

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 – 131 Rumford Avenue

Date: December 2, 2021

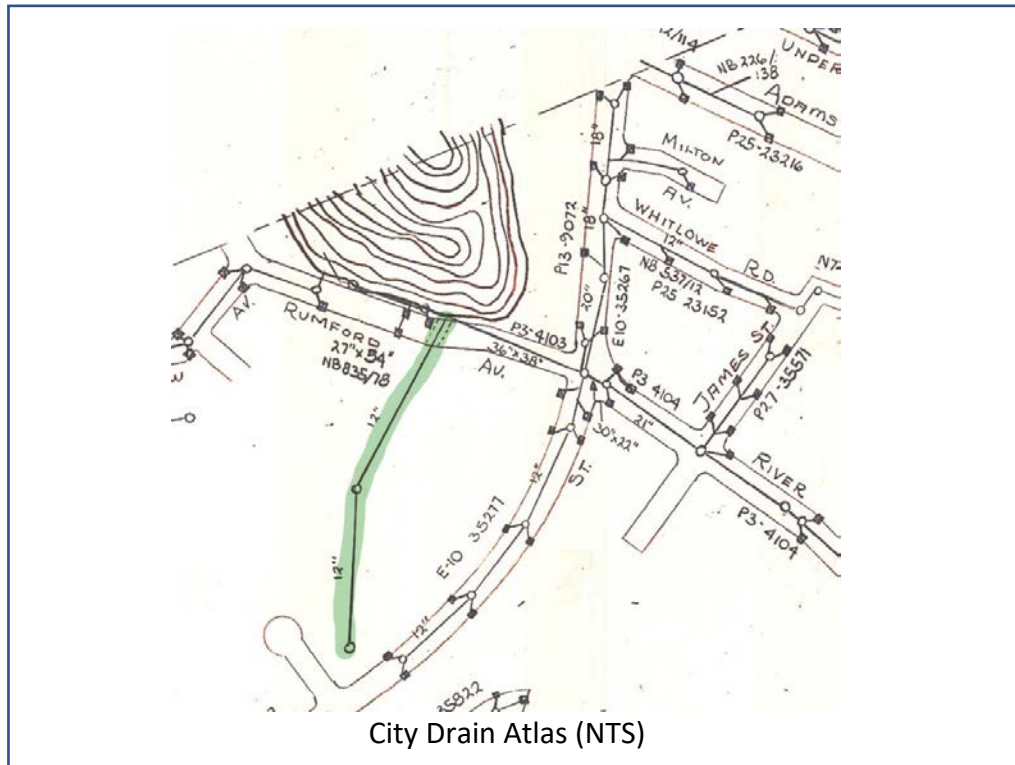
CC: Barney Heath, Director of Planning
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In reference to the above site, I have the following comments for a plan entitled:

131 Rumford Cannabis Dispensary
131 Rumford Avenue
Permitting Plans & Response Letter
Prepared by: Fuss & O'Neil
Dated: July 2, 2021
Revised: November 9, 2021

Executive Summary:

The engineer of record has responded to all of my concerns of my September 24th memo; except that the City owned 12" Ø reinforced concrete pipe as shown on the Drain Atlas and design plans has not been confirmed if the pipe has been relocated. The proposed plan and our City records indicate the 12" Ø reinforced concrete drainpipe traverses the site from south to north (essentially in the middle of the lot, the proposed building is to be sited directly over this pipe which will not be permitted. According to the plan this pipe is abandoned, however DPW has no record of this.



I recommend test pits and or Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) be performed to confirm the assumption of the pipe being abandoned.

The proposed (shared with #137 Rumford Avenue) Operations and Maintenance (O&M) plan for the long-term maintenance of the proposed stormwater management facilities is acceptable for the design intent. The O&M must be adopted by the applicant/property owner, incorporated into the deeds; and recorded at the Middlesex Registry of Deeds. A copy of the recording instrument shall be submitted to the Engineering Division.

It is imperative to note that the ownership, operation, and maintenance of the proposed drainage system and all appurtenances including but not limited to the drywells, catch basins, trench drains, and pipe(s) are the sole responsibility of the property owner(s).

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.