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MEMORANDUM

TO: Bianca Dygert, Planner II

FROM: Aleksandra Moch, Environmental Analyst

DATE: May 18, 2021

RE: Eastern Savings Bank FSB, 10 Sunshine Avenue, PLPZ 2021 00165
Site survey by Rocco V. D'Andrea, Inc., dated July 28, 1992

I have reviewed the above-referenced plans and visited the site. The following comment for the future site development is offered for your consideration:

1. The vacant lot is maintained as a lawn with a tall hedge. The hedge is mostly comprised of eastern red cedars with two maples and one pine growing along the northern and eastern property lines. Red cedars are wildlife magnets. Due to their evergreen nature, they offer birds and other wildlife year-round cover from predators and bad weather, along with places to rest, roost and nest. Cedars produce berry-like cones that provide food for birds from early summer through winter.

This hedge provides an important connector fostered by the adjacent property owners all the way to the natural area of Dundee Woods. Wildlife corridors and habitat connectors are important to accommodate wildlife migration within the densely developed neighborhoods. The Board of Selectmen expressed their support for pollinator pathways when adopting Greenwich Pollinator Friendly Community resolution. The resolution recognizes the importance of connectivity between existing wildlife habitats. To uphold the effort and preserve the environmental functions of the lot, future development should protect these trees or replace them with native species to not only preserve the existing connections, but enhance them.

cc: Conservation Commission