

**Hollis Planning Board
Site Walk Notes
December 3rd, 2016
(FINAL)**

Site walk at the intersection of Lovejoy Lane and Richardson Road

Planning Board members present: Cathy Hoffman - Chairman, Doug Cleveland – Vice Chairman, Chet Rogers, Brian Stelmack and Bill Moseley - Alternate.

Staff: Mark Fougere, Planner

Landscape Consultant: Doug Gagne

Applicant: Gerry Woods

Attorney for the applicant: Jay Leonard

Also present: several abutters to the subdivision.

C. Hoffman called the site walk meeting to order at 9AM. She stated that the site walk was a public meeting; however there would be no public input at this meeting. Abutter comments and concerns should be submitted in writing to the planning office for the board to consider.

Mark Fougere reviewed the original landscape plan with board members, stating that the subdivision was approved nearly ten years ago. The landscaping was not completed at that time. Currently, the existing trees and shrubs have grown up providing screening from the road, especially in the open space area to the left of the entrance.

Doug Gagne stated that the main issues for landscaping are at the road intersection/ entrance to the subdivision. In particular the screening of the roof of the house, which is visible from Richardson Road. He stated that the applicant has planted white pines and hemlocks, which grow relatively fast (white pines at a rate of 1.5 feet per year) should provide adequate screening of the roofline in five to ten years. He added that there is no issue regarding screening further down in the subdivision. He added that to remove the existing natural vegetation would be counter productive because it currently provides adequate screening.

The other area of concern was located further from the entrance down Richardson Road. This area is open space for the subdivision and will remain in a natural state. D. Gagne stated that the applicant has planted hemlock trees near the property line to screen the house. Board members questioned why the trees were placed so far back from the road. Planting the trees closer to the road would provide better screening. D. Gagne commented that this would be something the board could consider.

C. Hoffman reminded abutters that questions, comments and concerns should be sent to the planning office, as there will not be another public hearing on this application. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20am.

Respectfully submitted by:

Wendy Trimble – Planning Secretary

Notes taken by Cathy Hoffman during Site Walk