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RE: 104 Boston Post Road 40B Permit

Dear Noreen,

After careful review of the revised Landscape Plan for Stony Brook Weston, 104 Boston Post Road, Weston MA dated 03-28-2017, Revised 6-29-2017 I have the following comments:

- 1) The Planting Schedule lists 28 IG-Ilex glabra 'Compacta'. The call out flags on the plan add up to 25 but there are actually 26 plant symbols shown on the plan- in the island near Boston Post Road there are 8 plants shown, not 7.
- 2) The plan calls for 4 IM- Ilex meserveae 'Blue Princess' and 1 IMB- Ilex meserveae 'Blue Prince. The symbols on the plan show these plants with a 9' spread. These plants usually run 6-8' in spread so the symbol shown is too large and the space delegated by that symbol allows for some additional plants. Two IM should be added to the 2 IM and one IMB located on the flat wall facing Sibley Road next to the garage entrance so that there are three clumps of 3 plants in each location. (see attached scan of area). The other two IM are fine to stay as they are but 3 additional IG (Ilex glabra) should be added in front of each (for a total of 6) to fill out the space. So, on the planting schedule the new total for IM should now be 10 and the new total for IG should now be 32.
- 3) Planting Details: The Shrub Planting Detail has a note that says "Cut & roll down burlap @ top 1/3 of root ball. If synthetic, remove entirely." This should read "Cut and remove Burlap entirely" as is says in the accompanying tree planting details. The graphic representation of the Shrub Planting Detail shows the root ball floating above the undisturbed soil with a layer of planting mix/back fill between. Current practice is to plant the plant on the undisturbed soil so that it doesn't settle after

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- planting. The Shrub Planting Detail should be revised to show this. Both of the tree planting details also show a slight layer of back fill between the root ball and the undisturbed soil and they should be revised as well.
- 4) Planting Notes: Note #1 on all three details talks about the relationship of the plant to the finish grade and is a good note. There should also be a note added about not allowing mulch to be piled up against the trunks of the trees and shrubs for the same reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

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