

4 **Members Present:**

5 Christopher Beer, Chairman
6 Doug Knott, Vice Chairman
7 Paul Amato
8 Janet Langdell
9 Tim Finan
10 Jacob Lafontaine, Alternate member
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Staff:

Lincoln Daley, Community Development Director

12 **Excused:**

13 Veeral Bharucha
14 Susan Robinson
15 Kevin Federico, BOS Representative
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18 1. Call to Order/Role Call
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20 **WORKSESSION**

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22 2. Amendments to the Milford Development Regulations, Section 6.08 Landscaping Standards.
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25 Chairman C. Beer called the meeting to order at 6:34PM.
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27 **WORKSESSION:**

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29 **Amendments to the Milford Development Regulations, Section 6.08 Landscaping Standards.**
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31 Lincoln Daley began by summarizing the changes and amendments to the Development Regulations Section,
32 6.08 Landscaping Standards based the input/comments from the Planning Boards received at the July 25,
33 2017 meeting. The substantive amendments/changes included the following:
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- 35 1) Amend Section 6.08.1 by inserting by references to the national planting materials standards
36 established by the American Nursery and Landscape Association and management/maintenance
37 standards set forth by the American National Standards Institute and the prohibited or restrictive
38 invasive species list maintained by the NH Department of Agriculture.
- 39 2) Amend Section 6.08.2 to further clarify vegetation management near stonewalls in order to
40 maintain/preserve the aesthetic and historic qualities of stonewalls.
- 41 3) Amend Section 6.08.2 to further clarify and discourage the usage of spray heads for irrigation and
42 inserting the requirement that head shall be a hybrid of sprays and rotors.
- 43 4) Amend Section 6.08.4 Mulching to list round stone as an alternative accent material and provided a
44 range of allowable size from 1" to 6".
- 45 5) Amend Subsection 6.08.7.B to further clarify the type of permitted trees within landscaped or green
46 space areas and minimum branch height when planted.
- 47 6) Amend Section 6.08.8.A to simplify the minimum planting specifications for deciduous trees,
48 coniferous trees, and shrubberies involving height and size requirements.
- 49 7) Amend 6.08.8.B to include ornamental round as an alternative to mulch around plantings.
- 50 8) Amend 6.08.8.C by inserting new subsections 2. and 3 involving the ability to utilize existing non-
51 invasive species and mature vegetation as part of the landscape design and the requirement to
52 manage invasive species and/or toxic plants using accepted horticultural techniques and provisions
53 created by the State of NH and the standards of ANSI A300.7.

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55 9) Amend Subsection 6.08.8.D Alternative Compliance by inserting language providing the opportunity
56 for creative and sustainable designs, materials, techniques, concepts, and technologies, for both
57 standard compliance measures and as part of alternative compliance proposals. The language further
58 provides a process for allowing alternative landscape design onsite and an alternate site.

59 General discussions by members and staff included encouraging applicants to submit plans that are of higher
60 quality and include a better overall design that goes beyond just meeting the minimum development requirements.
61 In addition, members discussed discouraging the use/inclusion of “or equal to” as it pertains to comparable plant
62 and trees species shown as part of the submitted/approved landscape design
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64 J. Langdell made a motion to move the proposed amendments to Milford Development Regulations, Section
65 6.08 Landscaping Standards as presented and amended to a scheduled public hearing. D. Knott seconded the
66 motion and Board voted unanimously in favor.
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69 **OTHER BUSINESS:**

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71 No other business was discussed.

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73 The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

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75 Motion to approve: _____

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77 Motion to second: _____

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79 **MINUTES OF THE 8/1/17 MEETING APPROVED ON _____, 2017**

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81 _____ Date: _____

82 Signature of the Chairperson/Vice-Chairman: