

Planning Board,

Thank you for all of your work at last night's meeting. It was informative and interesting.

We are writing to follow up on and clarify a few points. We are submitting this quickly because we share the Applicants' desire for a speedy approval of their Plan so that they can move forward with the enjoyment of their property and we and the other abutters can regain some measure of privacy and screening as quickly as possible.

Clarifying points:

1. Screening Along Our Fence: The applicant's attorney stated that the new Arbor Vitaes would create screening that "didn't previously exist". We submit several photos below* that clearly show that prior to the clear cutting there was a lot of screening between our yards. The number of trees (including a Cedar) and their large trunks created a fair amount of screening for most of the year. Even though most of the trees were deciduous, the sheer number and breadth of them created far more privacy than Arbor Vitaes which would only screen 1 or 2 feet above our stockade fence for the next few years. This is why, as Neil requested at last night's meeting, we are asking for the applicant to plant larger Arbor Vitaes to recreate our shared privacy.
2. Clarify Landscape Plan & Previously Existing Trees: As discussed by the Planning Board last night, but to be very specific, we would like to see a revised Landscape Plan that includes the following:
 - a. All previously existing trees shown in their previous location with their diameter;
 - b. A list of all of the previously existing trees, their diameter, their species and whether or not they were located in the Tree Yard (this will help us all clearly understand the minimum replacement caliper requirement);
 - c. Tree canopies (including Arbor Vitaes) represented at the same future year - whether it's 3 years, 5 years or 8 years from now doesn't matter - but they should all be represented at their predicted size with the same timeline.
3. Lighting: Please ensure that the applicant complies with the site plan lighting requirements for all outdoor lighting (shed, patio, etc.,) including any lighting intended for the top of the shed.

Many thanks for your hard work and consideration of our requests.

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*(4 Photos Prior & 1 Photo After Clearcutting Below)





