



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE**  
*Massachusetts*  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DIVISION

*Andrew M. Pappastergion*  
Commissioner

*Erin Chute Gallentine*  
Director

**Memorandum**

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To: Alison Steinfeld, Director of Planning  
From: Annie Blair, Landscape Planner/Architect  
Tom Brady, Town Arborist and Tree Warden  
Date: December 7, 2017  
Re: 134-138 Babcock Street  
cc: Erin Gallentine, Director of Parks and Open Space  
Maria Morelli, Senior Planner

Tom Brady and Annie Blair received revised drawings today for the proposed development at 134-138 Babcock Street; the revisions were made in response to our initial comments dated December 5, 2017. The revised drawings we reviewed were provided by Hammer + Walsh Design Inc. and include:

- Landscape Plan, L-101
- Landscape Details, L-201
- Plant Images, L-202.

We appreciate very much the Applicant's responsiveness in addressing our concerns, and feel that the changes to the plant list, both in the species and in the height of the evergreen trees, as well as the increase in the width of the planting area on the west side of the building, are real improvements. We remain concerned about the amount of shade, especially along the western, northern, and southern sides of the building, making this a challenging growing environment, but feel that the proposed planting plan is a much better response to the future conditions.

Our earlier comments on the need for a tree protection plan for trees on abutters' properties, more information on construction means and methods that could be employed to mitigate disturbance, loss of existing trees on site, and protection of existing street trees still stand.

Please let us know if you have any questions.