

**From:** [Frederica Gillespie](#)  
**To:** [Vito Colonna](#)  
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**Subject:** Re: 120 Turnpike Road Landscape Questions  
**Date:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 3:59:29 PM

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Here are my complete comments on my review:

1. As mentioned in my prior email, a native seed mix or plants or a combination need to be identified for the "Lawn" areas.

Some of the plants listed in the Hell Strip article I sent yesterday could work. Wild strawberry. Violets, Ginger, Butterfly weed (milkweed) are great ecologically beneficial plants that can be used as living mulch around trees and shrubs instead of non native lawn.

2. We use GoBotany to check for native range. *Xanthorhiza simplicissima* is not native to New England." While native to the eastern United States, *Xanthorhiza simplicissima* is introduced to New England."

<https://gobotany.nativeplanttrust.org/species/xanthorhiza/simplicissima/>

3. Under planting #2, please add "and town planner" to substitutions will be permitted only if approved by landscape architect

And again the new direction of the plan is wonderful, just needs these 3 adjustments.

And final comment is that this planting will bring value to the property owner who's tenants very likely will appreciate that they work in a building that is helping our environment, birds and butterflies. You could consider adding an interpretive sign to highlight that. Our Open Space Preservation Commission will be happy to discuss options with you after the permitting is done.

Thank you,  
Freddie Gillespie

On Jul 25, 2019, at 3:24 PM, Frederica Gillespie <[fgillespie@southboroughma.com](mailto:fgillespie@southboroughma.com)> wrote:

Vito,

Fist I want to thank you for the revised plan which now has many great plants. Can you check if the seed mix being used is for all the seeded area? Seed Mix 1 is on a slope so seems like that is what the Erosion Control mix is.

We've recommended no non native "lawns" and so far the Planning Board has gone with that for all recent permits.

So we need to have a native mix for the lawn area as well. It can be planted with sedges or ground covers too.

I'm still checking the trees and shrubs, but wanted to send you the lawn issue as soon as possible do will get back to you on the rest

Thanks

Freddie Gillespie

On Jul 25, 2019, at 12:28 PM, Vito Colonna <[vc@csei.net](mailto:vc@csei.net)> wrote:

Freddie,