

December 18, 2020

Paul Masse South  
399 Main Street  
Wakefield, RI 02879

The following is being submitted to support the Landscape Plan dated 12.18.20. Our goal was to beautify and screen this project from the surrounding neighborhood while also allowing minor views into the site for security purposes. We feel this planting plan achieves this and exceeds the requirements Per Article IV - Special Requirements.

### **G. Landscaping – General Standards & Specifications;**

#### #2 Street Landscaping:

- A 20 x 74' raingarden will be installed along High St and will be planted with a mixture of woody evergreen & deciduous shrub ranging in height from 1 to 10' tall. Perennial grasses and flowers will also be installed to fill out the planting bed.
- Additional plantings are located on either side of the access gates.

#### #3 Perimeter Landscaping – Parking Lots & Loading Facilities:

“No less than 10 feet in width where the parking area contains five spaces or more or which exceeds 2500 sq ft of paved area”

- Northern Perimeter Planting along the Fire House is fully screened by an existing evergreen hedge.

#### #4 Interior Landscaping:

- Property subject to 5% Interior Landscaping Area based on having a Total Area of Parking Lot between 2,500 & 20,000 sq ft. (Site has 14,000+/- sq ft of parking area)
- Project provides a single internal landscaped area of 700 sq ft (5%) which will be used to locate several evergreen trees (Cryptomeria).
- It is our opinion that utilizing this is a better use of the internal planting area for buffing the project from Schaeffer St and adjacent residential neighbors.
- Additionally, the internal parking lot will not be open to the public visibility into the parking area is minimal.

#### #5 Building Landscaping:

- There is no building

#7 Transition Yard Landscaping Standards:

b). Commercial Zoning Districts Abutting Residential Zoning Districts

Western Perimeter & Along Schaeffer St

- Western perimeter we will be installing a Shoulder-to-Shoulder row of Dark American Arborvitae which will create a solid evergreen screen approximately 8' wide by 25' tall.
- Southern Perimeter will consist of 5 evergreen trees to fully block views approximately 1/3rd of the views from Schaeffer St. Especially from up hill when looking down towards High St. The remaining 2/3rds of this perimeter will consist for a rhythm of flowering trees under planted with evergreen shrubs and deciduous shrubs. This will allow minor views into the site for security

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Butler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Mark J. Butler  
Landscape Architect