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Chair Michael Dupree
Planning Board
Town of Hyde Park
4383 Albany Post Road
Hyde Park, NY 12538

Re: Hudson Valley Hospice House
542 Violet Avenue
Site Plan and Special Use Permit
Parcel No.: 570735 & 552748

Chair Dupree and Planning Board members:

On behalf of the applicant we offer the following information relevant to tree removal from the site.

Hudson Valley Hospice House would like to cut down trees within the proposed area of disturbance prior to Site Plan approval. The total area of tree clearing on the site that will be removed was estimated as 5 acres.

The Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) have mandated restrictions on the dates in which trees can be cut down.

Tree cutting restrictions are in place in order to minimize any potential impacts to Indiana Bats. Trees can only be cut down from October 1 to March 31. This is the time when bats have travelled south and are not in the area.]

Hudson Valley Hospice House would therefore like to be granted permission to cut down the trees before March 31, 2021. The proposal is only to cut down the trees. The trees and slash would remain where fallen and stumps would remain until the Site Plan is signed and work on the site can begin. Cutting down the trees would not involve heavy equipment or skidding. Using only chain saws, trimmers and pickup trucks to carry equipment the felling of the trees will result in no significant earth disturbance.

Hudson Valley Hospice House

In addition to cutting trees, Hudson Valley Hospice House would like permission to perform minimal grading in the area of the proposed well in order to have the well drill and tested as will be needed before approval by the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health is granted.

The area of tree removal as well as limited grading is shown on a site plan entitled "Tree Removal and Grading for proposed well", dated 01-19-21

If you have any questions please feel free to call 471-7383x105

Sincerely,

Michele Zerfas

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Cc: Hudson Valley Hospice House

