



To: Alex Elvin
Development of Regional Impact
(DRI) Coordinator
Martha's Vineyard Commission
The Olde Stone Building
33 New York Avenue
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Date: March 22, 2021

Memorandum

Project #: 13242.00

From: Erik J. Bednarek PLA

Re: Edgartown Stop & Shop - LUPC Comments

I am providing this memo in response to Alex Elvin's memo on March 11, 2021 resulting from LUPC's comments during the March 8, 2021 meeting.

Landscape comments in the March 11th memo:

1. Please revise the plan to be in color and to include larger fonts. The plant species legend could be included on a separate page to allow for enlargement. Please also indicate which plants are native.
2. Please provide a corresponding map of existing landscape conditions for the property, including around bank building, and show which vegetation is to be removed.
3. Clarify why the existing Kwanzan cherries along Upper Main St. are being removed.
4. Please amend the maintenance notes to indicate a long-term maintenance plan for the property. If the proposal is to hand off maintenance to Stop and Shop after 3 years, articulate Stop and Shop's long-term maintenance program.
5. Provide an implementation timetable for the proposed landscaping.

Response to Comment 1:

Refer to attached Sheets 2 through 11 of 11 in the attached PDF file called Landscape Graphics.

Response to Comment 2:

Refer to attached Sheet 1 of 11 in the attached PDF file called Landscape Graphics.

Response to Comment 3:

While I was not personally involved in the decisions made back in 2018, I can only reference the comments from the Beautification Committee and my own assessment after reviewing the existing conditions.

The existing Cherries have an unsightly and unmanicured appearance that detract from the curb appeal of the property. They have been pruned awkwardly to minimize impact to overhead wires. They have damaged or missing

leaders that detract from their appearance and will most likely affect their long-term health. The Cherries have also been overgrown with Ivy for a period which is not healthy for any tree and could have already damaged the tree trunks resulting in their sparse appearance.

The goal for the front landscape buffer is to create a more attractive curb appeal for the project and community. Newly planted trees will better complement the new design and allow them to be properly maintained under the wires and continue to sustain a more attractive tree canopy over time.

Furthermore, the Beautification Committee's comments (provided below) dated August 13, 2018 do not mention trying to maintain the existing Cherry trees, but replace with Kwanzan Cherries currently depicted on the planting plans.

SECTION: A (UPPER MAIN STREET PERIMETER BED)

PROPOSED TREES ARE CRABAPPLES

BEAUTIFICATION SUGGESTION: *Replace with Kwanzan Cherry with added notes in maintenance section and specifications: TO MAINTAIN AND MONITOR BRANCHES AND LEADERS ON A YEARLY BASIS TO MANAGE SIZE/SHAPE AND DEVELOP STRUCTURE. PRUNE TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH UTILITY LINES, TRAFFIC AND LINES-OF-SIGHT ACCORDING TO THE ANSI A300 PRUNING STANDARDS.*

Response to Comment 4:

Refer to attached Sheet 3 of 11 in the attached PDF file called Landscape Graphics.

Response to Comment 5:

Below is a timetable for planting windows as outlined in our Planting specifications provided for the project.

Plant within the following dates, likely during the year 2022:

1. Evergreen Trees and Shrubs:
 - a. Spring: April 1 - June 1.
 - b. Fall: September 1 - November 1.

2. Deciduous Trees and Shrubs:
 - a. Spring: April 1 - June 15.
 - b. Fall: October 1 - November 15.

3. Planting shall be prohibited in frozen or muddy ground.