



GALES FERRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

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Mr. Coen,

In request by the Ledyard Town Planner Juliet Hodge to elaborate more on your inquiry, I am providing more detail about the fire protection availability for 59 Kings Highway, Gales Ferry, CT.

There are two primary hydrants located along the Route 12 corridor for Gales Ferry that would be the closest hydrants to this property. Groton Utilities Hydrant #39, located at the corner of Route 12 and Kings Hwy, serves as the primary water source for our fire department when operating on the section of Kings Hwy located specifically between Route 12 and Christy Hill Road. The other is located at Route 12 and Christy Hill Road (the old Kartway) parking lot. These hydrants have proved to be reliable sources as they are annually maintained by Groton Utilities and have adequate water pressure during normal operations.

This department is also equipped with a fire truck, referred to as a tanker (containing 3000 gallons of water) that serves as a primary piece of equipment for our areas in town we deem too far from a hydrant protected area. The tanker can be used as an alternative source of water.

Based on the plans provided by you, access to the various proposed housing units located along Kings Hwy are within our operating limits and in my opinion, I do not see any access issues. The single proposed shared driveway is accessible for our rigs based on the dimensions in the drawings. This department is equipped to handle alternative firefighting tactics if access must be made from the roadway, a common practice with existing properties in town.

I do not foresee anything within the proposed development plans that would hinder or change our current way of operating and protecting Gales Ferry and the Town of Ledyard. Please feel free to reach out if you have any additional questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey L Erhart
Chief of the Department
Gales Ferry Fire Company