

CITY OF NEWTON
ENGINEERING DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

To: Alderman Ted Hess-Mahan, Land Use Committee Chairman

From: John Daghlian, Associate City Engineer

Re: Special Permit – #200 Wells Avenue

Date: June 24, 2013

CC: Lou Taverna, PE City Engineer
Linda Finucane, Associate City Clerk
Alexandria Ananth, Chief Planner

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

Topographic Site Plan
Newton, MA
Showing Proposed Conditions at #200 Wells Avenue
Prepared by: VTP Associates, Inc.
Dated: March 25, 2013

Executive Summary:

The plan submitted shows a proposed playground along Wells Avenue, the playground will be placed over existing water services and sanitary sewer connections. Without having any details of the playground, I urge caution if footings are to be used for any playground equipment or structures so that the installation of any footings do not damage these services. Not knowing what the proposed playground surface is, which may trigger subsurface drainage improvement if the surface is impervious (i.e. rubberized).

General:

1. As of January 1, 2009, all trench excavation contractors shall comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82A, Trench Excavation Safety Requirements, to protect the general public from unauthorized access to unattended trenches. Trench Excavation Permit required. This applies to all trenches on public and private property. *This note shall be incorporated onto the plans*

2. All tree removal shall comply with the City's Tree Ordinance.
3. The applicant will have to apply for a Building Permits with the Department of Inspectional Service prior to any construction.
4. Prior to Occupancy Permit being issued, an As-Built Plan shall be submitted to the Engineering Division in both digital format and in hard copy. The plan should show all utilities and final grades, any easements and final grading. *This note must be incorporated onto the site plan.*
5. If a Certificate of Occupancy is requested prior to all site work being completed, the applicant will be required to post a Certified Bank Check in the amount to cover the remaining work. The City Engineer shall determine the value of the uncompleted work. *This note must be incorporated onto the site plan.*

Note: If the plans are updated it is the responsibility of the Applicant to provide all City Departments [Conservation Commission, ISD, 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 @ 617-796-1023.