



TOWN OF HINGHAM
Historic Districts Commission
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

To: Planning Board
From: Andrea Young, Administrator
Historic Districts Commission
Re: 16 - 0 Bishops Lane Subdivision Application
Date: July 20, 2023

The following comments are the result of a review of the plans for the proposed Bishops Lane subdivision.

A portion of the project area, shown in green on the map included, is located in the Lincoln Local Historic District; and is, therefore, under the jurisdiction of the Historic Districts Commission. Any changes to existing conditions that are visible from a public way are subject to commission review. Actions described on the proposed site plan that are subject to commission review include but may not be limited to the alterations described below.

Stone Wall - A stone wall borders the front of the 1808 Welcome Lincoln Jr. House at 248 South Street. A portion of the stone wall extends into the Bishops Lane Right of Way. The proposed site plan indicates that this portion of the stone wall is to be removed. The proposed site plan also indicates that an 18"x18" stone post located at 2 Bishops Lane is to be relocated.

Changes to Bishops Lane – Bishops Lane, as it exists today, is a true “lane”, which is defined as a narrow way with no median, often located in a rural setting. Currently, the 10 foot wide Bishops Lane is a narrow, paved, one lane way. The proposed subdivision plan will widen the lane to 40 feet; the middle 24 feet of which will be paved. Although Bishops Lane is a private way, changes visible from South Street, the public way, are subject to commission review. The applicant will be expected to submit an application to the Historic Districts Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness.