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MEMORANDUM

TO: Maria De La Fuente, Director of Land Use and Planning

FROM: Maurice G. Goulet, Director of Public Works

DATE: August 8, 2025

SUBJECT: 40B Development: 86 Plain Street

Public Works Department has the following comments on the proposed 40B development of twenty-four single family homes at 86 Plain Street in Medfield regarding vegetation management for sight distance and tree removal:

- Regarding vegetation management within the Town's right-of-way, it typically falls under the purview of the Town's Public Works maintenance operations. This means it would be under the Town's jurisdiction for regular upkeep, similar to how other areas of the Town are maintained. However, if there's any unusual or unique work required within the Town's right-of-way, then the property management company would be expected to maintain that specific area.

- The proposed project involves Town trees to be cut down and removed. The remaining stumps should be dug out rather than grinded down. Grinding them down could lead to sinkholes as the stumps deteriorate over time, and we believe that digging them out would be a more effective long-term solution.