

CITY OF NEWTON
Department of Public Works
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

To: Council Rick Lipof, Land Use Committee Chairman

From: John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer

Re: Special Permit – 36 Walsh Road

Date: July 23, 2020

CC: Barney Heath, Director of Planning
Jennifer Caira, Deputy Director
Lou Taverna, PE City Engineer
Nadia Khan, Committee Clerk
Neil Cronin, Chief Planner
Michael Gleba, Sr. Planner

In reference to the above site, I have the following comments for a plan entitled:

As Built Plan
36 Walsh Road

Prepared by: A. Matthew Belski, Jr. PLS

Dated: April 16, 2020

Executive Summary:

The original site plan approved by the Engineering Division dated March 26, 2019 [prepared by RAV Associates, Inc.] did not have retaining walls along the frontage nor along the Wiswall Road property line. A site visit was conducted yesterday, based on what was observed the retaining walls appear stable, there is no washout, no erosion of any abutting property, as seen on the following photos. I would recommend that the contractor of record provide an affidavit to Inspectional Services Department [the Dept. having jurisdiction on vertical construction] that attests that the retaining walls were constructed in accordance to the segmental block wall manufacturers specification in relation to proper construction which includes: properly prepared base foundation, backfill, stability, reinforcement requirements, and drainage behind the wall.



Retaining wall along Walsh Road looking towards Wiswall Road



Retaining wall along Wiswall Road property line

Note: If the plans are updated it is the responsibility of the applicant to provide all City Departments [ISD, Conservation Commission, Planning and Engineering] involved in the permitting and approval process with complete and consistent plans.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 617-796-1023.