

August 3, 2020

Village Administrator Manley
112 Main Street
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522

Re: 58 Colonial - Bray Residence

Dear Mr. Manley:

Chelsea and Chris Bray, the owners of the above reference property, recently repaired the existing wood-tie retaining wall in front of their house to the west of their driveway. It turns out that the retaining wall is actually in the Village right-of-way for Colonial Avenue, although it does not impede or conflict with either the street or the sidewalk. In fact, this retaining wall prevents dirt from washing on to the sidewalk and sediment from washing into the street where it would enter the Village's stormwater drainage system. The wall that was replaced was failing. The new wall matches the previous in location, height, material, and construction. By the time that we found out that this wall was in the right-of-way, the work on this wall was complete.

The Brays would like to create a new retaining wall built of the same materials in construction to the east of their driveway. This wall would be approximately 50 feet in length and range in height from 30 inches down to 8 inches. The purpose of this retaining wall would be to also prevent the dirt from washing on to the sidewalk and sediment from washing into the street. The proposed new retaining wall would be set back approximately 6 feet from the front of the existing street curb, similar to the existing wall. Building the new wall would be integral with replacing the existing set of stairs and a brick retaining wall that are in the right-of-way. The existing brick wall would be removed and the new concrete and bluestone steps would replace the existing steps.

This letter is to request that this matter be placed on the agenda of your next available Board of Trustees meeting for the purpose of getting permission to build this new wall. Attached please find a drawing prepared for this work.

We understand that all obligations and responsibilities for this wall would remain with the Brays and permission to build this wall would be subject to the Village's right to remove these wall at any time in the future, if that becomes necessary to public interests. If the Village Board so desires, an Agreement can be prepared for the Brays to sign confirming that permission to build this retaining wall would not entitle them to any rights or guarantees that it will be maintained, protected, or retained by the Village.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Padriac Steinschneider
As Owner's Representative for Chelsea and Chris Bray