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Subject: Tree # 9931's root system is still not protected under the updated plans

To: Erin Chute Gallentine, Tom Brady, and Maria Morelli.

I call your attention to the report submitted by Mark Duntemann. There are a number of tree conservation issues that remain unaddressed by Mr. Slater's latest revision. Tree # 9931 is on our property. To quote Mr. Duntemann, "Mr. Gaffin incorrectly identifies the number of trees on abutting properties that can potentially be affected by the proposed developer, one of which remains at a particular high risk of damage from construction activities, specifically Tree 9931... Mr. Gaffin failed to perform any excavation in the vicinity of Tree 9931, the 28' tree with a RPZ that extends well into the footprint of the building."

Mr. Duntemann also calls into question the reliability of the current proposal for root protection.

How can we accept the demonstrably substandard assessment provided by Mr. Gaffin? Please compare their credentials (information copied and pasted from their websites). Howard Gaffin is a local arborist. Mark Duntemann is an internationally renowned expert.

Gaffin Tree is a small, owner operated company, providing tree care on the North Shore of Massachusetts since 1981. The owner, Howard Gaffin, is both a Board Certified Master Arborist and a Registered Consulting Arborist. He got his first job as an arborist when he was 18, and has a degree in Natural Resource Management. He has been an ISA and MAA Certified Arborist since 1983, and a Registered Consulting Arborist since 2008. He also writes articles for various arborist publications. Gaffin Tree is based out of Rowley, MA. and provides tree care services to the towns of Andover, Boxford, Danvers, Georgetown, Groveland, Hamilton, Ipswich, Newbury, Newburyport, North Andover, Rowley, Topsfield, Wenham, and West Newbury. We may also travel to other areas upon request. We are fully insured.

Mark Duntemann - Senior Consultant

Mark created Natural Path in 1988 as an urban forestry consulting business. Since then, he has overseen projects across North and South America and Europe. Mark is an ISA Board-Certified Master Arborist (RM 131B) and instructor for the Tree Risk Assessment Qualification. He presents internationally on topics of tree risk and urban forestry policy development. Mark serves as an expert witness in numerous tree-related litigation cases and uses this experience to inform his perspective on tree risk management. Mark has provided consulting expert and expert witness services in over sixty tree-related fatality, tree-related injury and tree appraisal cases. Staff provides confidential forensic diagnostic and interpretation work on subject tree(s) and critical review of maintenance and management policies. Mark has a comprehensive understanding on the subject of risk as it relates trees and speaks internationally on the topic.

The construction plan as it stands provides zero protection for our tree. The Board must insist on adequate protection.

Sincerely,

Greta Fox

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