

March 25, 2024

Marc Welch  
City Forester  
1000 Commonwealth Ave. Newton Centre, MA 02459

**RE: Horace Mann Elementary School – Tree Removal & Replacement Plan**

Dear Mr. Welch,

The Newton, Massachusetts Tree Preservation Ordinance dated March 1, 2024 calls for the replacement of all trees with a 6" or greater caliper removed during construction. The ordinance calls for replacement of caliper inch for caliper inch for trees under 25" DBH and 1.5 times the DBH for "Significant" trees using similar species to those removed. Our plans are currently at a schematic level and as such the species of trees to be removed and proposed trees for replacement has not yet been identified. Trees proposed will consist of species approved by the Newton Tree Warden as appropriate replacements.

**The Tree Removal Inventory Plan attached shows the following:**

- Existing conditions
- Trees proposed for removal including caliper, tree type (evergreen/ deciduous), and assumed health.
- Note stating the quantity of trees removed, a breakdown of each tree type with quantity of trees and combined caliper inches.
- There are (6) six trees planned for removal, (4) four of which are deciduous and (2) two of which are evergreen
- There is (1) "Significant" tree with a caliper of 28"; the total caliper inches of deciduous trees to be replaced is 68", total caliper inches of evergreen trees to be removed is 16"

**The Planting Plan attached shows the following:**

- The overall site plan including trees, plant beds, hardscape materials and layout.
- Planting plan shows (14) thirteen large shade trees, (9) small deciduous/ ornamental trees, and (32) thirty-two large evergreens; for a combined deciduous caliper of 69" and a combined evergreen caliper of 48"
- Proposed trees will consist of species approved for use by the Newton Tree Warden.

Sincerely,  
Kris Bradner  
Traverse Landscape Architects, LLC

