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TO: Historic Districts Commission
FROM: Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Community Development
RE: Town Center Landscape Plan
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Attached please find an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness and plans for the Town Center Landscape Plan. This plan is the culmination of a yearlong process by the Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee to complete the historic restoration and landscaping of the intersection project that is currently underway. It is the committee's goal to attain all necessary approvals of the Landscape Plan so that certain elements can be installed in the fall of 2015, with the completion of the plan in the spring of 2016, following final construction.

The Landscape Plan, developed with the assistance of the Town's consultant, Sudbury Design Group, takes a simplified approach to the restoration of the Town Center, respecting its current informal design. The Landscape Plan is contemplated to be completed in 2 phases due to budgetary constraints.

The major changes to the Town Center will be at Grinnell Park and the Town Common. Grinnell Park, with the addition of the adjacent property at 15 Hudson Road, will be expanded and made more accessible to public use with the construction of an expanded walkway system and expanded War Memorial Garden. Stone dust will be installed around the War Memorial at this time. 5 trees in Grinnell Park are proposed to be removed due to their health and condition, as shown on the plan. These trees are currently flagged with pink flagging tape for inspection by the HDC. Phase 1 planting in Grinnell Park will occur primarily along the southern lot line and around the detention basin. The stone wall running north south through the park will be relocated along the Hudson Road frontage. Street lamps will be replaced along Hudson and Concord Roads.

As the budget allows for Phase 2, other improvements can be made to Grinnell Park: additional plantings as shown on the Landscape Plan; installation of an amphitheater and second memorial garden; granite benches installed; brick paving at the crosswalk on Concord Road; and brick paving around the War Memorial Garden.

The Town Common is proposed to have 3 trees removed (also currently flagged), a walkway installed through the Common connecting First Parish and Town Hall, new street lamps, a 2-foot high granite and steel fence installed along the western and southern sides of the Common, and brick paving at the southwestern corner. Phase 2 improvements will include landscape plantings and granite benches.

Throughout the entire project area, 24 street lamps will be installed, replacing the older lamps. The detail of the lanterns is shown on the Plan. A walkway across the frontage of the Town Hall, Grange and the Presbyterian Church will be installed, as well as a connection between the Grange and Church, is proposed for Phase 1. The area in front of Town Hall will include a new stone wall with granite steps down to the No Name Road, and a walkway up to the front stairs of Town Hall. Phase 2 improvements for the front of Town Hall will include the brick semi-circular gathering area, and landscape plantings.

It is the Committee's intent to request additional Community Preservation funds at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting to complete phase 2 of this project.