

Minutes
Sudbury Design Review Board
March 23, 2016

Present: Paula Hyde, Jen Koeffel, Deboraj Kruskal, Dan Martin

The Board met to review the Proposed Landscape Design for the Whole Foods/National Development site at 526 & 528 Boston Post Road and has the following recommendations (see attached notes on the site plan):

- 1) Regarding the 20 red maples lining the main entrance, the Board would like to see more diversity for both aesthetic and disease-prevention purposes. (planting 20 of the same species together could be risky if one tree gets diseased, they could all be lost at once). The Board recommends 3 groupings of trees: 6 red maples at the start, 10 red oaks in the center and 4 of another species at the end of the drive)
- 2) Regarding the left corner behind the fire station the Board would like to recommend a grouping of white pines to camouflage the concrete wall behind it.
- 3) Regarding the pin oaks lining the North and South sides of the parking lot, the Board is concerned that their descendant habit could cause an impediment for pedestrians and automobiles. The Board recommends a species with a horizontal or ascendant habit to prevent future maintenance costs for limbing-up the trees as they mature.
- 4) The Board is further concerned that there is a disproportionate number of pyramidal shaped trees and that they would not provide enough shade for cars and sidewalks.
- 5) From an aesthetic standpoint, the Board would like to see more flowering trees for Spring interest (Betula Nigra is not a flowering tree) and a more varied mix of color (more oranges and yellows) for Fall interest.

The Board approved the minutes for the meetings dated February 10, 2016, February 24, 2016 and then March 9, 2016.