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Hi Karen,

I'd appreciate it if you could forward this email to the Planning Board members as a follow up to last night's meeting.

I came away from the discussion on trees for the Mill Plaza development thinking there was a consensus to plant canopied trees -- trees that will mimic an umbrella, with long trunks and then waterfall out to provide shade. And if I understood correctly, there was a consensus to avoid "columnar" trees that bulge out slightly from the trunk and then grow to a point at the top, like pear trees tend to do.

I just want to make sure we're not sending the wrong message to the CDA representative who said she would go by and take a look at the trees in the Dover Hannaford Farm parking lot that Mr. Parnell cited as the sort of trees we want. I passed by there today and took a better look at these trees and they are not trees that form canopies. Mr. Parnell may have cited them as they are indeed nice healthy trees (and I mean no disrespect to him at all) but I hope there's a consensus that these are not the types of trees to plant at Mill Plaza. Better tree examples can be found outside the Police Department on Dover Rd, outside the new Mobil service station (opposite Irving) just before the traffic light and on UNH campus on the right side of the street as you pass by Aroma Joes and the bank to your left on Main Street.

The choice of trees (and their maintenance) will be an extremely important decision. Also, we should try not to drive the CDA representative crazy by saying one thing then changing it later.

Best,

Catherine Meeking