

Mr. Trzaska noted that there has been discussion about constructing a sidewalk along Orchard Road to connect Orchard Hill and the school pathway network to the Municipal Building Complex and Library. Ms. Louloudis said the sidewalk could be extended to the property line.

Kirk Vierheilig gave the Board his qualifications as a licensed architect. Mr. Vierheilig referenced the overall plan which identifies the parking allocation. The building is L-shaped with the library located in the front. Mr. Vierheilig described the multiple ways of ingress and egress, the on-site circulation, building entrances and parking, trash enclosures and signage. Mr. Vierheilig described the first and second floor municipal space, the shared space, the library space and the events plaza. The building elevations were shown and described.

Mr. Glockler asked why the Police were put in the rear of the building when they sometimes need to exit the building and the site rapidly. Mr. Vierheilig responded that they felt the library should be the focal point of the project and the Police Department has elements that should be less visible including the police cruiser parking lot and the sally port.

Mr. DeRochi said the building seems choked by the parking and there is no green space around the building. Mr. Vierheilig testified that they received that same comment at a different meeting and a lot of the parking has been pulled farther away to provide more landscape area in between. The existing driveway, cemetery and easement create limitations on how far away they can pull the parking away from the building. Parking was discussed. The Board was concerned there would not be enough parking when community events are held during the time the library is open.

Jim Gilday referenced a landscape plan and described the existing and proposed landscaping. Mr. Gilday pointed out the existing trees in the front and the vegetation along Orchard Road. They are trying to preserve the larger trees outside the envelope and add new vegetation where they can.

Mr. DeRochi said he would like to see more green space around the building. The parking along the western side of the building could follow the contours of the road to create the green space in front of the building instead of in front of the parking lot.

A motion to recommend the project to the Township Committee with the comment that to the maximum extent feasible the green space around the front of the building should be increased was made by Mr. Mani and seconded by Mr. Matthews. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Campeas, DeRochi, Madrid, Mani, Mathews, Sarle, Trzaska, Wilson and Glockler

Nays: None

V. MINUTES

November 19, 2018 – Regular Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Mani and seconded by Mr. Sarle. The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Wilson, Campeas, Conry, Madrid, Mani, Matthews, Sarle and Trzaska

Nays: None

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.