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Subject: RE: Landscape Plan - Comment Request for 248 High Street 40B
Date: Wednesday, July 27, 2016 4:12:48 PM

Hi Kristen,

I reviewed the plans in docushare and visited the site on Monday with the developers, Joseph Levine and Ed Flannary. My comments are as follows:

1. It was mutually agreed that most, if not all, of the deteriorated Hemlock hedge behind the sidewalk should be removed. These trees are in poor shape, create problems for visibility and safe passage on the sidewalk and a few are growing up into the utility wires. These are outside the town ROW, and are not public shade trees, so exempt from MGL chap. 87 posting requirements and Scenic Road Bylaw.
2. The proposed new plantings seem appropriate for a Comprehensive Permit development. I would suggest that the decision specify that all new deciduous trees be a minimum of 2 inch caliper and 8-10 feet in height at the time of planting. Conifers should be 2 inch caliper and 6 feet in height, and shrubs should be 30 inch height/spread at time of planting.
3. The developers state that they want to provide landscaping similar in size and design to what was planted at Davis Place (corner of Mass. Ave. and Prospect St.) a few years ago. This is a nice standard as to design intent.
4. My understanding is that the developers are working with the abutters to design screening, some of which is to be on site and some of abutting property. This seems like a good solution.

Today I visited the site with Ryan Hunt, our Arborist, and reviewed the plans with him, so he will be up to speed if questions come up during the land clearing process in regards to trees close to our ROW.

Please feel free to contact me with any other questions. The developers have my contact information as well so they can contact me directly.

Regards,

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From: Kristen Guichard
Sent: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 10:12 AM
To: Dean Charter
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Hi Dean,

I hope you are doing well.

We are in receipt of a Comprehensive Permit for 248 High Street. The plans for the development can be found at the following link:

<http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/Get/Document-54332/Comp%20Permit%20Plan%20Sets.pdf>

Could you please take a look at sheet 8, Landscape Plan, for us and provide any comments or suggestions you may have. We would greatly appreciate your input by July 29th.

Thank you,
Kristen

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