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To the Hingham Conservation Commission:

Our home at 38 New Bridge St., Hingham, was completed around 1989. We purchased it in 2000. Our lot is 150' wide and 200' deep. Our paved driveway, approximately 140' long, runs along the eastern side of our property, which includes and is adjacent to various wetland resource areas. South Shore Country Club property abuts ours on the east side, where the driveway is located.

Our existing driveway needs to be repaved. As indicated by the project map and photos submitted, the ground under part of it has eroded, causing the pavement to collapse.

To remedy this issue before repaving, we propose to build a timber retaining wall along the rear portion of the driveway. The wall would be about 2' high and about 53' long. Our project would include a 3' wide landscaping strip along most of the retaining wall, except for where the wall would make a slight jog westward to avoid damaging mature arborvitae trees growing nearby. We would use a silt sock for erosion and sediment control.

The dimensions and boundaries of our main driveway would not change.

There is a gravel turnout/parking area east of and adjacent to the main driveway and near New Bridge Street. Approximately 35' wide and 15' deep, this turnout was there when we purchased the property. We would like to pave it, along existing dimensions, as part of this project.

Our project plans, included with this filing, were drafted by Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors, of Hanover, Mass. Merrill also conducted a field survey and existing conditions assessment. Environmental Consulting and Restoration (ECR), LLC, of Plymouth, Mass., reviewed the site to identify and flag nearby wetland resource areas. A related memo from ECR is also included in our filing. We are also grateful to Loni Fournier, the Commission's senior planner, for her insights and input.

After making necessary revisions to our plan, we would obtain necessary building permits, engage a professional landscaping concern to build the retaining wall and engage a professional paving concern.

I am happy to answer any related questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Tomsho", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert Tomsho