



August 1, 2019

Boxborough Planning Board  
29 Middle Road,  
Boxborough Ma 01719

Re: Site Plan Review  
Enclave at Boxborough  
Project No. 5249

Dear Board Members:

This office has received revised landscape plans dated July 31, 2019 in response to our comments dated July 30, 2019. This letter still incorporates some of the comments from the July 22, 2019 Planning Board meeting, we have eliminated all items resolved.

The following items were reviewed:

- Landscape Plan, Enclave at Boxborough, prepared by ESE Consultants, Inc revised through 7-31-19.
- Consultant's response letter to Places Review of July 30, 2019.

At this time we have the following remaining comments and concerns:

### **Landscape Plan Comments:**

Comments from Places Associates: Comments/Responses in **bold text**.

1. These comments are in addition to those of member Rebecca Verner, eliminating our redundant comments. This office is in general agreement with her comments.
2. The work on site will result in a 15-30' width of natural vegetation along the property line to Sheriff's Meadow and abutting properties which will likely not provide sufficient screening. This office suggests that the applicant work with Sheriff's Meadow owners to plant screening on their property, as early in the construction process as possible, to provide meaningful screening both during the construction process and when completed. **Additional screening in the form of fencing and planting or enhanced planting should be provided at the "point" of the access road, where the circle roadway joins the access drive. Additional screening to the north-west of the proposed Colorado Blue Spruce should be placed at the tree line for the benefit of the resident's in Sheriff's Meadow.**

3. Behind Units 23-25 is a long expanse of white fence. Additional plantings (if possible with the ledge) are recommended to break up the fence. Please provide a detail for the fence when located in ledge, as sufficient anchoring is needed to resist wind loads. The white color of the fence will draw a person's eye to the fence, the applicant might consider a more neutral toned fence color - tan or grey). **The color of the fence has been changed and additional plantings are proposed. No detail for installation of the fence in ledge is provided. The Landscape Architect is suggesting that this be coordinated with the fence manufacturer prior to installation. Given the importance of the fencing, we recommend that the Board be provided this information prior to the installation of the fence to ensure that reasonable and technical practices are being followed for this specialized fence installation.**

In summary, the plans have progressed and the number of comments has diminished to those above.

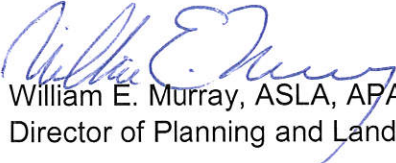
As only two landscape comments remain, it is our opinion that the Board should be able to close the public hearing, these comments can be incorporated into a list of conditions for the Board's decision.

Please contact this office should you have any questions regarding this review or the project in general.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,  
Places Associates, Inc.

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