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Dear Council Members,

Nineteen months ago, I went to the Building Commissioners home to discuss the wall (that needed to be replaced) on Hillcrest Road, across the street from 39 Hillcrest & 41 Hillcrest. I asked the Building commissioner if I needed a permit or engineer for the project. He said "No, you are the Street Department & are exempt."

I then got seven estimates to replace this wall. My Street Department Liaison and I looked over the estimates and narrowed it down to three to be considered. I presented the three estimates to the Council. The Council said I needed to take them to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission said I needed to have it surveyed. I proceeded with this & did have it surveyed at an expense, to the town of \$450.00. After presenting the survey to the Planning Commission, they said I needed to have the wall engineered. I then proceeded with having the wall engineered at a cost to the Town of \$1166.00. The Engineer on the Planning Commission then stated that I had to have elevations. This cost the town \$800.00.

The Planning Commission Engineer was still not satisfied enough to let me proceed with the project. At that point, I did not know what else to do, so I had a meeting with the Town Council President and the Planning Commission Engineer. It was decided the Planning Commission Engineer would get the necessary specs and give them to me so I would be able to contact the three contractors /landscapers to submit new bids. It has been at least five months & I still have not received any specs.

I have attached three pictures of the wall that has now deteriorated even more since this process has begun. I have been picking up debris from the deteriorating wall off of the roadway. If we don't do something with this soon, it could cause a serious accident.

I am asking the Town Council to take action and give me permission to proceed and get the wall done.


James Matthys - Street Superintendent