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Leon S. Mularski, Jr.  
Zoning & Wetlands Enforcement Official  
Town of Haddam  
30 Field Park Drive  
Haddam, CT 06438

Re 27 Old Turnpike Road

In May, you sent a letter to Mr. Sultan concerning the drainage running from his property to Old Turnpike Road. You provided us with an analysis by Nathan L. Jacobson and Associates. Subsequently we had a meeting at the site. It was clear that the natural flow from Mr. Sultan's property should be captured by the Town's catch basin. That basin is continuously clogged, and the Town has not maintained it. The result is that in a particularly heavy rain, the property across the street has flooded.

Correcting this problem is not Mr. Sultan's obligation. It is the Town's. Nonetheless, we have engaged an Engineer who agrees with us but has offered a suggestion for preventing erosion debris from exacerbating the problem. His report is attached. Despite our belief that we have no responsibility, at considerable expense, Mr. Sultan has engaged a contractor to carry out the suggestions of Mr. Raccula (see attached estimate), in order to alleviate the flowing of debris into the catch basin. We hope that this concession will resolve the issue.

Please direct all inquiry and correspondence to the undersigned.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark S. Shipman", written in a cursive style.

Mark S. Shipman

cc. William Warner, AICP  
Tehzeeb Sultan

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May 25, 2022

Tehzeeb Sultan  
27 Old Turnpike Road  
Haddam, CT 06438

Dear Mrs. Sultan:

At your request, I have observed the Town's culvert that runs under the driveway at your home. It is my understanding that the culvert has been getting clogged with erosion debris flowing down the gutter of the roadway during rain storms.

I believe the Town should keep the culvert clear and seek a solution to stabilize the area along the upstream road gutter/edge to prevent the erosion.

To the extent that there may be some erosion along the northwest edge of your driveway, I suggest that you stabilize the edge with rip rap stone to prevent erosion debris from contributing to the Town's problem.

Very truly yours,

*John F. Raccuia*

John F. Raccuia, PE

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Tel: 203-676-4245

To  
Tehzeeb Sultan  
27 Old Turnpike Rd  
Haddam CT 06438

Project Estimate Date: July 15, 2022

Job Description	Cost Estimate
Excavate a swale on left side of bottom driveway for water way. Install Surge stone after excavation, soil to remain on site. Install Surge stone on both sides of lower driveway.	\$2,220.00

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to working with you.