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Brian Cavanaugh
610 Cherry Lane
Mendham, NJ 07945

Re: Cavanaugh Road Opening Permit

Dear Mr. Cavanaugh,

I am writing you in my capacity of Administrator of the Borough of Mendham and in response to your inquiry to install a fence along Cherry Hill Lane and Talmadge Road.

The matter was discussed by the Borough Council at its meeting of December 15, 2023, whereby the Council concluded that the request to construct a fence on the Borough's right-of-way property was denied. It should be noted that you were advised by the Borough Engineer that there was not authorization to construct the fence in the Borough right-of-way and, notwithstanding such information, you continued to erect a stone wall within the Borough right-of-way.

In order to further evaluate your request and the construction of the wall in the Borough right-of-way, the Chief of Police reviewed this project and concluded that the proposed project may cause "potential safety concerns, specifically the sight distance from Cherry Lane in the Twp. turning right onto Talmadge Road and on Talmadge turning left onto Cherry." The Chief of Police further advised that the solid stone/rock wall would obstruct the visual of oncoming traffic to make safe turns.

In light of the information and deliberation by the governing body, the Council voted unanimously to deny the request to construct the stone wall on the Borough right-of-way property. I hereby request that you immediately take the necessary steps to remove the wall as soon as possible to avoid a zoning violation.

Accordingly, you are required to immediately remove the stone wall that was constructed without approval by the Borough Council.

Very truly yours

Joyce Bushman

Mendham Borough Administrator

Cc. Paul Ferriero, Borough Engineer
Lauren McBride, Acting Borough Clerk
Fred Semrau, Borough Attorney