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To: Scott F. Lennon; Stephen Pantalone; Cheryl Lappin; David Kalis; Richard Lipof

Subject: Regarding 78 Lovett rd Retaining Wall removal decision

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Attachments: Albert Retaining Wall (April 10, 2014).pdf

Hi,

I am the neighbor bordering Albert's 78 Lovett rd house. I was just informed about the decision to have his back retaining wall removed. I want to stress my profound objection for such decision.

Please find attached letter explaining my reasoning.

Your consideration is much appreciated.

Thanks,

Raviv Chalamish

70 Lovett Rd, Newton MA

To the Newton Board of Alderman

April 10th 2014

RE: Back Retaining Wall on 78 Lovett rd

I am the neighbor bordering Albert's 78 Lovett rd house. I was just informed about the decision to have his back retaining wall removed. I want to stress my profound objection for such decision!

- 1. Removing the retaining wall will result in months of discomfort to my family as the workers will have to go through my property to do the work. The trucks, the dirt, the access to my lawn will be blocked and I don't want to go through that ordeal again.
- 2. The retaining wall is pretty, especially compared to the old house backyard that used to be there before Albert's renovated the property. The new retaining wall will allow Albert to plant trees and shrubs which will be visible from my house and will compliment my existing landscape beautifully. Removing the wall will result in unsightly backyard which is visible from my house.
- 3. Removing the retaining wall will compromise the fence bordering my property (which was recently replaced). The fence will probably fall or lean forward as there will be nothing to support the soil on the hill side. As a result my kids and dog won't be able to play outside safely and I am concerned they might fall or leave my property to the main road.

The wall is already there, and it is safe and pretty, especially after he will add plants. I appreciate if you consider my reasoning and don't order a chance to the existing peaceful state of things.

We just want to enjoy the yard this spring and summer after the dreadful winter. Your consideration is much appreciated.

Best regards,

Raviv Chalamish

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