

**From:** [RobinM](#)  
**To:** [Rick Taintor](#)  
**Cc:** [Karen Edwards](#)  
**Subject:** Mill Plaza | landscaping: tree selection | Red maples and parking lots  
**Date:** Monday, August 23, 2021 9:32:01 AM  
**Attachments:** [Screen Shot 2021-04-12 at 8.39.08 AM.png](#)  
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Greetings, Rick --

Please forward this email to the Planning Board.

As I noted in my letter dated August 20, 2021, the March 10, 2021 landscaping plan for Mill Plaza proposes including tree species that are *\*problematic\** for restrictive areas and/or parking lots. Accompanying that letter, I submitted a document titled *\*Trees for Parking Lots and Paved Areas\** from Virginia Tech.

In that letter I also mentioned black gum as a problematic example. Red maples are another. Eight *\*October Glory\** red maples are shown on the plan.

(The Freeman cultivar of maple, of which 24 are shown on the plan, is a horse of a different color. For example, the University of Wisconsin extension service factsheet notes: *\*Very adaptable. More tolerant of drought and high pH soils than red maple (A. rubrum). Full sun to light shade. It should be included in any list of street and parking lot trees.\**)

Below is an email thread that I initiated, concerned about the maples proposed for the 19-21 Main Street application. The thread includes landscape architect Robbi Woodburn's acknowledgement that a different species would be more appropriate.

At Wednesday's meeting, you will be discussing the concept plan submitted on August 18. Again, I urge you to **ask Colonial Durham to review -- and validate -- its tree selection before returning to the Board.**

Regards,

-- Robin

Robin Mower  
Durham, NH

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Robbi Woodburn <[robbi@woodburnandcompany.com](mailto:robbi@woodburnandcompany.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: 19 Main Street | landscaping: tree selection | query  
**Date:** April 13, 2021 at 4:46:23 PM EDT  
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Michael:

Looks like Robin may have a point. I'll be happy to change that selection to Zelkovas to match the trees on the other side of the driveway.

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Hi Robbi,  
Can you respond to the email from Robin? Thanks.

**Michael Behrendt**

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Greetings, Michael --

I notice that the landscaping plan for 19 Main Street includes two red maples (see screenshot from sheet L-100, date issued 10/19/20) yet they are listed on the attached document -- Trees for Parking Lots and Paved Areas -- as among the type of \*trees unsuitable for restrictive paved areas due to large surface roots\* (as are river birches, which were on the original landscaping plan).

Perhaps the maples would be situated where root growth would be unimpeded? (I cannot tell on the plan.) Or perhaps the root growth pattern of the proposed particular cultivar -- October Glory -- does not conform to the species?

Might be worth checking in with Robbi....

Regards,

-- Robin

Robin Mower  
 Durham, NH

**Trees unsuitable for restrictive paved areas due to large surface roots:**

Norway maple	<i>Acer platanoides</i>
Red maple	<i>Acer rubrum</i>
Silver maple	<i>Acer saccharinum</i>
River birch	<i>Betula nigra</i>

**Plant List**

Symbol	Botanical Name	Common Name	Quantity	Size	Comments
Am	<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Serviceberry	1	2.5-3' cal	B&B
Ar	<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'October Glory'	October Glory Red Maple	2	2.5-3' cal	B&B
Ls	<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	American Sweetgum	4	2.5-3' cal	B&B
Pa	<i>Picea abies</i>	Norway Spruce	10	7-8' ht.	B&B
Pg	<i>Picea glauca</i>	White Spruce	9	7-8' ht.	B&B
Th	<i>Thuja plicata</i> 'Green Giant'	Green Giant Arborvitae	25	10' ht.	B&B
Ua	<i>Ulmus americana</i> 'Princeton'	Princeton American Elm	10	2.5-3' cal	B&B
Z	<i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Green Vase'	Green Vase Zelkova	4	2.5-3' cal	B&B

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