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RE: Costco

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Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 9:20 AM

To: Kenneth Kovalchik <kovalchikk@togny.org>, Donald Csaposs <csapossd@togny.org>

Cc: Christopher Hawver <chawver@albanypinebush.org>

Ken,

Based on the revised plans provided on the Town's website, the project location, it is not necessary for the Technical Committee to review the updated plans.

The project is within a non-protection area, and does not appear inconsistent with the 2017 Management Plan Update for the APB.

Neil

From: Kenneth Kovalchik <kovalchikk@togny.org>**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2023 9:08 AM**To:** Donald Csaposs <csapossd@togny.org>**Cc:** Neil Gifford <ngifford@albanypinebush.org>**Subject:** Re: Costco

Hi Neil,

I was going to refer the update plans/project information to the Pine Bush Preserve Technical Committee for review. See link below to the webpage created on the town website. Sheet 12 in the full plan set contains the updated landscape plan.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/a7c7fba6/FK2E3pcpN0KwTsTgwczlyA?u=https://www.townofguilderland.org/planning-board/pages/proposed-costco>

The September 29, 2022 comment letter is included as part of the documentation on the webpage. Let me know if the technical committee would like to review and comment on the update plans, particularly the landscape plan? The March 22nd meeting will be the first of many meetings between the Planning Board and Zoning Board.

Regards.

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On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 8:51 AM Donald Csaposs <csapossd@togny.org> wrote:

Neil, could either staff or TC possibly review and comment on the applicant's landscaping plan?

On Thu, Mar 16, 2023 at 8:46 AM Neil Gifford <ngifford@albanypinebush.org> wrote:

Good morning Ken,

I understand that a site plan associated with a special use permit for the Costco project will be considered by the Guilderland Planning Board at next week's meeting on the 22nd.

At the request of the sponsor, we would like to reiterate our earlier comments on the project, submitted September 29, 2022, and attached.

In summary while the project is within the APBPC Study Area, it is not proposed within an area recommended for any level of protection in the 2017 Management Plan Update for the Albany Pine Bush Preserve, and therefore appears consistent with that plan. Additionally, our earlier letter also recommended that the site plan incorporate native Pine Bush landscaping and appropriate external lighting.

I do not anticipate attending the Planning Board meeting, but if you or the Board have any questions regarding the Commission's comments and recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you Ken. We appreciate your, and the Town's, continued coordination with balancing economic development and Pine Bush conservation in Guilderland.

Best regards,

Neil

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