

August 19, 2015

To Members of the Durham Planning Board,

The Conservation Commission would like to express its support for the Amendments to the Site Plan Regulations, and hope that you will approve them in their current form.

In particular, we would like to express our support for those portions of the amendments to the site plan regulation that impact our responsibility to give advice to both the planning board and the NH Department of Environmental Services. This would include portions of the application submission requirements, proposed landscaping plans, landscaping and screening standards, protection of trees during construction and storm water control requirements.

We are pleased to see that submission requirements now include: delineation of critical root zones for important trees being saved on site; the limits of disturbance of the site; areas for stockpiling of equipment and materials; and aerial photographs showing the footprint of the construction area for the proposed development.

Again, the Commission hopes the planning Board will approve the Amendments to the current Site Regulations.

Ann Welsh, Chair

Durham Conservation Commission