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**TOWN OF MARLBOROUGH
PLANNING BOARD
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS**

PROJECT: BONEH ZION REALTY TIMBER HARVEST
PROJECT NO.: 20-04
PROJECT LOCATION: SECTION 108.002 , BLOCK 1 LOT 26.110,26.117,26.113, 26.114 & 26.118
REVIEW DATE: 13 MARCH 2020
MEETING DATE: 16 MARCH 2020
PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: SAWTOOTH FORESTRY/KELLY NYWENING, FORESTER

1. The Applicants are applying for a timber harvest on approximately 21.4 acres of a combined parcel size of 37.5 acres for the above referenced tax parcels. The total project acreage owned by the Applicant is identified as 76.8 acres. The timber harvest is only on the Tax Map parcels identified above. The project involves the removal of 644 total trees, the majority of the trees being identified as being Red Oak and Eastern Hemlock. All hardwood trees to be removed are in excess of 12 inch diameter. The Eastern Hemlocks are a minimum 8 inch diameter. It is noted that the Eastern Hemlocks are currently impacted by an invasive species and are in a decline in the area.
2. The Applicants representative should discuss whether any buffer area is proposed in the vicinity of the neighboring residential parcels which front on Mount Zion Road.
3. It is identified that the existing previously constructed cul-de-sac will be used as the log landing area. This area currently consists of a gravel roadway subbase.
4. Hours of operation are identified as Monday through Friday 8:00 AM till 8:00PM excluding Holidays.
5. The Applicants representative has identified that NYS Best Management Practices for timber harvesting will be utilized on the site.
6. The Highway Superintendents comments regarding the access point to Mount Zion Road should be received.

7. It is noted that the deed contained in the Application package is the original transfer from the Nature Conservancy to Truncali. Deed from Truncali to the current owner should be in the submission package.
8. The application for the timber harvest is covered under Section 75 of the Town Code titled Clearing and Grading.
9. It is noted that a review of the EAF submitted that no Threatened or Endangered Species are identified on the site.
10. It is noted that an average of 30 +/- trees per acre are proposed to be removed. The Applicants representative is asked to address this number of trees per acre based on the amount of trees within the property average per acre.
11. It is noted that a permit term of 6 months is identified in Section 75 of the code.

Respectfully submitted,

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