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Land Use Committee  
Newton Board of Aldermen  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton MA 02459

July 23, 2014

Members of the Land Use Committee:

I am pleased to present the proposed landscape plans for 93 Bellevue Avenue, Newton. The landscape plan has been developed with four goals in mind:

1. Respect the historic character of the property (house built 1875) and its surrounding neighborhood.
2. Be sensitive to the existing site features.
3. Meet the needs of the client and the family's use of the property.
4. Respect the safety considerations and other legal and conditional terms of the property.

The enclosed plans have been developed with respect to these conditions and in concert with the client, the architect, and the project team. For purposes of this description, project south is the street edge of the property. North is at the top of the drawings. The following paragraphs outline the ways in which the proposed landscape plans have been prepared with respect to these considerations.

#### Landscape Design

Victorian landscape designs in the greater Boston area followed the aesthetic concepts of the English landscape school, which promoted "nature enhanced" landscape designs. Boston area parks, cemeteries and rural estates developed this tradition for curvilinear (instead of straight) lines, and meandering paths and driveways that enhanced the natural and scenic views of the property. Except for the main entry turnaround, driveways were pushed to the edges of the property, meandering through a tree belt as they wound their way to service yards and fields. After 1850, expanses of open lawns, which now could be mown, provided the site and setting for the house. Specimen trees, urns and ornamental flower beds broke the greenswards in key locations to enhance views from the primary rooms of the house.

The proposed landscape plan respects these historic traditions and the existing character of the property. The sloped nature of the site demands careful consideration in planning the driveway and garden designs. The only flat lawn areas exists on the east side of the house; the rest of the site is characterized by dramatic slopes that fall away from the main house and provide beautiful views down onto the lower lawns. There is limited

space between the main house and western property line, affording room enough for a small garden area and path to access the doors on this side of the house.

### Trees and Plantings

The many large trees that dominate the site are a significant asset and were carefully considered in all aspects of the landscape design. Out of 1,338" of trees over 8" DBH, the design requires the removal of 4 trees, a total of 108" DBH (8% of the total tree inches current on the property). One of these trees, a 50" ash is in significant decline. Two hemlocks are part of the wooded over-story on the east side of the property. These trees were not specimen trees, significantly impacted by the close proximity of the plantings in this area. With the threat of wooly adelgid that plagues this species, they were considered to be of limited landscape value to the existing property features. One 30" maple that currently grows along a lower path off the northeast corner of the house is to be removed to allow for the alignment of the new garden design.

A narrow tall evergreen hedge is proposed for the western property boundary. The narrow spatial limitations and existing plantings were carefully considered in building this privacy screen. The eastern property boundary is characterized by mixed evergreen (pine, hemlock) and deciduous trees (maple, ash, ornamentals) planted as a woodland border. The proposed plan calls for adding several additional trees and understory shrubs to this mix, to provide a new generation of trees to continue the wooded feel and to add seasonal ornamental interest to the understory.

At the front of the house some existing shrubs (rhododendrons and small dogwoods) will be relocated to accommodate the new driveway turnaround. These shrubs will be relocated nearby in the existing border plantings, screening the house and the front yard from view of the street.

The lawn areas are broken with existing and new specimen trees, placed to enhance views from the primary house windows. Ornamental garden beds break the lawn at the porte cochere and in the small garden off the northeast corner of the house. North of the driveway the lawn drops dramatically down the hillside, following the existing site contours, to the rear of the property. A low hedge separates the garden from the driveway and rear parking court. Specimen shade and ornamental trees add seasonal interest and define the edges of the garden area.

### Driveway

An entry turnaround under the porte cochere provides access to the front door. The small guest parking area near the side entrance is an expansion of existing site parking in this location. The client hoped to eliminate the existing right of way exit out of the property at the front of the house, so the entry drive turns back in a long oval sweep across the front yard. Its layout mirrors other period driveway designs for Boston suburban estates of the 1870s. The driveway continues through the trees along the edge of the property eventually turning across the existing crest of the slope into the rear garage and service courtyard.

This driveway design does not interrupt the open views to the house across the east lawn, protects the specimen oak that dominates the east side of the house, and follows the smaller drop in elevation of the hillside. In its layout and landscape treatment, this driveway mirrors the traditional circulation systems of driveways and carriage paths of 1870's Victorians.

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Lighting

There are currently 6 post lights along the existing driveway and pedestrian paths. These lights are approximately 18" Colonial lantern-style luminaires set on 6' posts. We are proposing to remove these fixtures and replace them with a total of 8 new lights consisting of 7'6" black Victorian iron posts with Victorian frosted globes. The lights have been placed well within the confines of the property to not spill any light onto adjacent neighbor's properties. These lights have been selected to enhance the 1870's Victorian aesthetic and to complement the house fixtures.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about details of the proposed landscape design. Thank you for your thoughtful considerations of these details.

Sincerely yours,

  
Lucinda A. Brockway  
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# Rashes Residence

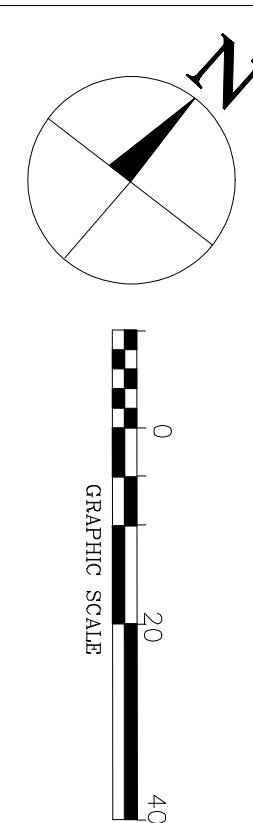
## 93 Bellevue Street

### Newton MA

## Exterior Lighting

**Base:** Existing Conditions  
**Site Plan**

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### Notes

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Lot 38

46,349 S.F.

Crushed Stone Drive

Cobble Edge (Mach Existing)

Cobble Stone

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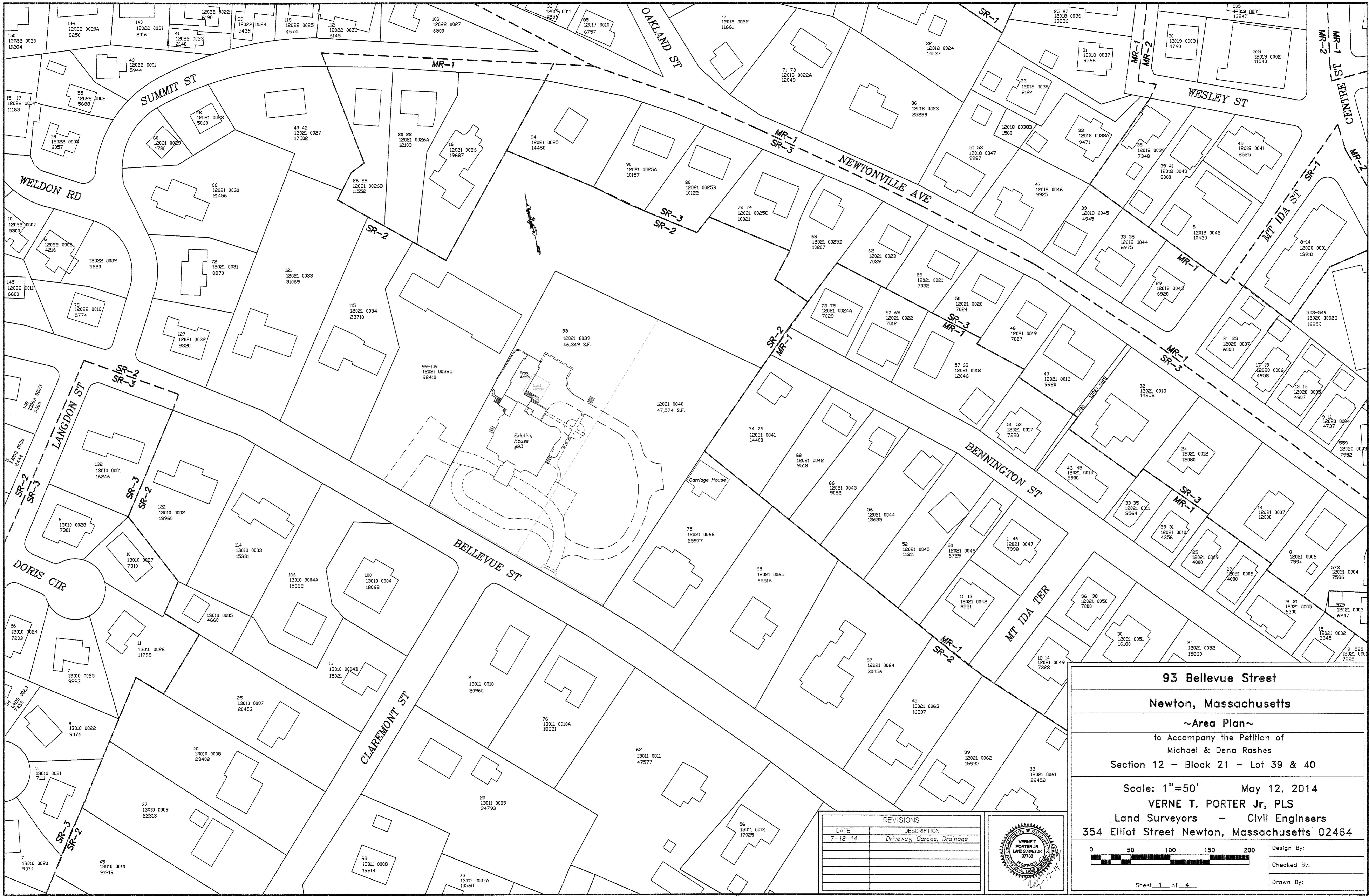
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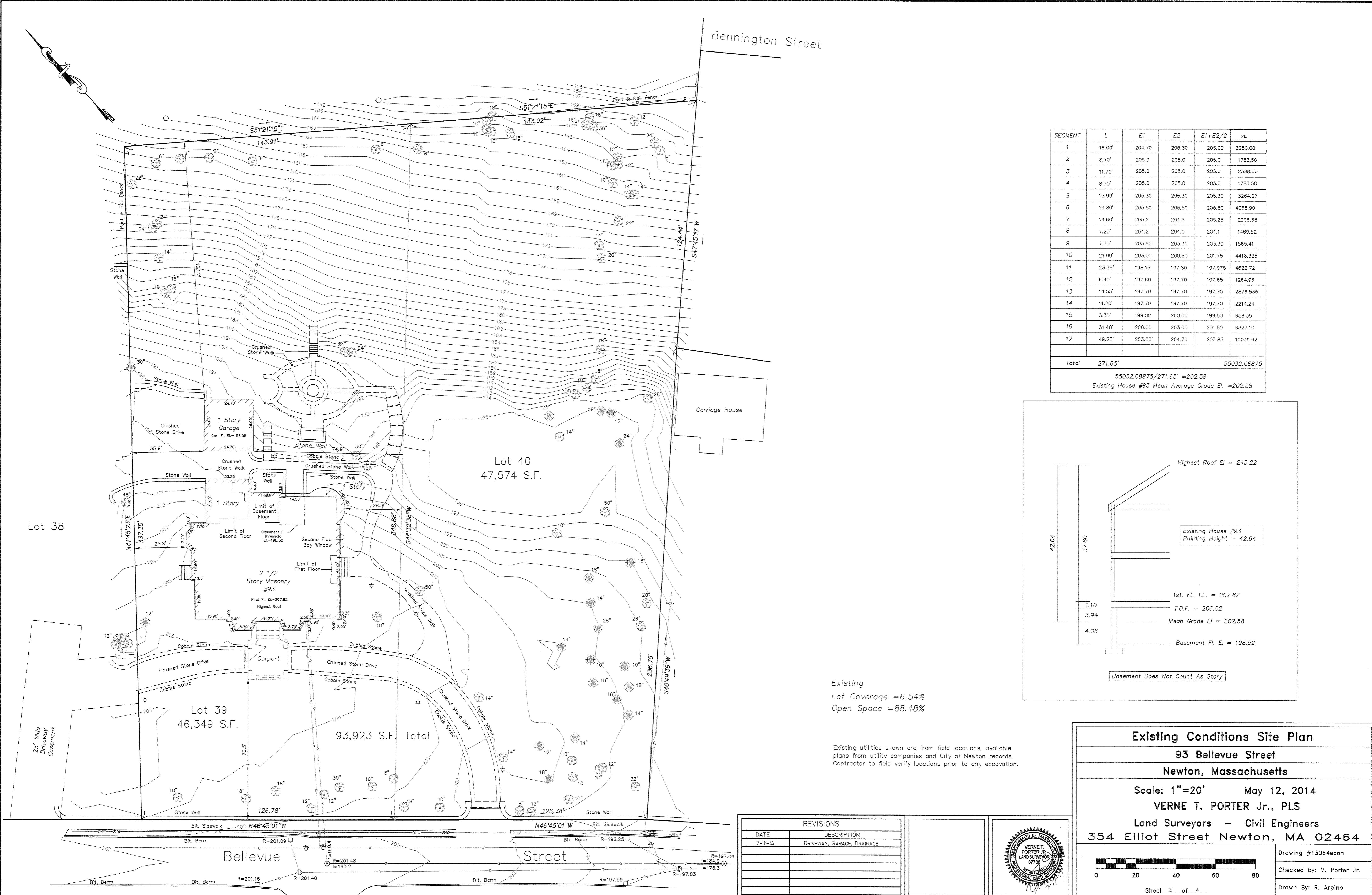
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before you start digging operations. In an  
emergency, call immediately.



#### Dimensional Requirements Main House

	Required/Allowed	Existing	Proposed
Lot Area	15,000s.f. Min.	93,923	93,923
Frontage	253.56'	253.56'	253.56'
Front Setback	30' Minimum	70.5'	70.5'
Side Setback	15' Minimum	25.8'	15.8'
Rear Setback	15' Minimum	169'	110.2'
Stories	2.5	3*	3*
FAR	.33	.14	.17
Building Height	36' Maximum	42.64*	44.52**
Lot Coverage	20% Maximum	6.54%	7.75%
Open Space	65% Minimum	88.48%	76.52%

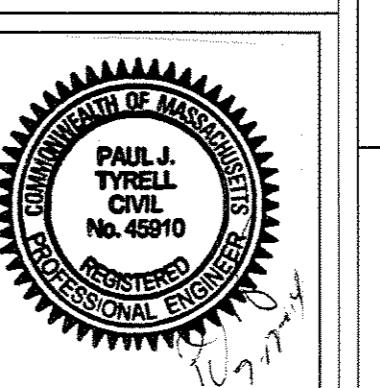
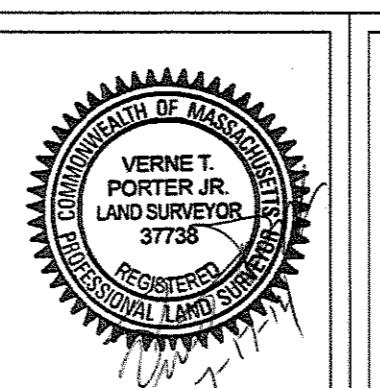
\* Lawfully Nonconforming

\*\* Average Grade Plane Reduced From 202.58 to 200.70



Note:  
Existing utilities shown are from field locations, available  
plans from utility companies and City of Newton records.  
Contractor to field verify locations prior to any excavation.

REVISIONS	
DATE	DESCRIPTION
7-18-14	DRIVeway, GARAGE, DRAINAGE



~Proposed Conditions Site Plan~  
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Scale: 1"=20' May 12, 2014  
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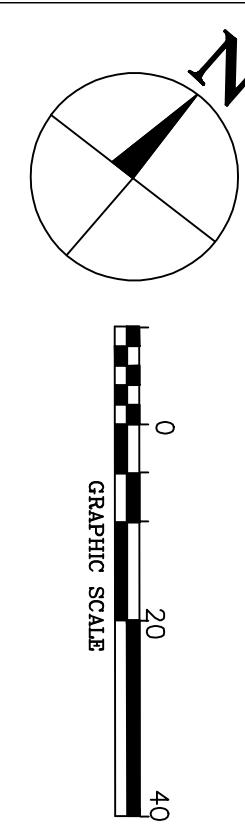


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**Landscape Plan,**  
**Existing Features &**  
**Tree Removals**

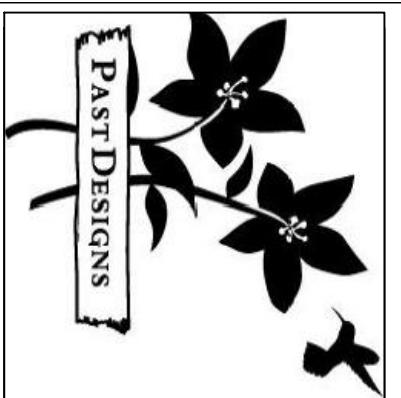
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AL	ALBIZIA JULIBRISIN
AP	ACER PLATANOIDES
AS	ACER SACCARINUM
CA	CATALPA SPECIOSA
CH	CHAMACEYPARIS SP.
CO	CORNUS FLORIDA
FC	FAGUS SYLVATICA
FR	FAGUS S. COLUMNARIS
HY	HYDRANGEA P.G. TREE
ME	METASEQUOIA GLYPTOSTROBOIDES
PC	PICEA SP.
FA	QUERCUS ALBA
TI	RHODODENDRON CATAWBIENSE
QU	TILA AMERICANA
TS	TSUCA CANADENSIS

Trees to be Removed:

1	50"	Fraxinus americana
1	30"	Acer rubrum
1	18"	Tsuga canadensis
1	10"	Tsuga canadensis



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## Landscape Planting Plan

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### TREE REPLACEMENT CALCULATIONS

REMOVED TREE		REPLACEMENT INCHES, CALCULATIONS & SPECIES	
1 50"	Fraxinus americana	9"	8-10" (Approx 3" C) <i>Firnus strobus</i>
15"	5	10-12" (Approx 3" C) <i>Firnus strobus</i>	
27"	9	14-16" (Approx 3" C) <i>Thuya occidentalis</i>	
1 30"	Acer rubrum	6"	<i>Acer saccharum</i>
1 18"	Tsuga canadensis	12"	4 3" C <i>Betula papyrifera</i>
1 10"	Tsuga canadensis	9"	3 10-12" (Approx 3" C) <i>Tsuga canadensis</i>
Total			
Total Inches Removed:		108"	Thuya occidentalis
Total Inches Added:		108"	Ulmus americana Valley Forge
Total		111"	

TOTAL TREE INCH CALCULATIONS FOR PROPERTY

Total Existing Inches: 1,338" Does not include trees under 8" DBH  
Total Inches Removed: 108" Total all trees in proposed plan

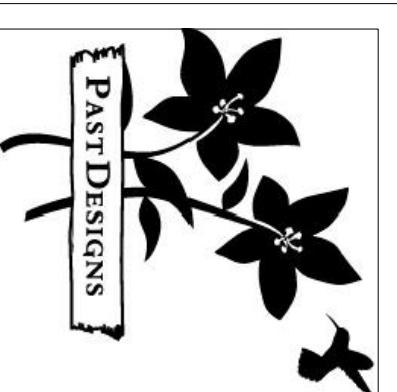
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KEY	BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	QTY	INCHES
ACS	Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple	6"	3	18"
ATL	Artemesia ludoviciana	Valerie Finnis	6"	48	48"
ASV	Asplenium Visions in Pink	Artemesia	1 G	14	14"
AZM	Azalea (Rhododendron)	Mary Fleming	5'G	3'	15"
BEP	Betula populifera	Birch	8'	8'	15"
BUN	Buxus Newport Blue	Buxus Wintergreen	2.4"	2.4"	15"
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GRC	Geranium Rozanne	Geranium	1 G	100	60"
HCC	Heuchera Coralina	Coral Bells	1 G	60	60"
HEM	Heuchera Montrose Ruby	Coral Bells	1 G	71	71"
HEO	Heuchera Obsidian	Coral Bells	1 G	105	105"
HEO	Heuchera Obsidian	Coral Bells	1 G	15	15"
HOK	Hosta Krossi Negligi	Hosta	1 G	13	13"
HOS	Hosta The Porter	Hosta	1 G	15	15"
HYS	Hydrangea m. Little Lime	Hydrangea	5 G	8	18"
KLG	Kohleria lilliput	Kohleria	3.6"	14	14"
KOG	Koekkoek's Snow	Koekkoek's Snow	3.6"	3	9"
MIA	Mackinaw auricula	Mackinaw Spruce	10-12"	11	33"
PIN	Pinus strobus	White Pine	8-10" mixed	3	9"
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RBC	Rhododendron cocc.	Rhododendron	3.6"	18	18"
RHT	Rhododendron chinense	Rhododendron	3.6"	8	24"
ROJ	Rosa New Dawn	Rose	3.6"	24	24"
TOL	Taxus media	Taxus media	2-2.5"	26	26"
TAN	Taxus media	Taxus media	4-4.5"	26	26"
TAC	Thuja occid. Nigra	Arborvitae	14-16"	8	10"
UJA	Tsuga canadensis	Hemlock	6-10"	3	9"
WAT	Ulmus americana Valley Forge	American Elm	6-10"	1	1.50"
WEI	Weigela l. 'Midnight Wine'	Weigela	3.6"	6	6"

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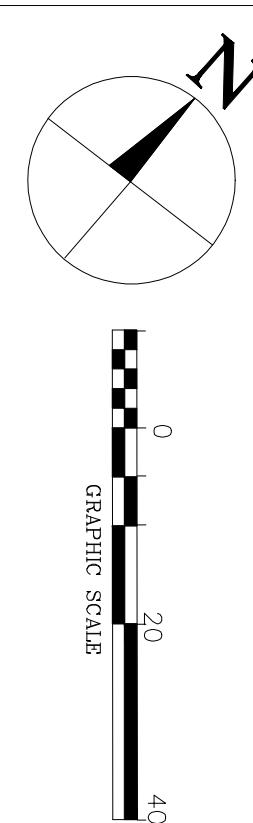
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