

5 Timberhill Lane
Lynnfield, MA 01940

Conservation Commission Committee
55 Summer Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940
Attn: Emilie Cadematori

To the Members of the Conservation Committee,

We are writing to you today to request your permission to address a drainage issue and to repair our driveway. Our entire driveway was re-graded in 2014 with your blessing. What we know now, and did not know then, was that the height of the water table on the property would heave and thrust the driveway "landing" to a point that it is no longer safe to park our cars for any length of time.

In order to address the instability of the driveway, our request is to excavate beneath the driveway to provide better drainage opportunities for the area into Hawkes Brook. There was no excavation done in 2014 as our assumption was a re-grade would solve the drainage issues noted at that time. As you know, Hawkes Brook at the culvert at Timberhill Lane continues to breach nearly annually as a result of this very high water table and the insufficiency of the current culverts

Our intent is to excavate the base of the driveway, including the current retaining wall to the garage entrance, in order to create a stable base for the driveway. The extent of the excavation will remain in the current footprint of the driveway and will not cross into the current drainage easement along the brook. The base would consist of a variety of layers of stone and gravel, including larger stones, 3" gravel and ¾ inch gravel to ensure proper drainage. The final layer would be asphalt to match the existing driveway.

All of the current fill would be hauled away and disposed of responsibly. The retaining wall will be rebuilt to assist with drainage from the front of the property, and the new section of driveway would be graded to ensure continued drainage of rainwater toward Hawkes Brook.

Water has been a recurring thorn in our side since our purchase of our home in 2013. We suffered a devastating flood in 2014, which no doubt disturbed the earth under the current driveway and our home. This project is aimed at continued protection of our home and property, while still preserving the conservation land and brook that drew us to the property in the first place. We humbly request your sincere consideration.

Many thanks,

Molly L. Butter

Michael A. Butter