medical Office	50,000	1,807	91	24	115	47	126	173	448	103	78	182
General Office Pharmacy w/Drive through	22,000 14,000	416 1,234	49 21	<b>1</b> 6	56 37	73	73	103 145	66 1,234	6 55	ა 55	110
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Proposed Development												
Medical Office	15,000	540	37	10	47	18	4	69	207	25	19	45
Residential (Multi Fam Low-Rise) General Office	408 units 12,000	2,750 183	39 24	124 3	163 27	131 57	77	208 29	1,856 27	3 44	3 83	167 6
Strip Retail Plaza (<40k)^	12,000	736	19	13	32	44	45	68	736	40	39	79
Total*		4,026	92	147	242	193	163	356	2,799	149	141	291

Saturday daily volume assumed equal to weekday daily volume Total is sum of Medical Office, Residential and the higher of General Office or Retail for each time period **,** ,

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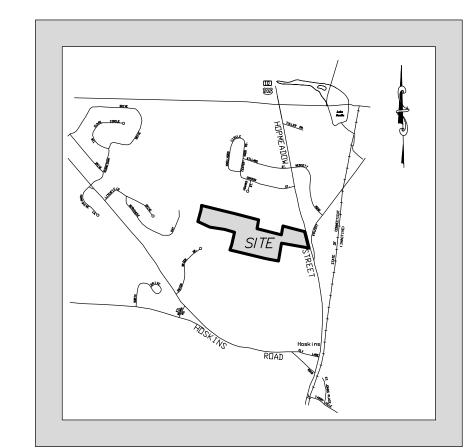
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## Dorset Crossing PAD

## A Mixed-Use Planned Development

# DORSET CROSSING DRIVE Simsbury, Connecticut

PAD Master Plan Modification Application - Lots A, F & H April 25, 2023



### DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Property Owner Dorset Crossing, LLC

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Simsbury, CT 06070

Applicant/Developer The Keystone Co., LLC

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## LIST OF DRAWINGS

Title Sheet

MA-1

Master Plan

CP-1

Concept Plan - Lots A, F and H

RESUB-4

Re-subdivision Plan

Chairman's signature

Date

