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**Subject:** Re: 490 Main Street - Nashoba SEF applications  
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Good morning,

I've had a chance to look at the drawings quickly and I'm sending a few early, initial comments since I'm unlikely to be able to attend the meeting.

Comments:

1. The inclusion of street trees is great, but please add a note that the placement of the street trees will not interfere with the existing overhead wires.
2. I encourage expanding the biodiversity in variety and number of plant materials (trees, shrubs and perennials).
3. Please explain the white spruce plantings at the NW corner of the building. What is the ground material in this area? How large will these get over time? I like the concept, but want to know the mature height/spread of the selected spruce.
4. Expand the number of trees within the wetland area. Include smaller tree species, such as Amelanchiers or Witchhazel, as well as the larger shade trees that are in the plan. This will help to shade this side of the building and shade the created habitat. Are there windows at this corner of the building (waiting area?).
5. Confirm that there is a 'tree-free' zone for the landing pathway.
6. Will the tree islands in the parking lot be planted with groundcover?
7. Please add a bar scale on the drawings.
8. Will any of the plantings be irrigated?

I'll send any additional comments once I have reviewed the entire set and let me know if you have any questions.

Best,  
Lorayne

On Tue, Jun 24, 2025 at 12:49 PM Takashi Tada <[ttada@grotonma.gov](mailto:ttada@grotonma.gov)> wrote:

Good afternoon Planning Board,

FYI—

UMass Memorial Health Care submitted their applications for the proposed Nashoba Satellite Emergency Facility (SEF) to be located at 490 Main Street. The Special Permit and Major Site Plan Review application materials have been uploaded to the Planning Board's page of the Town website:

<https://www.grotonma.gov/government/boards-and-committees/planning-board/>

Scroll down to the Planning Board Documents section and click on the plus symbol “+” next to the folder icon named 490 Main Street – Nashoba Satellite Emergency Facility. The folder contains four PDF documents:

- Traffic Study
- Stormwater Report
- Application forms
- Site Plans

We will open the public hearing for this project on July 17<sup>th</sup> (remote meeting on Zoom). It will be a joint hearing with the Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee.

There was a peer review kickoff meeting yesterday afternoon on Zoom. The applicant’s engineers from VHB provided an overview of the project to our peer reviewers from Nitsch Engineering: Jared Gentilucci and Ronen Lubin (Civil) and Jeff Bandini (Traffic).

Thanks,

Takashi

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