

John Camoia

From: Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 8, 2024 2:15 PM
To: John Camoia
Subject: Re: Link to folder of photos and videos

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Thank you for responding, Chief Camoia.

Am I to understand that you have now been advised by others not to opine on the merits of whether or not my proposed fence would be a public safety hazard? Did they give you any idea about when you might be able to respond to me?

Thank you.

-- Brian

On Thu, Feb 8, 2024 at 9:45 AM John Camoia <camoia@mendhamnj.org> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Please note: as a courtesy to you, I did review the site and documents you sent me, however, there are pending formalities with the Borough Engineer, Zoning Officials, and Attorneys that need to be cleared up first. Pending their review of the matter, I will reserve my input at this time.

Best regards,

Chief John S. Camoia, CPM

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From: Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 7:31 PM
To: John Camoia <camoia@mendhamnj.org>
Cc: Martin Scheidl <mscheidl@gmail.com>
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Chief Camoia, thank you again for reviewing the model fence we put in place for you. I'm now just trying to close the loop regarding your assessment. I know only what Martin told me about what you told him.

Please confirm, if you would, that you find my planned stone fence acceptable from a public safety perspective, so I can get this permit application back in front of the Borough Council. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Thank you, Chief Camoia.

-- Brian

On Thu, Feb 1, 2024 at 9:10 AM Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com> wrote:

Chief Camoia, thank you for dropping by on Tuesday to view the model.

I understand from my friend, Martin, that you concluded that my planned stone fence was not, after all, a public safety hazard, after realizing that it was far shorter in height than the “eye height” impression you may have previously had from others.

I am curious, were you not provided with the drawings of the stone fence (complete with measurements) that I provided with my permit application? I wondering if those drawings may have somehow been lost along the way during this process.

Would you be so kind as to send me a simple email confirming your satisfaction with the stone fence as planned, from a public safety perspective. I just need to re-engage with the permitting process at this point, and that email would be helpful to avoid any further confusion.

Thank you, Chief Camoia.

I appreciate your responsiveness, your objectivity and your service.

All the best.

— Brian

On Tue, Jan 30, 2024 at 11:25 AM John Camoia <camoia@mendhamnj.org> wrote:

Hi Brian,

I was able to view all the photos. I did plan on stopping by after 1p.

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From: Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 11:22 AM
To: John Camoia <camoia@mendhamnj.org>
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Chief Camoia, were you able to open the photos and videos? I know there were a lot of them. Also, are you still hoping to drop over today to see the model installed? Martin would be happy to meet you over there this afternoon.

Please advise.

Thank you.

-- Brian

On Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 1:51 PM Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com> wrote:

Chief, Camoia, it was a pleasure to speak to you earlier today. Thank you for taking the time to discuss the issue of a potential sightline problem with my proposed stone fence. As I mentioned over the phone, my friends (including Martin Scheidl, whose email I am forwarding) were able to install a model of where the proposed stone fence's upper outer edge (closest to the road) would be in relation to the road surface around that corner. Martin also captured images and videos which he thought might be helpful in evaluating the issue of visibility. Please find those below.

Martin indicated to me that most of the photos and all of the videos were taken from the eye-level height of a driver in a low car (about 42" above the pavement).

He further indicated that the top edge of the plywood represents 30 inches above the ground (when it is graded to be approximately level with the top of the curb) and the outside top edge of the proposed solid stone fence.

He further commented, "You can see that the wall would not interfere with driver sightlines, even for someone low to the ground. It's the sightlines uphill that are much more blocked and dangerous for a driver in that intersection."

Martin is available to meet you there tomorrow afternoon to review the model in place between noon and 2pm or between 3pm and 4pm, if there are any convenient times for you within those available time slots of his. Please let me know what would be best for you and I will let him know.

Again, I appreciate your interest in understanding exactly how I propose the fence profile to exist at that corner and I am open to any safety-related suggestions for plan modifications if you feel there remains a material public safety issue. I would also just mention that it may be best to evaluate it from the perspective of motorists pulling up beyond that existing stop sign white stripe, because if you watch the traffic there, everyone behaves that way anyway, because they can't clearly see UP

Cherry Lane without doing so, and those cars do tend to approach that intersection a bit faster than those approaching from down Cherry Lane.

Thank you very much, Chief Camoia.

-- Brian

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From: **Martin Scheidl** <mscheidl@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 1:29 PM

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To: Brian Cavanaugh <bricavwork@gmail.com>

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