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June 8, 2010

412 West End Ave #3E
New York, NY 10024

Attn: Jean Natale
Danbury City Council
155 Deer Hill Avenue
Danbury, CT 06810

RE: 168 Long Ridge Road
Permission to Improve in
Scenic Roadway District

Dear City Councilmembers,

I am the owner of a home located at 168 Long Ridge Road in Danbury that fronts a section of road designated as a scenic roadway. I am hereby applying for permission to make improvements on city-owned portions of the roadway directly to the north and south of my current driveway entrance. The bulk of the permission I seek herein is retroactive, regarding the north side of the driveway, and requires a bit of explanation. I will be as brief as possible.

In Spring of 2010, my contractor, MLR properties, applied for and received a permit to bury the elevated electric and phone lines running from an SNET pole and ending at my home (see survey, attached). This work necessarily entailed digging a trench from pole 3822, which sits on city property in the scenic roadway district, up to the northwest corner of my driveway and beyond that to my home.

Prior to any work being done, the city-owned roadside around pole 3822 consisted of a collapsed stone wall and a berm of soil dotted with day lilies in which pole 3822 was located. The area runs a length of approximately 40' along the roadside widening to a maximum of depth of 10' perpendicular to the roadside.

After the trench was completed and the lines laid, I instructed my contractor along with stone mason George Hendrick to replace the stones and soil and lilies. In putting the materials back, they ended up neatening up the collapsed stone wall into a low line of stones, under 18" in height, and that does not obstruct the vehicular line of sight (see, photos attached). What was built was only slightly more "fixed up" than the collapsed wall previously at the location.

Nevertheless, I have been requested by Danbury officials that I must obtain permission for this work since it constitutes an improvement to city property under the scenic roadway ordinance, even though I have already obtained a permit to do

the trenching work and all I did was essentially put back the materials that were disturbed by the permitted trenching.

Please note that I have included surveys of my property done both before and after the trenching work described herein.

I have been further advised by Danbury city officials that I should also include in this letter a related request for permission to repair the stone retaining wall on the south side of my driveway that may need attention in the foreseeable future (i.e. the next 3-10 years depending on frost activity). All I intend to do is rebuild the wall as it currently is configured.

Please let me know what else I need to do in order to gain the necessary permissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Heilbroner', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Heilbroner
Phone: 917-848-5036

