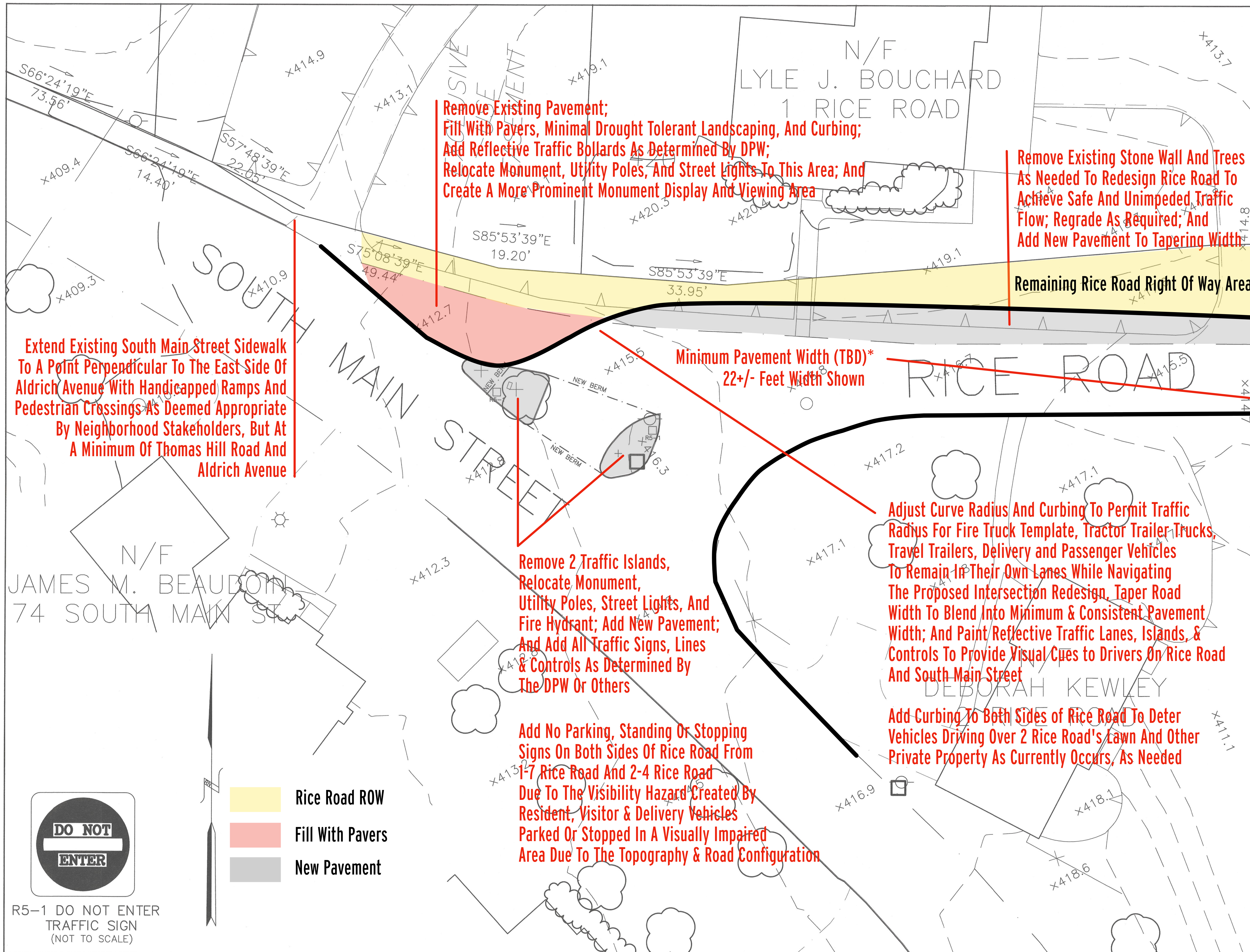


Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021
To: Richard F. Gosselin, Jr, Chairman; Paul A. Piktelis, Vice Chairman; Terry Burke Dotson, Member; Mathew Ashmankas, Member; Bruce M. Devault, Member; and Millbury Planning Board
From: Steven S. Stearns (son of the owners and resident of **Map 62 Parcel 98**)
Reference: **Rice Road / South Main Street Intersection** — Public Hearing Comments
McLaughlin Family Living Trust; John Antaya; and Kathleen (McLaughlin) Mardirosian (the “owners”)
Whitney Street Home Builders, LLC (the “developer”)
17 Rice Road, Millbury, MA (a/k/a Rice Pond Village Project)

Based upon the input from members of the Planning Board, neighbors, and a conversation with the developer’s engineer, please find attached a revised version of a plan for the intersection of Rice Road and South Main Street that address the navigation and safety issues and the visibility at the Rice Road incline/decline near 1-5 Rice Road and 2-6 Rice Road, for discussion and refinement purposes.

This revised version specifically addresses the following issues:

1. The elimination of traffic islands and a portion of Rice Road that blends into South Main Street (see plan). The owner of 1 Rice Road conveyed that there was a near miss of a collision when a driver did not stop at the recently installed stop sign. Longtime residents are used to merging onto South Main Street without stopping, unless necessary.
2. Holding the existing curb line in front of 2 Rice Road as it blends from South Main Street into Rice Road.
3. Adjusting a new curb line within the Rice Road Right Of Way to permit Millbury’s Fire truck template, tractor trailer trucks, travel travelers, delivery and passenger vehicles to navigate the transitions from South Main Street to Rice Road and vice versa while remaining in their own travel lane. A reflective painted traffic island should be installed to provide visual cues to always remain within the marked travel lanes, since this is currently a hazard to the users of Rice Road. Add a stop line and sign from Rice Road to South Main Street. This new traffic pattern should encourage stopping rather than merging.
4. I have spoken to the owner of 1 Rice Road, and he is amenable to the removal of the pines trees and stone wall in the Rice Road Right Of Way to create a safer roadway design for everyone. He asked that the stone wall be reconstructed in accordance with currently Millbury regulations (i.e., on his property).
5. Curbs should be added along the frontage of 1 Rice Road and 2 Rice Road to help prevent drivers from driving over their lawns and property, as I have been told is currently occurring.
6. The area where Rice Road currently blends into South Main Street should be reclaimed as a raised paver area to prominently relocate the monument to, along with the utility pole, streetlight, and fire hydrant. Reflective traffic bollards, as determined by the DPW or Police, should be added to this new island, since this is a traffic pattern change, to protect the monument from damage and students from harm, if the School Department does not move the school bus stop.
7. The existing South Main Street sidewalk that ends at the power line side driveway of 1 Rice Road should be continued along the odd numbered side of Rice Road to a point perpendicular to the east side of Aldrich Avenue to permit safe pedestrian travel along Rice Road, which is a cut-through road that driver’s travel at a greater speed than they should. This sidewalk should be constructed to the standards as set forth in the Town of Millbury’s requirements.
8. Rice Road should be constructed to the current standards for width and any existing pavement beyond that width should be removed.
9. No parking, stopping, or standing signs should be added to both sides of Rice Road from 1 Rice Road (west property line) to 5 Rice Road (east property line) and 2 Rice Road (South Main Street) to 4 Rice Road (west property line), as vehicles parked, stopped, or standing in this area currently creates a visibility and safety hazard to the slope of Rice Road for users of the road.



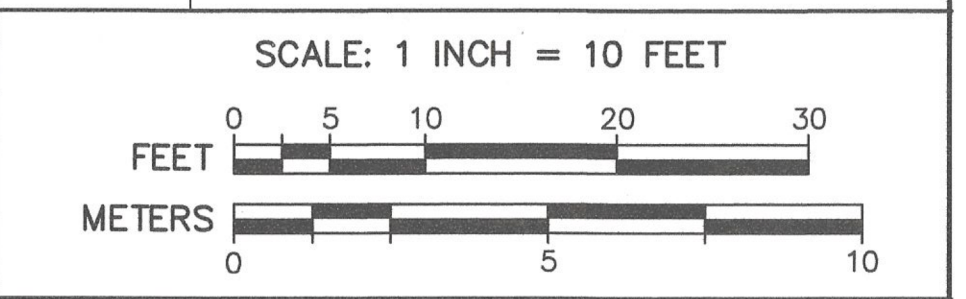
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	WETLAND EDGE
	100' BUFFER ZONE EDGE
	2' CONTOUR
	10' CONTOUR
	PROPOSED CONTOUR
	EXISTING SPOT GRADE
	PROPOSED SPOT GRADE
	PROPOSED DRAIN MANHOLE
	PROPOSED CATCHBASIN
	PROPOSED SEWER MANHOLE
	PROPOSED UNDERGROUND DRAIN OR SEWER PIPE
	WATER GATE
	WATER SHUT OFF
	PROPOSED HYDRANT
	EXISTING EDGE OF PAVEMENT
	PROPOSED MASS DOT TYPE 3 BERM
	PROPOSED 24" R5-1 DO NOT ENTER TRAFFIC SIGN
	EXISTING UTILITY POLE
	OVERHEAD WIRES
	STONE WALL
	TREE
	PROPOSED TREELINE
	DEEP OBSERVATION HOLE

- NOTES:**
1. THE APPLICANT FOR THE RICE POND VILLAGE PROJECT WOULD EITHER PERFORM THE PROPOSED WORK OR PAY FOR THE TOWN'S EXECUTION OF IT.
 2. THE EXISTING KEEP RIGHT SIGN WILL BE REMOVED WHEN THE NORTHERNMOST ISLAND IS RESHAPED.
 3. ALL PROPOSED BERMS WILL BE MASS. DOT TYPE 3.
 4. "DO NOT ENTER" R5-1 SIGNS SHALL BE INSTALLED AT THE NORTHERN ACCESS FACING SOUTH MAIN STREET TRAFFIC AND AT THE SOUTHERN ACCESS FACING RICE ROAD TRAFFIC.

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PLAN OF PROPOSED INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT RICE ROAD AND SOUTH MAIN STREET

IN
 MILLBURY, MASSACHUSETTS

OWNER
 MCLAUGHLIN FAMILY LIVING TRUST
 17 RICE ROAD
 MILLBURY, MASS. 01527

APPLICANT
 WHITNEY STREET HOME BUILDERS, LLC
 ONE GOLDEN COURT
 WESTBOROUGH, MA 01581



- Rice Road ROW
- Fill With Pavers
- New Pavement