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Date: July 23, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Ongoing Safety and Environmental Concerns – Atlas Tack Site, 83 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, MA

This letter is intended to document the ongoing concerns regarding the Atlas Tack site located at 83 Pleasant Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts. As you are aware, this site is a designated Superfund site that underwent partial environmental remediation. Despite these efforts, we believe significant contaminants remain within the main structure.

In 2015, our department reported a partial roof collapse on the premises. As a result, a security fence was installed around the property. That same year, our department formally declared the structure unsafe, and entry into the building was strictly prohibited for all personnel.

In 2020, we submitted a letter to the Town Administrator expressing serious concerns about the condition of the building. Specifically, we highlighted the heightened fire risk due to the age and condition of the structure, including its large volume of dried, untreated wood.

Most recently, in 2024, our department issued a request to the Acting Building Commissioner to repair the perimeter security fence after three individuals were found trespassing inside the building. Their removal required the use of our aerial ladder unit, further demonstrating the inherent dangers posed by the structure.

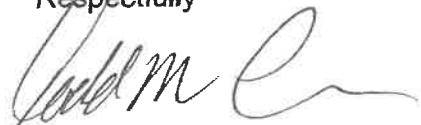
It is important to note that all known sources of ignition have been removed from the building. However, the structure lacks a working fire alarm system and sprinkler system. With the roof exposed to the elements and the windows and doors open to trespassers, the building is vulnerable to fire, whether caused by human activity or environmental factors such as lightning. Any fire on this property will likely be significant and will require a multi-agency response across Bristol and Plymouth Counties.

The site was historically known to contain hazardous materials and carcinogens. Although much of the contamination was removed during the initial cleanup, we believe a considerable amount remains embedded in the wood and structural components of the facility. A fire at this location would not only pose an immediate danger but also release hazardous materials into the air, necessitating extensive evacuations and potentially leading to environmental contamination. Additionally, the significant amount of water—potentially thousands of gallons—needed to

suppress such a fire raises concerns about water runoff and the potential environmental impact on surrounding areas.

If you have any comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully



Todd Correia
Chief of Fire
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Daniel M. Dorgan

Chief of Police

Date: July 22, 2025

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Subject: Public Safety Concerns – Atlas Tack Building, Fairhaven, MA

To Whom It May Concern,

As Chief of Police for the Town of Fairhaven, I am writing to express serious and ongoing public safety concerns regarding the Atlas Tack Building located on Pleasant Street in Fairhaven.

The structure, already known for its environmental contamination history, is in an advanced state of deterioration and disrepair. Despite being a fenced and posted site, the building continues to attract repeated incidents of trespassing and unlawful entry. Fairhaven Police officers have responded to numerous calls for service at this location, and each incident places both responders and trespassers at significant risk.

The building's unstable condition and unknown environmental hazards present a danger to my officers who must enter or investigate the property. This situation also endangers members of the public who access the site, whether knowingly or unknowingly exposing themselves to hazardous conditions and unsafe structural conditions.

Given the Atlas Tack Building's designation as a contaminated site and its growing threat to public safety, I respectfully urge the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to reassess the current status of the site and work with the appropriate stakeholders to ensure it is properly secured—or, ideally, remediated or removed.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with your office further regarding this matter and can provide call data or additional reports if helpful.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Respectfully,
Chief Daniel M. Dorgan
Fairhaven Police Department

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July 22, 2025

Rick Trapillo
c/o Atlas Tack Working Group
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

**RE: ATLAS TACK CORPORATION
PLEASANT STREET FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719
(Parcel ID 08-094)**

Dear Mr. Trapillo,

I was informed that the Town of Fairhaven is inquiring about renovation or demolition of the building(s) at the above referenced property. In order for this project to move forward, a Licensed Site Professional (LSP) must determine if asbestos is present anywhere on the property and propose a course of action for removal using Best Management Procedures and 310 CMR 7.15 MassDEP Asbestos Regulations. The LSP should also be in direct supervision of the clean up process to insure full compliance of any Local or State Regulations. A copy of the "After Action" report will then be required for this office.

Asbestos is a known carcinogen and in certain forms may affect humans in various detrimental ways. It is important to dispose of any asbestos or other State regulated substances (if found) in a professional manner so as to limit exposure to humans. This process is also in place to limit liability to the Town of Fairhaven in order to develop this property.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Sincerely

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David D. Flaherty Jr., RS
Health Agent
Cc: Fairhaven Board of Health