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Re:

126-128 Westland Avenue

Date:

3 June 2014

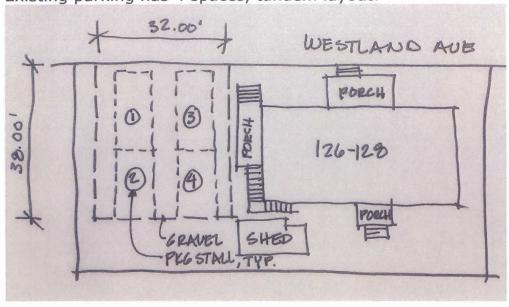
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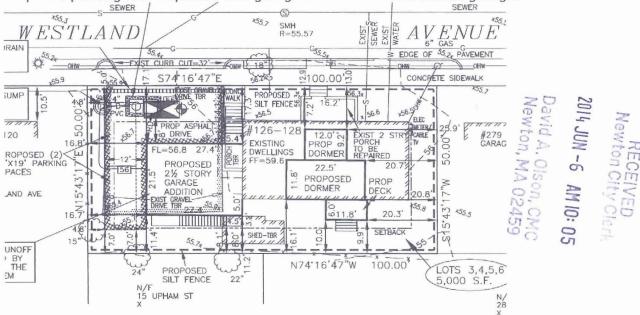
Subject:

Parking and Circulation

Existing parking has 4 spaces, tandem layout:



Proposed parking has 4 spaces: 2 in garage and 2 in tandem beside garage:



Curb cuts and driveway locations do not change. The driveway and parking will be paved, with a drywell sized to accommodate roof runoff and site drainage requirements for addition and west side of existing house.

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## Front yard, east side:

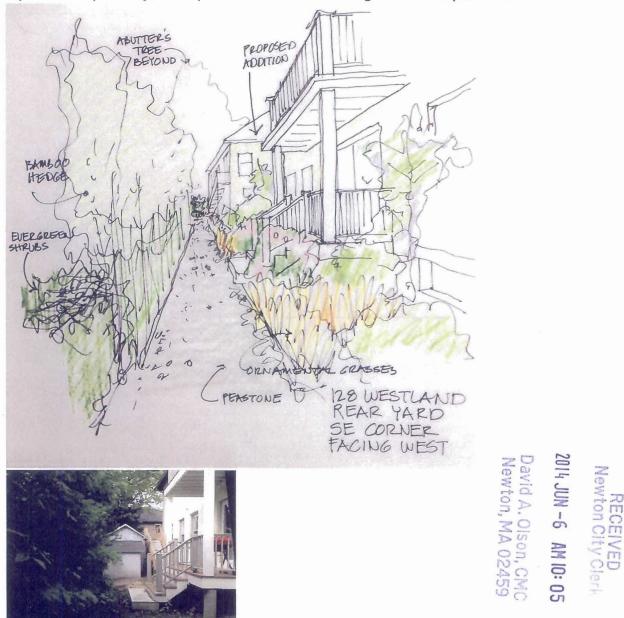
Shade-tolerant perennial plants in front yard, hardy and able to withstand road salts and snow build-up, with low-maintenance ground covers and border plantings. Screened plantings to block private garden at east and shield view of the electric meters at front left corner of house. Stone path between 2 rows of annual planting beds – vegetables and flowers – at east. Low evergreen shrubs beyond path to bring sunlight to beds.



Existing view – property line is midpoint between abutter's garage and our house. Three electric meters on front left wall of house.

## Rear yard, south orientation, view from east corner of site to west

Emphasizing the long linear quality of the site, plantings at the rear must also accommodate foot-travel around the house. A row of bamboo will replace the existing hedge and provide screening to the abutter's heavily-used yard at left, along with filtered sunlight at new gardens. Sun-tolerant flowering and fragrant shrubs will line one side of a pea-stone pathway, interspersed with ornamental grasses and perennial flower beds.



Existing view – overgrown privet hedge with embedded and mature maple trees. The shed, egress stair, dog-house (foreground), and concrete patio (beyond) will all be removed.