## Ashland Planning Board Site Walk September 1, 2015 Appendix B

At the Wednesday, September 2, 2015 public hearing of the Dr. Donald Lester Site Plan Case 2015-04 the members of the Planning Board who participated in the Site Walk discussed their observations. They discussed that:

- It appeared to them that the sound of the barking dog outside did not seem to be mitigated or dampened from the midfield to the boundary line of the property. It was only when they approached the back door and porch of the McBournie residence did they notice any dampening of the sound.
- The acoustic material that had been installed did not seem to dampen the sound of the barking dog.
- There appeared to be an echo chamber in that area that amplified the sound of oncoming traffic.
- The members felt that the conifer barrier would make a difference in the sound abatement.

There were some conditions the members felt needed to be included in the approval of the Site Plan. They were as follows:

- The buffer as proposed will be installed
- The acoustic material will be installed on three sides of the enclosure: north, south and west. The acoustic material will overlap. There will be no space between panels of material. There will be no gaps between pieces or panels of acoustic material.
- Leave open the east side so that the dogs may be adequately observed.