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Dear Planning Board,

I have two concerns or questions regarding the proposed landscape plan at the 19-21 Main Street "Toomerfs" property (revised February 3, 2022) currently in design review with the Planning Board.

1) The slope at the Chesley Drive end of the parking lot is shown as 2:1 (50%), which is quite steep. I can find no information regarding treatment of this slope. Is the surface of this slope to be left as fill (sand, gravel, or stone riprap)? This would be a "quick and dirty" solution, and, to use a technical term, butt ugly. I would hope for a more natural and aesthetically pleasing treatment, and one that is suggestive of the forest being destroyed. I believe the proposed slope is too steep to be planted successfully, which seems an elemental design flaw.

2) The proposed planting plan is extremely thin and lacking with regard to vegetation, aesthetics, sustainable practice, and restoration of the woodland being destroyed. I would hope the Planning Board would request a significant expansion of vegetation across the site, including within the parking area.

Thank you for listening.

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