

November 1, 2023

Reading Conservation Commission  
16 Lowell Street  
Reading, MA 01867

Re: 550 West St.  
Reading, MA 01867  
DEP File No. 270-0759  
Minor Plan Change Approval Request Narrative

Commissioners:

Please see the attached plan showing a proposed new 1" domestic water service to be run from the existing location where it is stubbed on my property line into the basement of the addition. The house is currently served by an underground well. The water is acidic (ph of approximately 6.4) and has very high levels of iron in it (1.29 MG/L). My wife and I decided to include a new waterline in this project, due to a concern for the longevity of our existing copper piping within the house. This was not shown on the original plan for the project. I am requesting your approval for this minor plan change.

I also wanted to address a couple of concerns that were brought up at the site visit by the Chair and Vice Chair on Thursday, 10/26. The erosion control was temporarily relocated to facilitate the safe excavation and installation of the new drywell at the rear of the property. This erosion control has been moved back to its original location. There was also a concern raised about some piles of stump grindings, pine needles and soil that had been blown and pushed to the tree line along the rear of my property. As discussed with the Vice Chair on-site on 10/30/23, I will pull these piles back during the landscape portion of this project in the Spring of 2024. I also plan on meeting with a landscaper later this week to discuss removing the stump grindings and piles of pine needles from my property and properly disposing of these, prior to the new landscape work next Spring.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,



Scott Harris

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