From: Michael Behrendt

Subject: Main Street #19 - retaining wall, site walks (plural) - email from Robin Mower

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To the Planning Board, Please see the email from Robin Mower below.

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----Original Message----

From: RobinM [mailto:melodyofharpists@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 2:42 PM

To: Michael Behrendt

Subject: 19 Main Street | retaining wall, site walks (plural)

Greetings, Michael --

Please forward this email to the Planning Board. Thank you.

I should have suggested in my earlier email that the Board schedule a site walk -- or several, if necessary -- to evaluate the existing retaining walls (plural) at the Oyster River middle school, RiverWoods, the Lodges -- and wherever else anyone knows of a similar-style retaining wall, particularly one near single-family homes.

Frankly, on reflection, I am disappointed that the Board did not arrange such a site visit earlier in this review. Indeed, a site walk approaching the Plaza from abutters' homes on Chesley Drive would also be instructive --particularly after site walks to view the existing retaining walls.

Couldn't the Board also request engineering data on these walls where available (certainly, RiverWoods): dimensions of each block, height without safety fence, height of the safety fence, topographic data (rise from the pedestrian view elevation, i.e. slope (?).

Homes on Old Bagdad Road may be close as the crow flies, but I rather doubt that any single-family home looks onto the wall, nor could one possibly compare the usage of Stollworthy to that of Chesley Drive and the path between Chesley and the Plaza.

Regards,

-- Robin

Robin Mower Durham, NH

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