

TOWN OF SHERBORN CONSERVATION COMMISSION



TO: Sherborn Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Michael Lesser on behalf of the Conservation Commission

DATE: February 4, 2021

RE: Coolidge Crossing peer review: stormwater management and site planting plan

Though the project has not yet submitted a permit application to the Conservation Commission (ConCom), based on the last ZBA meeting, the Peer Review is now examining the stormwater management plan and possibly the landscape plan. We want to offer the following comments to possibly contribute to the efficiency of some parts of the peer review process in advance of the NOI application to the Conservation Commission.

Stormwater Management

The proposed project will be developing a significant percentage of the buffer zone to the wetlands, some of which is stormwater management related (e.g. basins and related grading). I suggest that the peer review consider any additional stormwater management designs beyond those currently proposed that might lessen the use of wetland buffer zone. For example, to what extent can permeable/pervious asphalt and other surfaces reduce the amount of buffer zone alteration? (This general issue parallels the issue at the last ZBA issue of revisiting the number and size of parking spots to also lessen buffer zone alteration.)

Site Planting Plan

The “Site Plan Set - January 22, 2021” posted on the town website note that there is a “Site Planting Plan” that is “bound separately”. This document does not appear to be posted. In any case, if this document is to be review before the NOI filing review, then I suggest that such review take into account mitigating the impact on the wetlands buffer zone and maximizing what can be done to restore/improve the functioning of the buffer zone.

Regards.