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## Town of Belmont, MA Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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### Meeting Minutes, March 13, 2014

**Members Present:** Peter Curro, Joe Griffin, Larry MacDonald (Vice Chair), Don Mercer, Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens (Chair), Tomasina Olsen, Matt Sulivan

**Ex-Officio Members Present:** Glenn Clancy (Town Engineer), Sargent Benjamin Mailhot (Belmont Police Department).

**Also Present:** Sarah Griffith, 57 Common Street; Sheila Flewelling, 36 Sycamore Street; Elinore Hilderbandt, 68 Glenn Road; Lisa Kaloustian, 61 Glenn Road; George and Zepour Kouyoumjian, 8 Blanchard Road; Henry and Lydia Ogilby, 34 Glenn Road. (Diane Coloupolous was unable to attend but contacted Glenn in advance of our meeting to indicate her support for Ms. Hildebrandt's proposal.)

**Linda called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.**

**Minutes:** The committee approved the minutes of the December 12 meeting.

**Belmont Public Swimming Pool Project:** The Committee voted to recommend a drop-off area for the pool. The Committee further agreed that it would not vote on whether or not to recommend the pool plan to the Board of Selectmen until after the pool and its project parking was approved by the planning board. Committee members voiced concerns about the drop-off area and the possibility of this area being used by parked cars. Concern was also voiced about the necessity of moving the ice-cream truck-stop to accommodate the drop-off area. Linda suggested that some additional parking spaces on Cottage Street, if possible, would be helpful. The Committee agreed that the pool's traffic signage would be seasonal (as near the Chennery School) and that the signage would be consistent with that used at the Wellington School.

**Glenn Road:** Ms. Hildebrandt presented a poster illustrating traffic problems on Glenn Road. One problem that Ms. Hildebrandt described is the pile up of plowed snow at the corner: when people turn left from Blanchard onto Glenn Road, they are unable to see where they are going because of the fence and the snow pile. Ms. Hildebrandt explained that traffic risk is compounded here because there are no sidewalks on her side of the street and the sidewalks on the other side of the street end before the corner. In addition, there are not infrequent trucks and trailer trucks that take the turn onto Glenn Road. Traffic matters are further complicated by the all-day commuter parking on Blanchard Road. Ms. Hildebrandt explained that traffic began to become problematic when cars were rerouted from Fresh Pond.

She is concerned that the new residences being built in Fresh Pond will further exacerbate the traffic problem.

Ben explained that the total hourly traffic between Taylor and Blanchard roads is 12 vehicles during the hour from 1 to 2pm, 20 vehicles at 3pm, 21 vehicles at 4pm, 31 vehicles at 5pm, 19 vehicles at 6pm, and 10 vehicles at 7pm.

While Ms. Hildebrandt and her across-the-street neighbor, Ms. Lisa Kaloustian, propose a no-left-turn sign, barring access to Glenn Road from Blanchard from 7-10am and 2-7pm, the Ogilbys--who run a farm business at 34 Glenn Road--and the Kouyoumjians, who live at 8 Blanchard Road in Cambridge, would find these restrictions difficult. Mr. Ogilby needs to provide his customers access from Blanchard to Glenn Road from 2-6 on Tuesdays. Mr. Kouyoumjian believes that he is not allowed to back out of his driveway across a double line—he reports that the Cambridge police have prohibited from doing so--and therefore needs to be able to turn onto Glenn Road to get to and from work in a reasonably timely manner. Glenn and Ben explained that he is allowed to back out of his driveway across the double line.

Linda clarified that the biggest problem with traffic on Glenn Road seems to be the constant coming and going of vans at the group home on the corner of Glenn and Blanchard roads. Linda explained that, even if we were to put up a “no left turn” sign, Ms. Hildebrandt would still have to deal with the van traffic and van noise related to the group home.

The Committee unanimously approved a recommendation that a “no left turn” sign be installed for the northerly flow of traffic from Blanchard to Glenn Road on weekdays from 4 to 6pm. After six months, the Committee will assess how this change has affected the traffic flow and will consider whether or not additional changes are necessary. The Belmont Police will monitor traffic again after the new signage has been installed.

**The Intersection of Lexington and Sycamore Streets:** Sheila Fleweling explained that, while the TAC interventions at the intersection helped initially, the traffic here is again a problem. Ms. Fleweling met with Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn and the Committee reviewed a traffic proposal from the Van Horns. After considering a raised intersection, a four-way stop-light, and a one-way traffic restriction, the Committee decided that Ben should conduct another speed study for the area, Glenn should investigate the feasibility and price of a permanent speed-reflection sign for the intersection, and Glenn should explore the possibility of removing bushes at the intersection.

**New Business:** Sarah Griffith of 57 Common Street explained the pedestrian danger resulting from irresponsible parking in the lot next to St. Joseph’s church. Despite repeated reminders from the Wellington School administration, parents continue to park in the church lot and the cars are often parked on the sidewalk—the boundary

of which is not marked. The Committee discussed the possible merits of negotiating some resolution to this continuing problem with the Church administration, painting a boundary on the sidewalk, and installing a "Do Not Park on the Sidewalk" sign. Glenn will move ahead with installing signage and will investigate the possibility of painting a sidewalk path. Tommy will check with Anne Paulson about the availability of funds from the Safe Routes to School program to address this problem.

**Marion Road:** A resident at 23 Marion Road has contacted Glenn with concerns about traffic problems resulting from trucks delivering supplies to the Belmont Medical Supply store. As a first step, Glenn will discuss the problem with the management of the store and report back to the Committee.

**Belmont Center Reconstruction:** Because Belmont was not awarded a State grant, we will go through the year with a temporary road patch. Glenn is developing an alternative plan for renovating Belmont Center in 2015. Glenn might make a presentation to Town Meeting to ask for authorization to borrow \$2.6 million for the town center project. If the town does not allow this authorization, the plan is to simply fix the asphalt and make no further improvements to the town center.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:53pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Miller, Clerk



# Traffic Advisory Committee

## TOWN OF BELMONT

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Dana Miller, Clerk

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Matt Sullivan

**Date:** March 4, 2014  
**To:** Members – Traffic Advisory Committee  
**From:** Linda Nickens, Chair  
**Subject:** Agenda for Meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM in Town Hall Conference Room 2**. If you cannot attend the meeting, please contact Linda via e-mail.

**7:00** Call to Order  
**7:00 – 7:05** Minutes (12/12/2013)  
**7:05 – 7:20** Underwood Pool  
**7:20 – 7:45** Glenn Road Public Hearing

- Possible Turn Restrictions From Blanchard Road

**7:45 – 7:55** Marion Road

- Truck Traffic Complaint

**7:55 – 8:05** Lexington Street

- Resident Proposals for Traffic Improvements

**8:05 – 8:10** New Business

- Safe Routes To School

**8:10 – 8:15** Old Business

- No Known Items

**8:15** Adjourn

**Cc:** Board of Selectmen – Andy Rojas  
David Kale, Town Administrator  
Glenn R. Clancy, Town Engineer  
Sgt Ben Mailhot, Belmont Police Department  
Richard McLaughlin, Belmont Police Chief  
Peter Castanino, Director, Department of Public Works  
Karl Haglund, Planning Board

## Clancy, Glenn

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**From:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 3:34 PM  
**To:** 'sinasina30@yahoo.com'; 'lcnickens@verizon.net'; 'pfcirro@gmail.com'; 'Dana Miller'; 'mattsull74@yahoo.com'; 'Don Mercier (mercierbj@verizon.net)'; 'Laurence Macdonald'  
**Cc:** McLaughlin, Richard; Castanino, Peter; 'Karl Haglund'; 'bmailhot@belmontpd.org'; 'Andres T. Rojas'; Kale, David  
**Subject:** TAC - March 13, 2014 Meeting  
**Attachments:** Lexington Street Proposal from Resident\_01.21.2014.pdf; TAC Agenda 03-13-14.pdf

Good Afternoon TAC members:

We are scheduled for March 13, 2014 in Conference Room 2 of the Town Hall. The public hearing for Glenn Road is on the agenda. Notices have been mailed to the neighborhood.

Additional correspondence is attached or included below (same as last month).

I will send a plan for the proposed underwood pool early next week.

Thanks, Glenn

On 01/10/14, Sanna Makela<[samakela@msn.com](mailto:samakela@msn.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms. Nickens,

I am a resident at 23 Marion Road in Belmont and I am writing to express my concerns about the commercial vehicles that frequent our street to provide deliveries to Belmont Medical Supply.

Over the past 3 years that I have owned my home on Marion Road, I have seen countless oversized tractor trailers try and make their way down this narrow one way street. I have seen them hit telephone wires, parked cars, and trees. They are just too large to fit down this road - not to mention that they are further damaging our street.

Today, I witnessed one such large tractor trailer do a 3 point turn at the intersection of Belmont / Grove / Arlington Streets (stopping traffic) and back down Marion Road - in the wrong direction - and park the vehicle in the middle of Marion Road. As I was following this vehicle, I could not pass him to get to my home and he would not move. Had there been an emergency anywhere on this street, medical professionals would not have been allowed to pass.

I believe strongly that this road should not allow commercial vehicles and that it should be for residents / visitors only. It has become too unsafe and is causing damage to our neighborhood.

I'm not sure if you are the correct person to reach out to on this issue but if you could be so kind as to forward this note to the appropriate Traffic Committee Members, I would very much appreciate it. Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Sanna Makela  
23 Marion Road, Unit 3  
Belmont, MA 02478  
617-779-7509

3/13/14  
SGT MAILHOTT WILL TALK TO OWNER OF BELMONT MEDICAL  
& WILL REPORT BACK

NEW DROP OFF AREA

BUS STOP

8 PARKING SPACES

37' - 7"

42' - 6"

EAST BATH-HOUSE  
15' HIGH

25' - 0"

27' - 10"

FILTER BUILDING  
14' HIGH

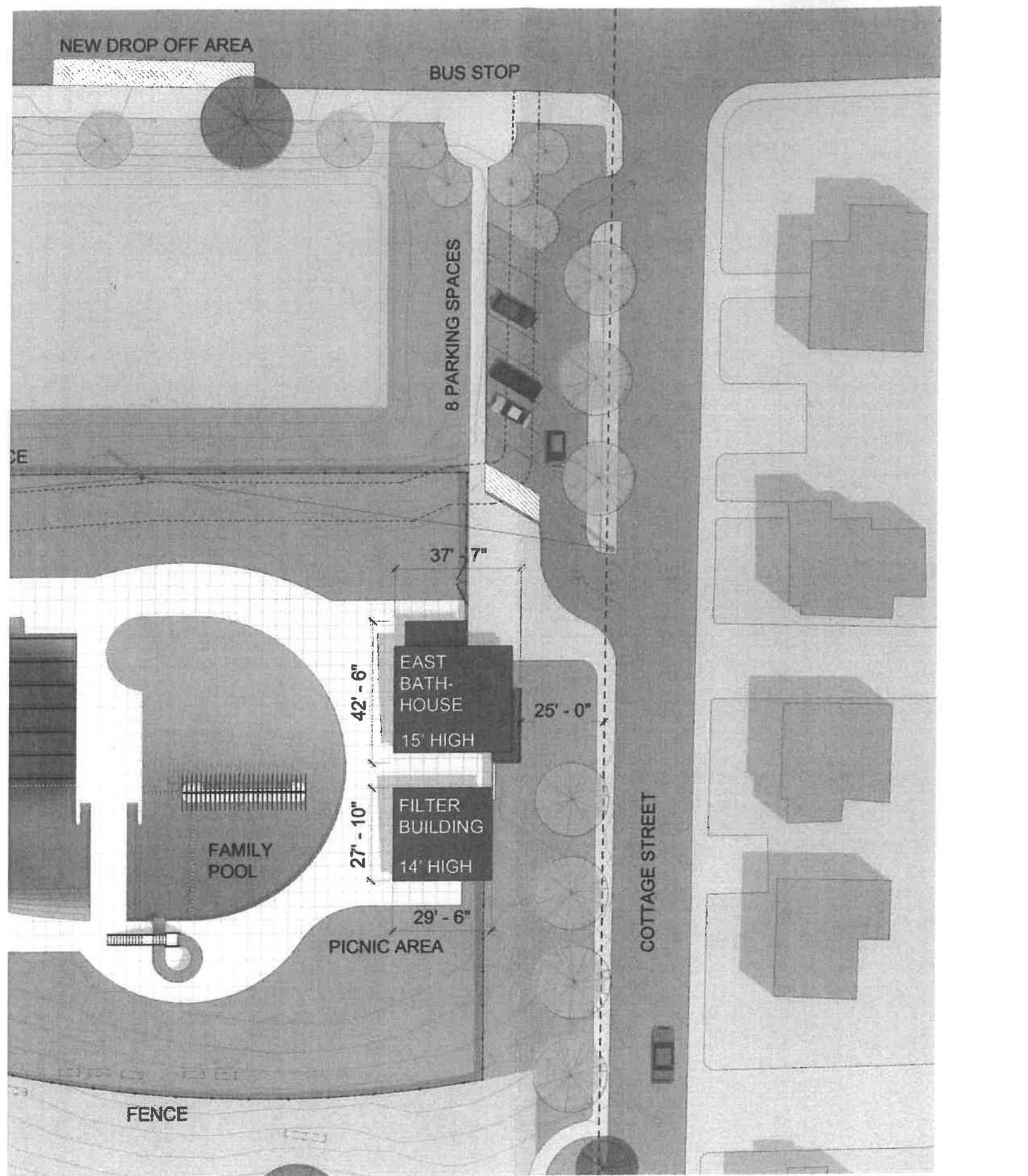
29' - 6"

FAMILY POOL

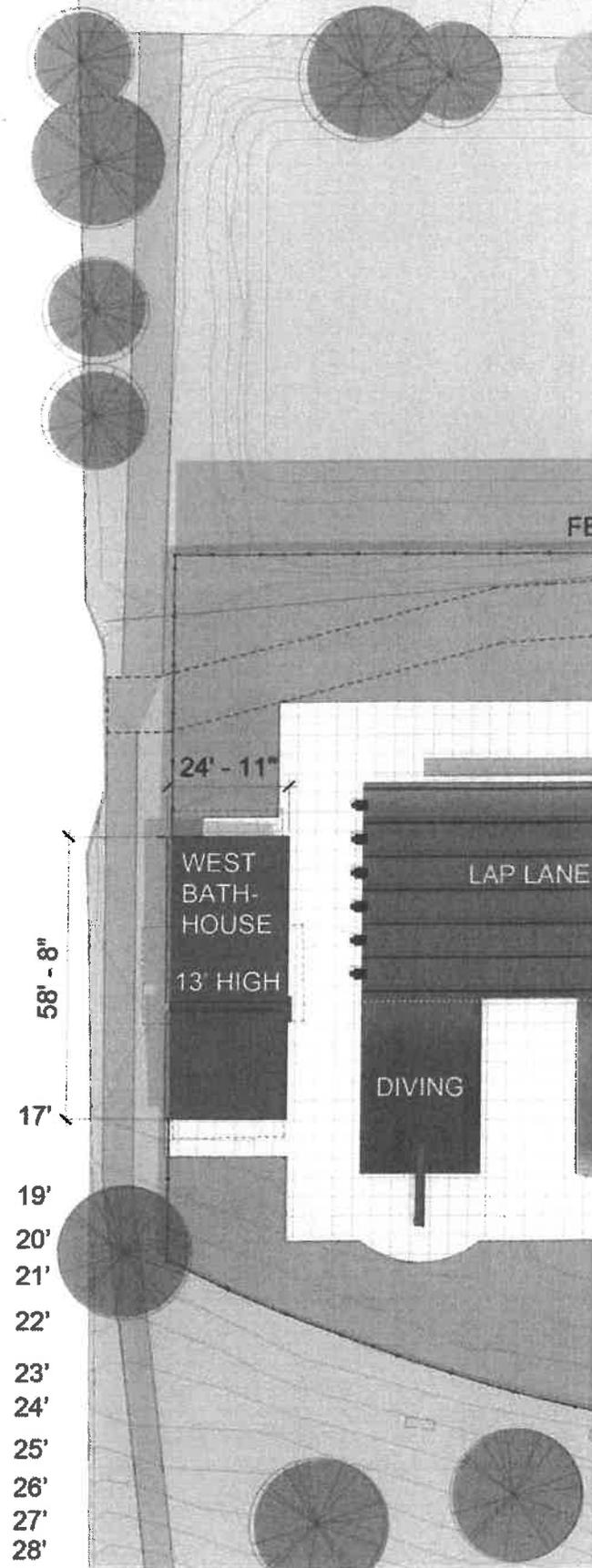
PICNIC AREA

COTTAGE STREET

FENCE



CONCORD AVE



## Clancy, Glenn

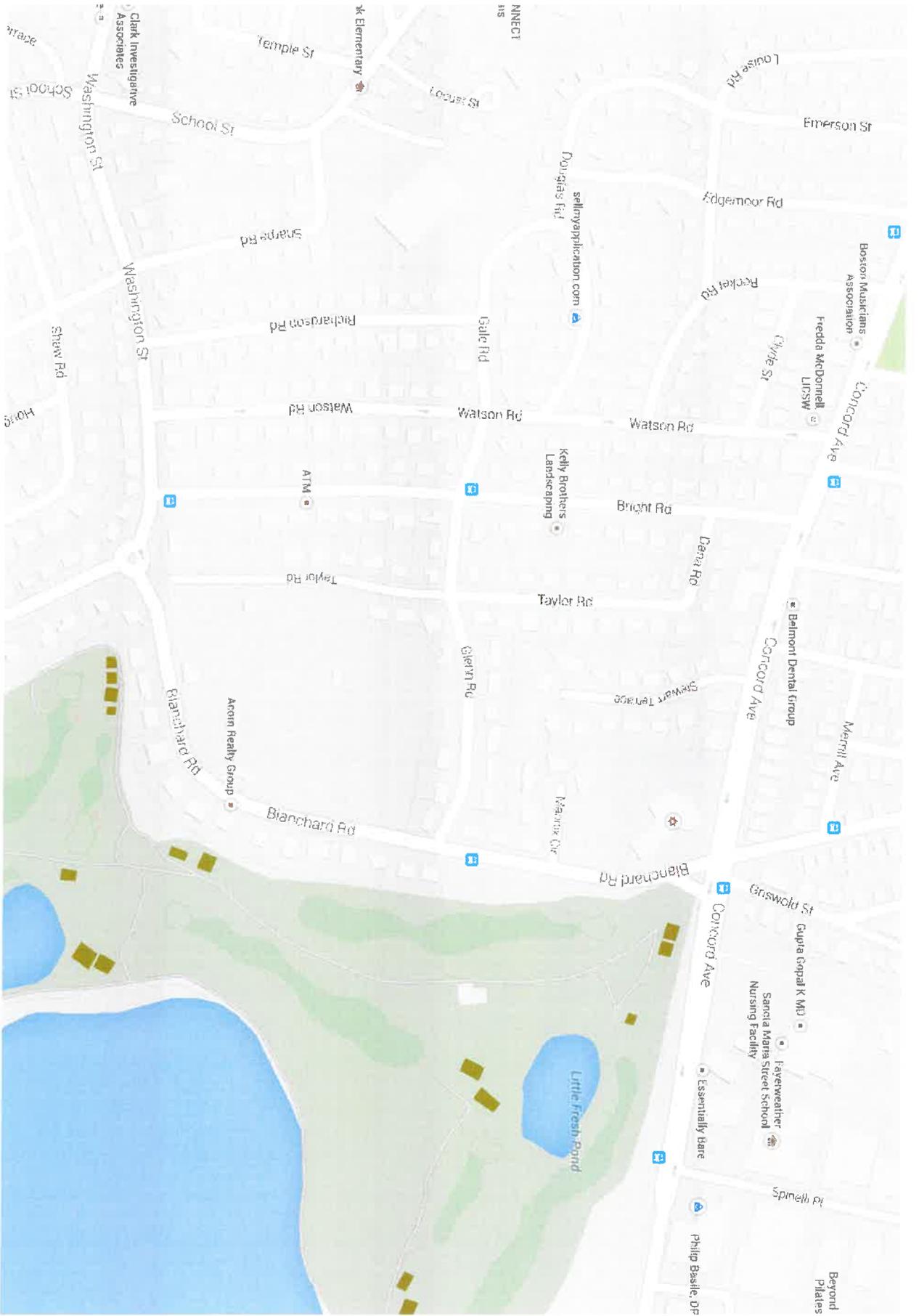
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**From:** DianeCouloupoulos@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2014 6:01 PM  
**To:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Subject:** Thursday Meeting

Dear Mr. Clancy,

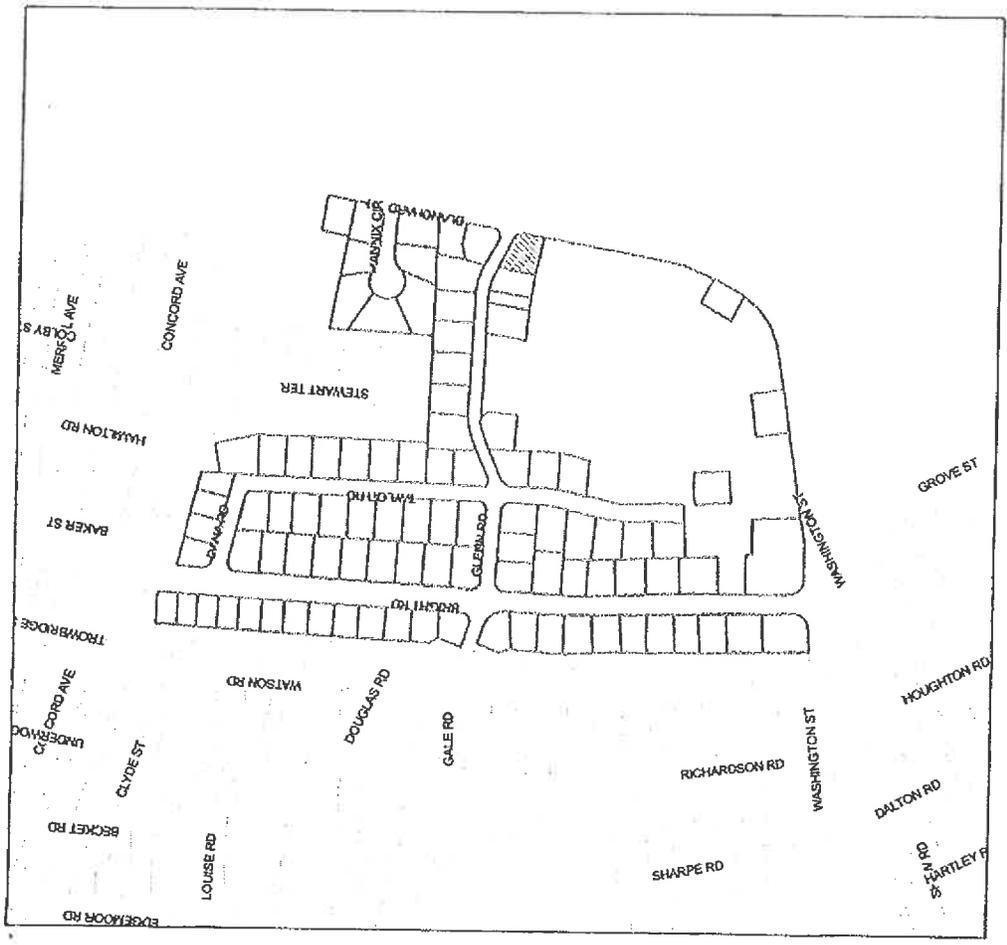
Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the meeting scheduled for March 13. However, I am concerned about the traffic on Glenn Road and sincerely hope that the matter receives the appropriate deliberation and that an acceptable solution is found.

Sincerely,  
Diane Couloupoulos





YARD WASTE



PROPERTY MAP  
**TOWN OF BELMONT**  
 MIDDLESEX COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS





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RICHARD J. MCLAUGHLIN  
CHIEF OF POLICE

December 9, 2013

Traffic Advisory Committee  
19 Moore Street  
Homer Municipal Building  
Belmont, MA 02478

Members of the Traffic Advisory Committee,

Attached are two graphs that show the results of a speed study that I conducted on Glenn Road per your request. I conducted the study during the week of 12/01/2013. The results from the speed spy device show that it operated between Wednesday 12/04/2013 3:00 PM through Saturday 12/07/2013 2:00 PM. The speed spy device was placed on a light pole on Glenn Road between Blanchard Road and Taylor Road.

Glenn Road is considered a "Thickly Settled" area which according to MGL Chapter 90, Section 17, has a speed limit of 30 MPH. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, which would be used to establish a posted speed limit, from the results of this study was 25 MPH. The average speed was 20 MPH during the time of this study. The highest speed recorded was 45 MPH. A total of six (6) vehicles were traveling over the 30 MPH speed limit. Three (3) were traveling between 31-35 MPH, two (2) traveling between 36-40 MPH, and one (1) was traveling 45 MPH. The total number of vehicles which traveled on this roadway during the study was 233. This information tells me that the "Thickly Settled" area 30 MPH speed limit is appropriate for this roadway.

Based on this information I do not believe that speeding is a problem on Glenn Road. From my training and experience I believe that the issue on Glenn Road is one of perception. Due to the narrow roadway, the absence of sidewalks, and the trees that line the street, it is common for people to think that vehicles are traveling faster than they really are.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Benjamin J. Mailhot  
Sergeant  
Traffic & Records Division

Date: 12/9/2013 12:24:19 pm

Start Date: 12/4/2013 03:00 pm

End Date: 12/7/2013 02:00 pm

Time Interval: 60 minutes

Speed Interval: 5 mph

Posted Speed Limit: 30 mph

Average Speed: 20 mph

Highest Speed: 45 mph

50th Percentile: 20 mph

85th Percentile: 25 mph

Number Above Speed Limit: 6

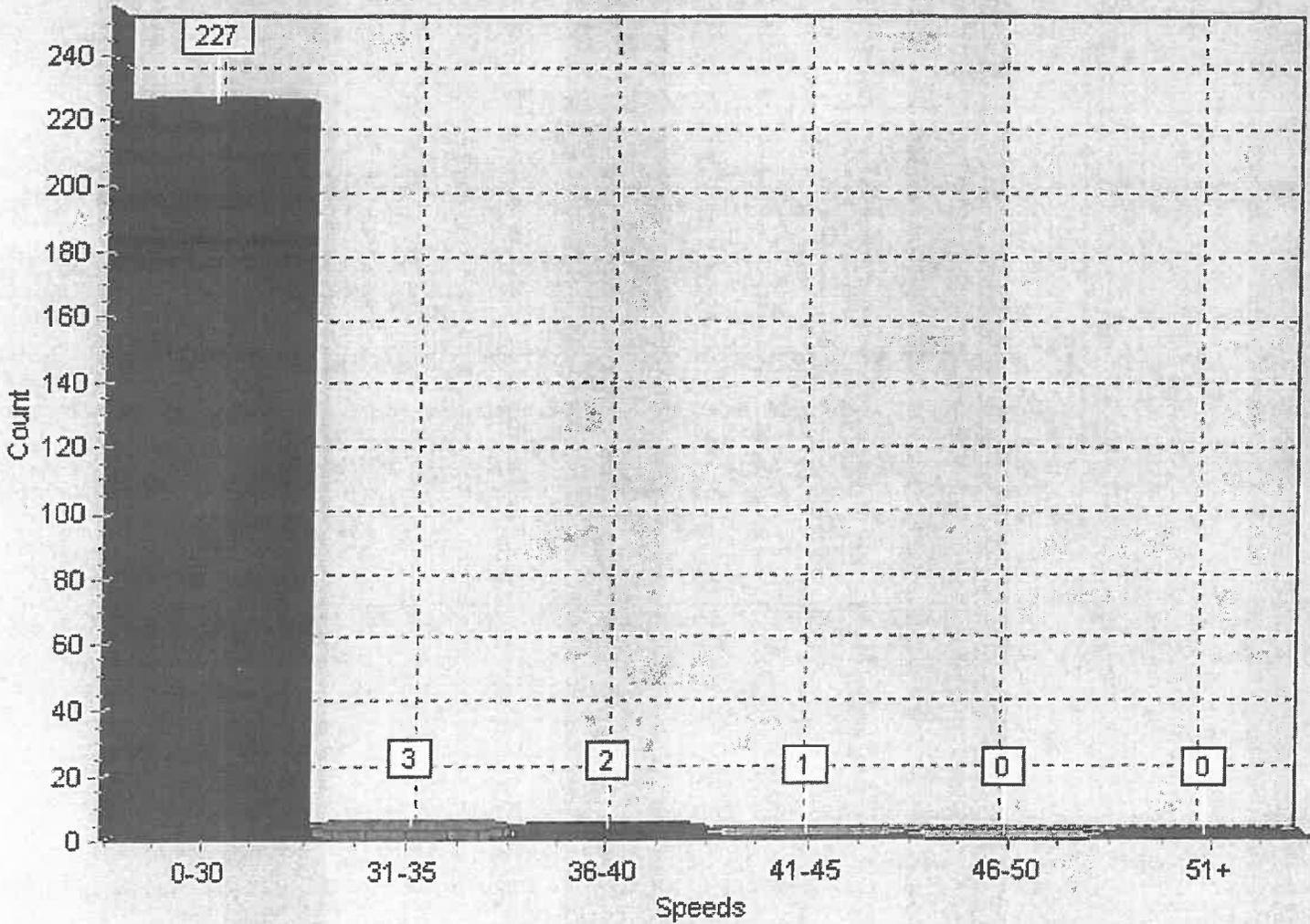
Total Number of Vehicles: 233

Comments:

Glenn Road

Count vs. Speed

12/4/2013 03:00 pm - 12/7/2013 02:00 pm



Date: 12/9/2013 12:26:17 pm  
 Start Date: 12/4/2013 03:00 pm *WED*  
 End Date: 12/7/2013 02:00 pm *SAT*

*12/2013*

Time Interval: 60 minutes

Speed Interval: 5 mph

Posted Speed Limit: 30 mph

Average Speed: 20 mph

Highest Speed: 45 mph

50th Percentile: 20 mph

85th Percentile: 25 mph

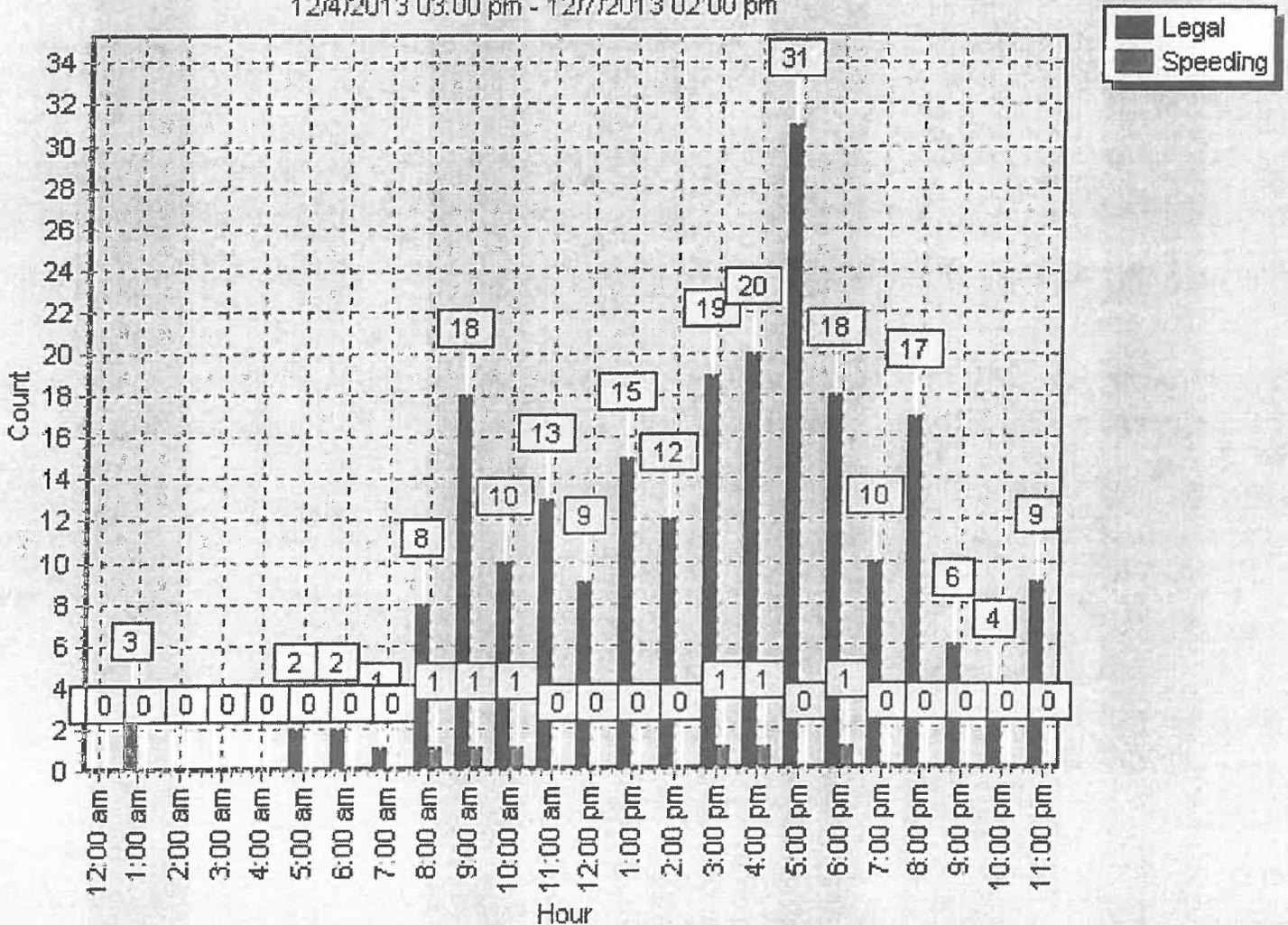
Number Above Speed Limit: 6

Total Number of Vehicles: 233

Comments:

Glenn Road

Count vs. Hour  
 12/4/2013 03:00 pm - 12/7/2013 02:00 pm



November 1, 2013

Traffic Advisory Committee  
19 Moore Street  
Homer Municipal Building  
Belmont, MA 02478

Members of the Traffic Advisory Committee,

Attached are two graphs that show the results of a speed study that I conducted on Glenn Road per your request. I conducted the study during the week of 10/01/2012. The results from the speed spy device show that it operated between Tuesday 10/02/2012 10:00 AM through Friday 10/05/2012 8:00 PM. The speed spy device was placed on a light pole on Glenn Road between Blanchard Road and Taylor Road.

Glenn Road is considered a "Thickly Settled" area which according to MGL Chapter 90, Section 17, has a speed limit of 30 MPH. The 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed, which would be used to establish a posted speed limit, from the results of this study was 24 MPH. The average speed was 20 MPH during the time of this study. The highest speed recorded was 36 MPH. A total of four (4) vehicles were traveling over the 30 MPH speed limit. Three (3) were traveling between 31-35 MPH and one (1) was traveling 36 MPH. The total number of vehicles which traveled on this roadway during the study was 382. This information tells me that the "Thickly Settled" area 30 MPH speed limit is appropriate for this roadway.

Based on this information I do not believe that speeding is a problem on Glenn Road. From my training and experience I believe that the issue on Glenn Road is one of perception. Due to the narrow roadway, the absence of sidewalks, and the trees that line the street, it is common for people to think that vehicles are traveling faster than they really are.

Respectfully Submitted,

Benjamin J. Mailhot  
Sergeant  
Traffic & Records Division

Date: 10/31/2013 12:48:01 pm

Start Date: 10/2/2012 10:00 am *TUE*

End Date: 10/5/2012 08:00 pm *FRI*

Time Interval: 60 minutes

Speed Interval: 5 mph

Posted Speed Limit: 30 mph

Average Speed: 20 mph

Highest Speed: 36 mph

50th Percentile: 20 mph

85th Percentile: 24 mph

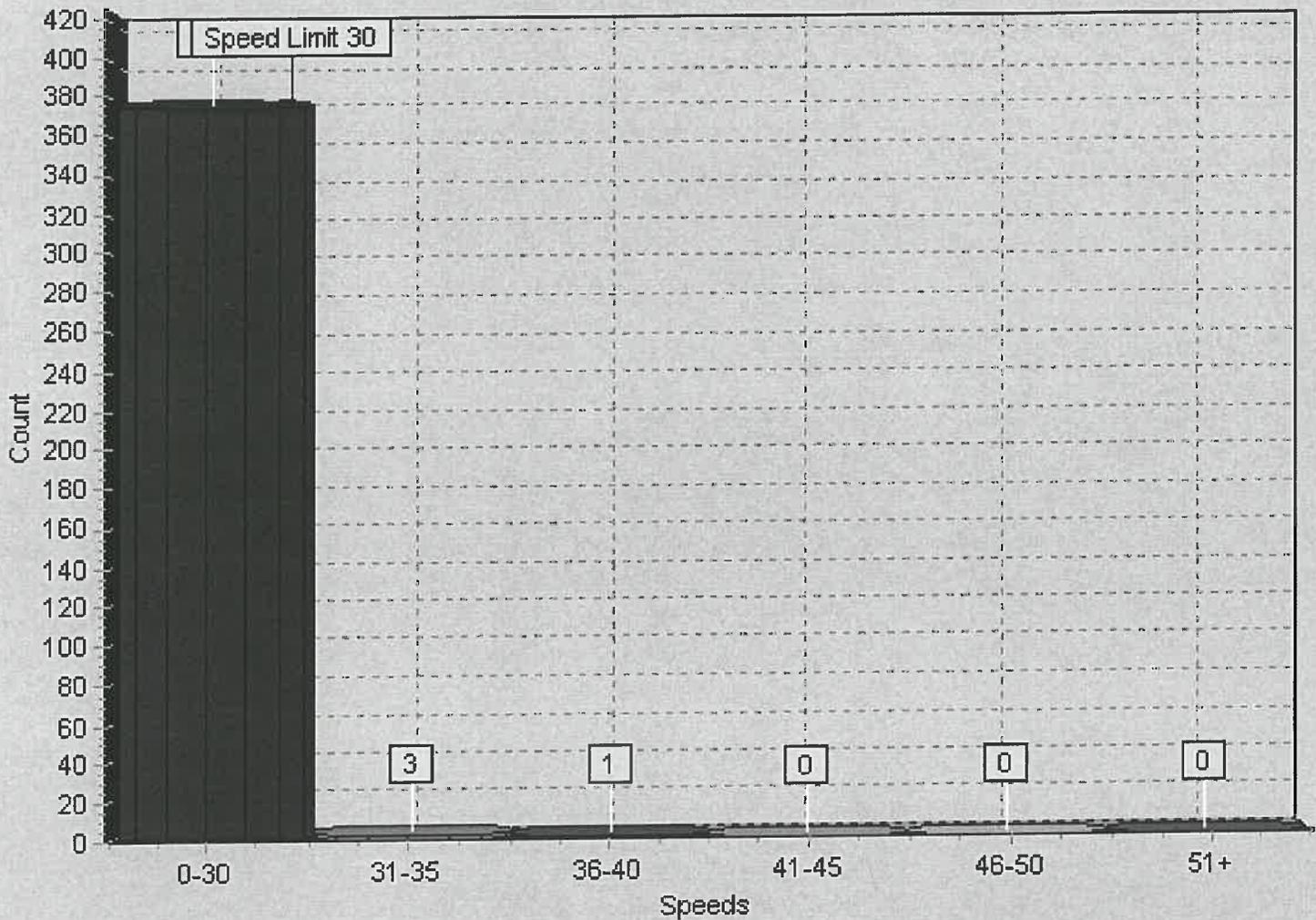
Number Above Speed Limit: 4

Total Number of Vehicles: 382

Comments:

Count vs. Speed

10/2/2012 10:00 am - 10/5/2012 08:00 pm



10/2012

Date: 10/31/2013 12:48:01 pm

Start Date: 10/2/2012 10:00 am TUE

End Date: 10/5/2012 08:00 pm FRI

Time Interval: 60 minutes

Speed Interval: 5 mph

Posted Speed Limit: 30 mph

Average Speed: 20 mph

Highest Speed: 36 mph

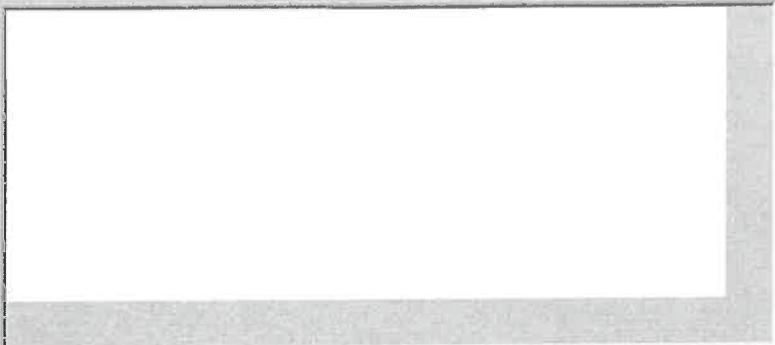
50th Percentile: 20 mph

85th Percentile: 24 mph

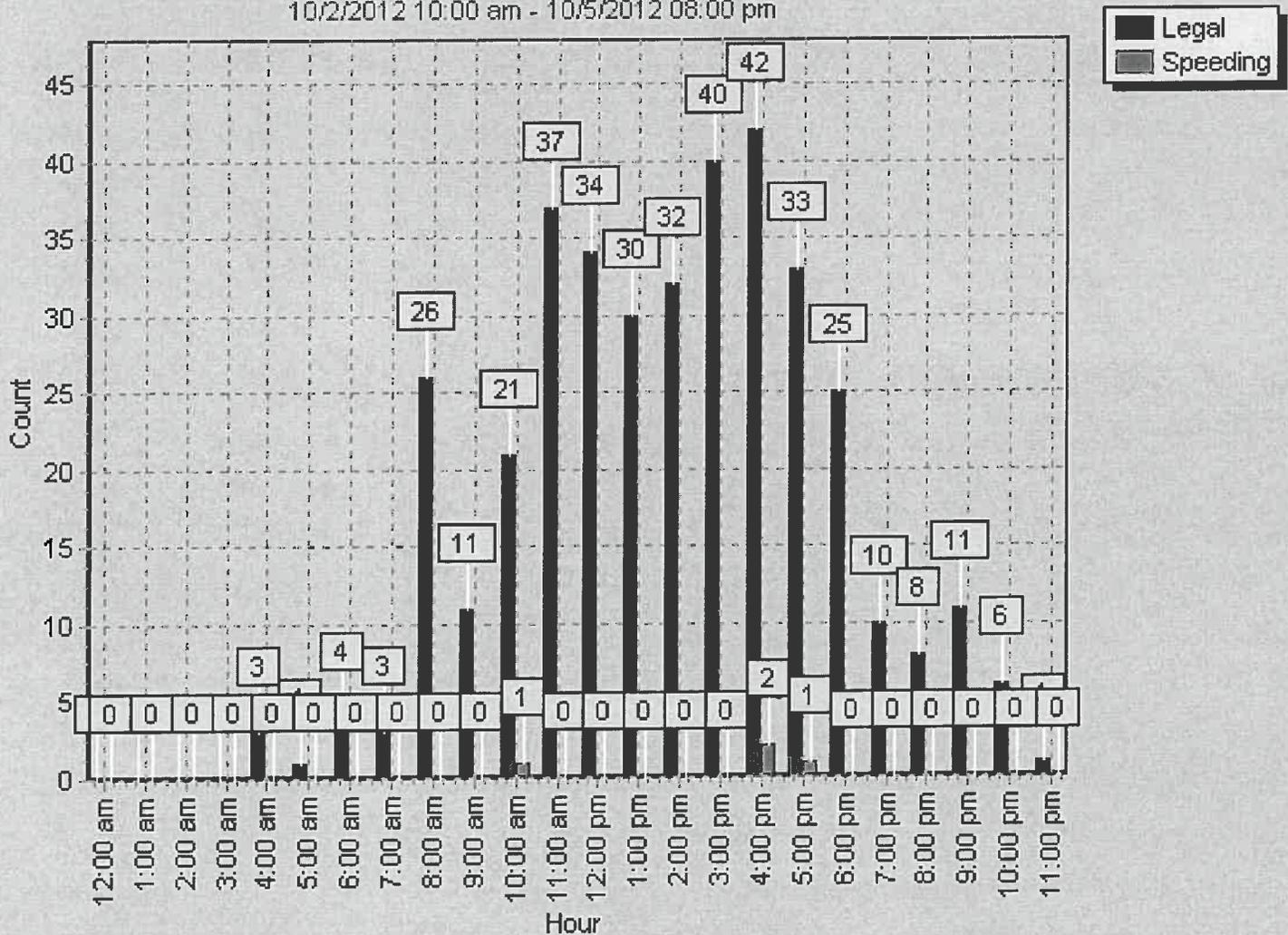
Number Above Speed Limit: 4

Total Number of Vehicles: 382

Comments:

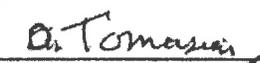
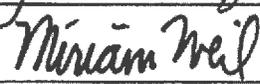
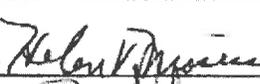
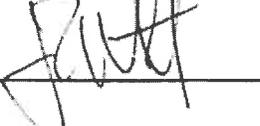


Count vs. Hour  
10/2/2012 10:00 am - 10/5/2012 08:00 pm



## Petition to improve the Safety of Glenn Road

<b>Petition summary and background:</b>	Glenn Road has become an increasingly unsafe street for the residents living in the neighborhood. Glenn Road is the only direct access to the Burbank School and children must walk on the street (no sidewalks) to get there. The winter months are coming and with inclement weather the street will become narrower and even more hazardous than it is currently. Drivers, trash collectors and handicapped residents are having difficulty navigating the street because of all of the cars, vans and trucks parked on both sides of the street. Vehicles are also cutting into Glenn Road from Blanchard Rd to avoid the traffic adding to the existing problems. It should be noted that Cambridge residents and all-day commuters and contractors appear to be the owners of the vehicles who are parking on Glenn Rd as there is restricted, limited and resident only parking on Cambridge streets.
<b>Action petitioned for:</b>	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to improve the safety for all Belmont residents including neighborhood children using Glenn Road. Below are suggested solutions to the problem. Parking limit - 2 hours. Resident parking only Do not enter from Blanchard Road between the hours of 7 - 10 am & 2 - 7 pm
<b>Hazardous Conditions</b>	The curved road and parked vehicles block the view of individuals walking on the street, especially children walking to and from school. Residents are unable to back out of their driveways because of obstructed view of the street Front walks and driveways are blocked by parked cars and trucks. Turning out of Glenn Road onto Blanchard Road and turning into Glenn Road from Blanchard Road is hazardous because visibility is obstructed by the parked vehicles on Glenn Road.

Printed name	Signature	Address	Comment	Date
ELINOR HILAKOSTA		68 GLENN RD	PLEASE HELP US.	10/11/13
Lisa Kalostic		61 Glenn Rd	Need change Now!	10/11/13
Peter Kalostian		61 Glenn Rd		10/11/13
<del>Victoria</del> Tomasian		62 Glenn Rd		10/11/13
ARAM TOMASIAN		62 GLENN RD		10-12-13
Kevin Wenzel		11 Glenn Rd		10/19/13
LAURA WENZEL		11 Glenn Rd		10/19/13
Miriam Weil		22 Glenn Rd	Study the Prob.	10/19/13
Helen V. Mossian		31 Glenn Rd.		10/20/13
Sini Williams		7 Glenn Road	Tracy dangerous	10/10/13



November 19, 2013

Gentlemen:

My name is Ellie Hildebrandt and I live at 68 Glenn Road, Belmont. I have lived in Belmont for over 50 years and I would like to remain safely in my home. I am retired and thought I would enjoy the benefits of retirement in my lovely home that I worked my entire life to pay for. Lately, from a once peaceful neighborhood, I now feel as if I am living in a war zone.

I have been hit with so many changes in the past few years and feel that much could have been avoided if the town had listened to the residents of Glenn Road and worked with us to avoid the present unsafe situation. By the way, the projected increase in traffic from the new residential buildings in Cambridge will only worsen the problem as stated in the Belmont Citizen's Forum.

<http://www.belmontcitizensforum.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/BCF13SeptemberOctoberWEB.pdf>

1. The residents of Glenn Road have been before the selectmen and traffic advisory committee several times and no one seems to care about the numerous safety issues that have arisen and how we have been impacted. A man, building a new house on Blanchard Road, Cambridge, came to the last meeting and complained that we were inconveniencing him. The traffic committee listened to him and not the Belmont residents. We paid for that for two years as he made sure all the workmen would park on both sides of Glenn Road obstructing traffic all day, every day, leaving garbage on the street for us to clean up, trampling on our lawns and not allowing us and our guests the simple pleasure of parking in front of our own houses.

Several of our residents are elderly, and, in an emergency, there have been several in the last few years, the fire trucks and ambulances were unable to navigate the street when they were most needed. People rang my doorbell many times because they could not get through. When I called the police I was told that the parked cars did not break the law and they had a right to park and drive on our lawns as the town owns a couple of feet into each of our properties. Cambridge residents living on Blanchard Road and others park here all day as they have no other place to park their cars.

2. Several young children (who attend the Burbank School now or will attend in the future) live on Mannix Circle and Blanchard Road and their only access to the Burbank School is Glenn Road. They are often forced to walk up the middle of the street to get to school without the safety of sidewalks.

3. Belmont's insistence on the removal of the truck ban on the south side of Blanchard Road was very upsetting. The north side ban has remained in place, however, the trucks do not obey the existing ban, and the police do not enforce the policy. This creates extra truck traffic and the accompanying unacceptably high level of disturbing noise pollution on both sides of Blanchard. The Cambridge residents have tried to have the truck ban reinstated, however, they have been informed that Belmont has yet to agree. I was told by the Cambridge police that Blanchard Road is much too dangerous to patrol.

4. A private company purchased the home across from me and rents it to a private non-profit company (nearly fully-funded by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts) for a group home. The residents of the home are pleasant enough, however, the staff and parking situation has created many problems. There are numerous staff meetings and services being provided and cars are often parked on the street all day. We addressed the issue of parking with the Selectmen previously yet nothing was done. There is not enough room to accommodate the number of cars used by the staff and I am sure they are bound to provide 4 spaces. Their vans come and go all day and evening creating a traffic bottleneck and

unbearable noise when backing up right under my bedroom window. It is very difficult to sleep. Staff and residents smoke outside and dispose of the "butts" on the street. They use their cell phones and have numerous conversations outside creating a disturbance. The Town of Belmont's position was 'no comment' on this matter even though it was brought up at the selectmen's meeting.

5. Trash trucks often do not pick up my trash as they cannot get by. Street cleaners avoid cleaning by my house. Snow removal trucks pile all the snow from Glenn Road in front of my driveway as they do not want to enter Cambridge and aren't sure where the boundary line is located. I have to pay an extra fee to have this snow removed.

The drivers of the vehicles on Blanchard Road are very angry when confronted with the backed up traffic. They often drive in the wrong lane to make a turn onto Glenn Road to avoid the tie up. They cannot see my car when I back out and I cannot see them coming. I have no sidewalk and have had several close calls when I try to get to my front walk. Last week a very large Mobardy Construction Truck just barely missed me when making the illegal turn.

6. The city of Cambridge placed a table next to my home causing speeding trucks at all times of day and night to create noise and vibrations that are creating cracks in my home and pictures falling off the walls. The noise is unbearable and can be heard and felt by many of my Glenn Road neighbors.

7. Cambridge threatened to take several feet of land from me to widen Blanchard Road. I would not have been able to use my garage if they succeeded.

I've been told that the committee studied the situation and it didn't warrant any of the changes we asked for with the exception of a sign posted last week expressing no parking from the sign to the corner. That was the remedy agreed to last year and it was to be done within 3 months. It took well over a year to be posted. How can a limited study see this intermittent situation when we are here all day and living this nightmare. Doesn't anyone believe us? We are a group of citizens, not individuals with self interest, to make our Belmont neighborhood a safe place to live.

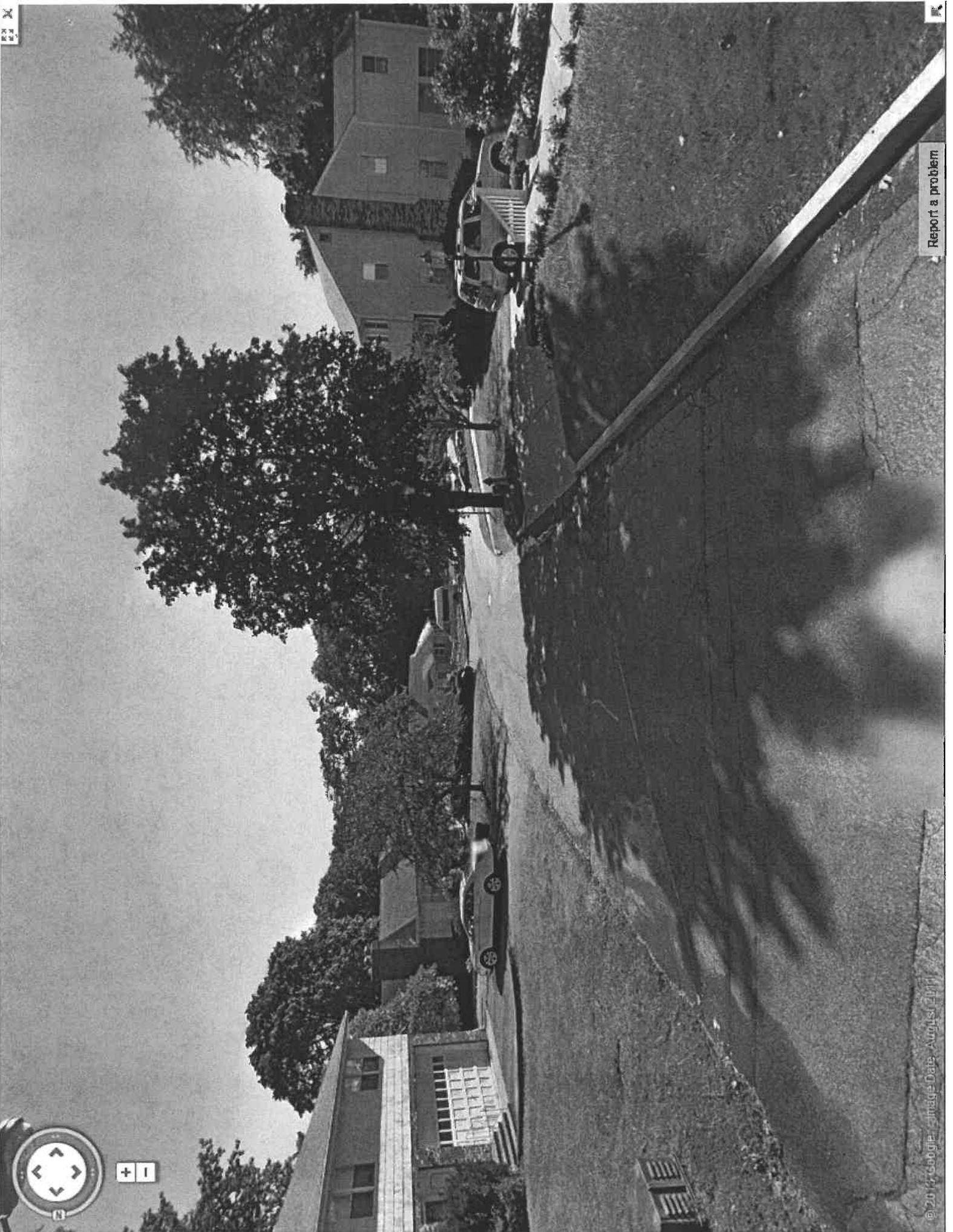
I noticed that several Belmont streets (Hamilton Road for one) have limited hour access or only one way access (Orchard Street, Watson Road, Myrtle Street, and tens of others throughout the town). One of the reasons I have been told as to why we cannot have a sign is because it would have to be placed in Cambridge. I believe Hamilton Road is on the Cambridge line and they do not have this problem. Many streets have been made one-way to accommodate the children and pedestrian safety. We are not asking for anything unusual considering our dangerous situation.

Attached is a copy of the petition handed to the Town Administrator, David Kale and signed by the residents of Glenn Road, asking for changes to be implemented. This is no longer a Traffic Committee issue. All these residents cannot be wrong. I urge you to reconsider your previous findings and allow us to meet with you for assistance in making our neighborhood safe for all concerned.

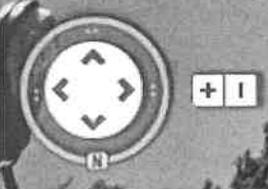
Thank you for reading this email and I hope to have a positive response.

Ellie Hildebrandt

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Report a problem

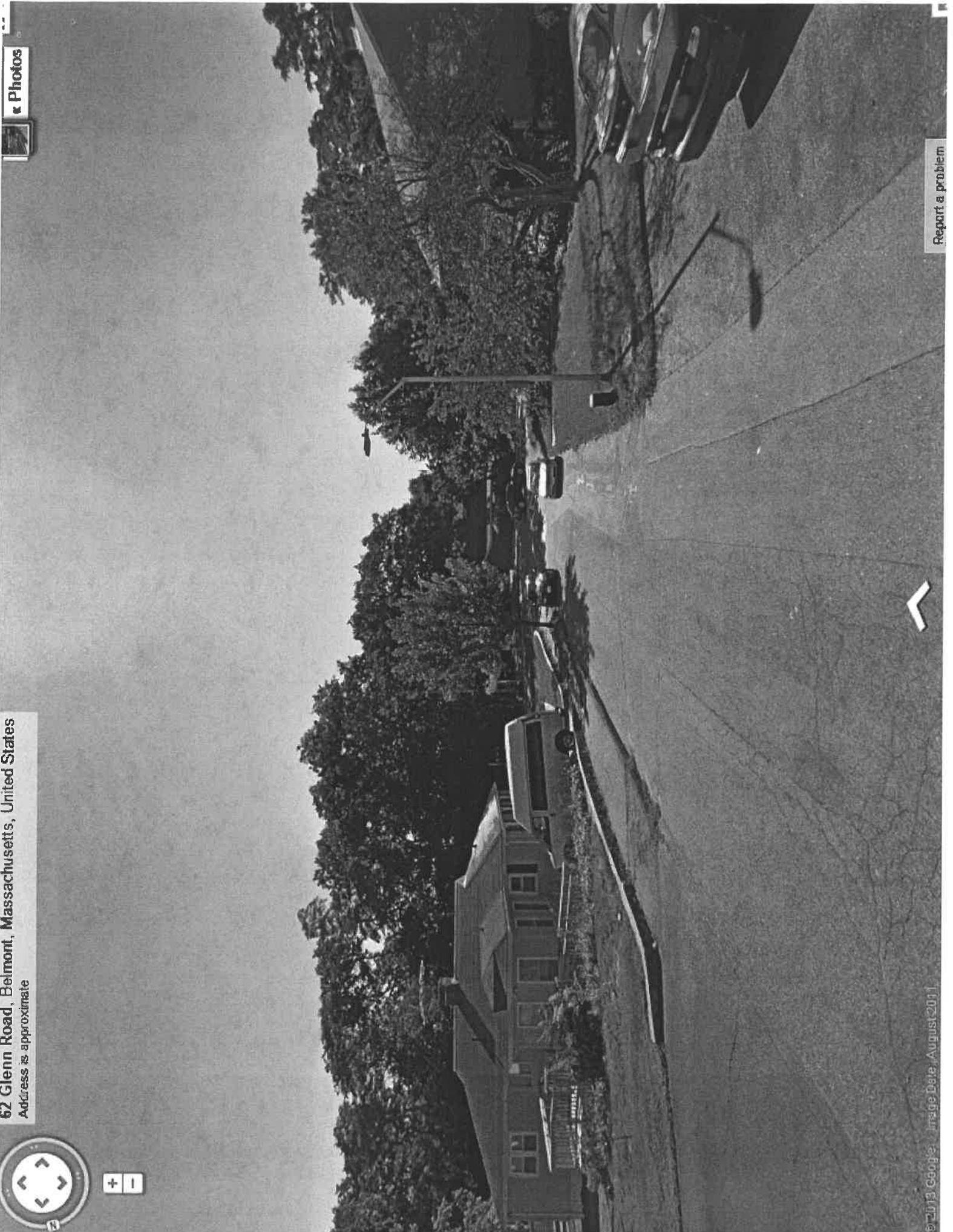


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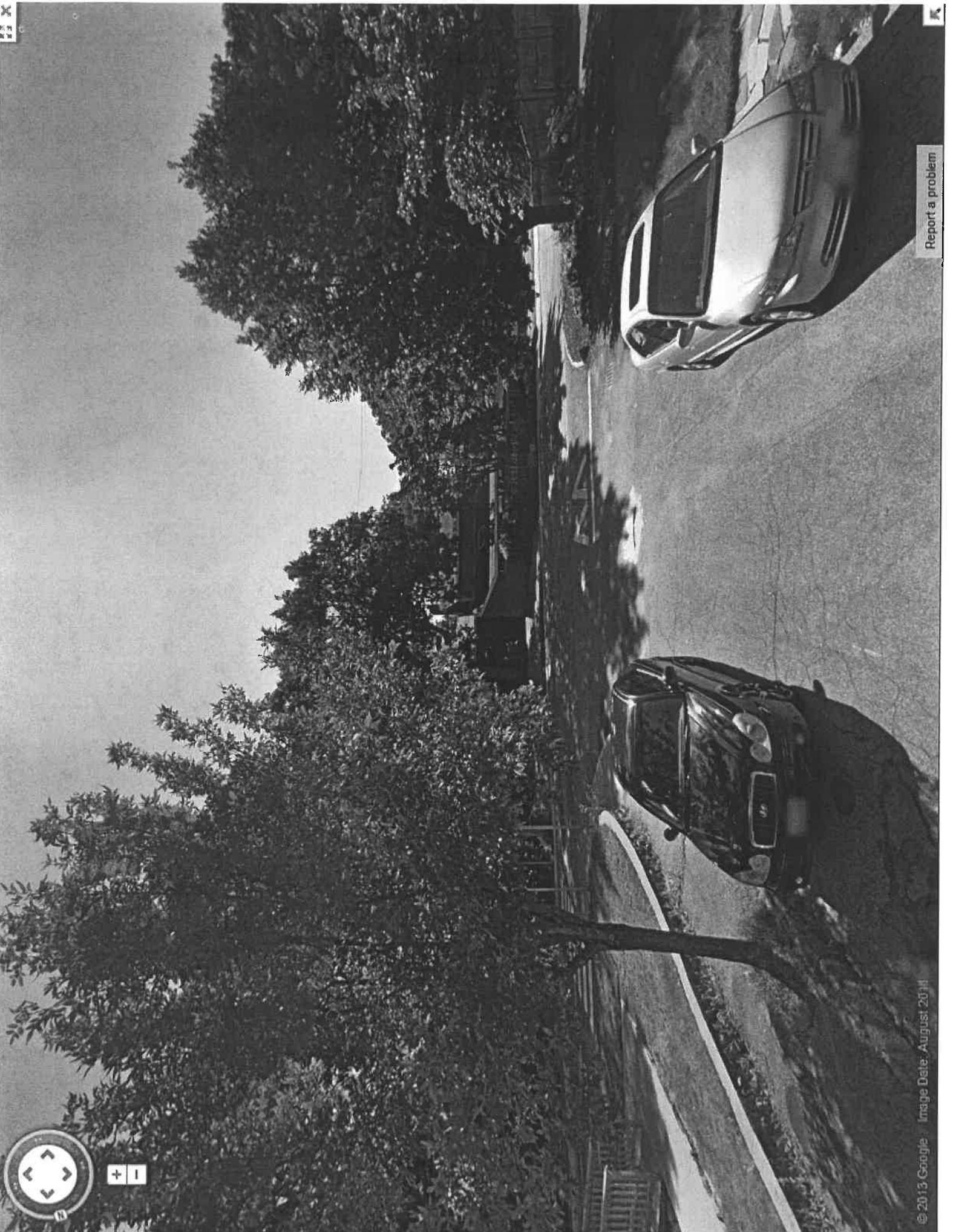


**62 Glenn Road, Belmont, Massachusetts, United States**  
Address is approximate

Photos



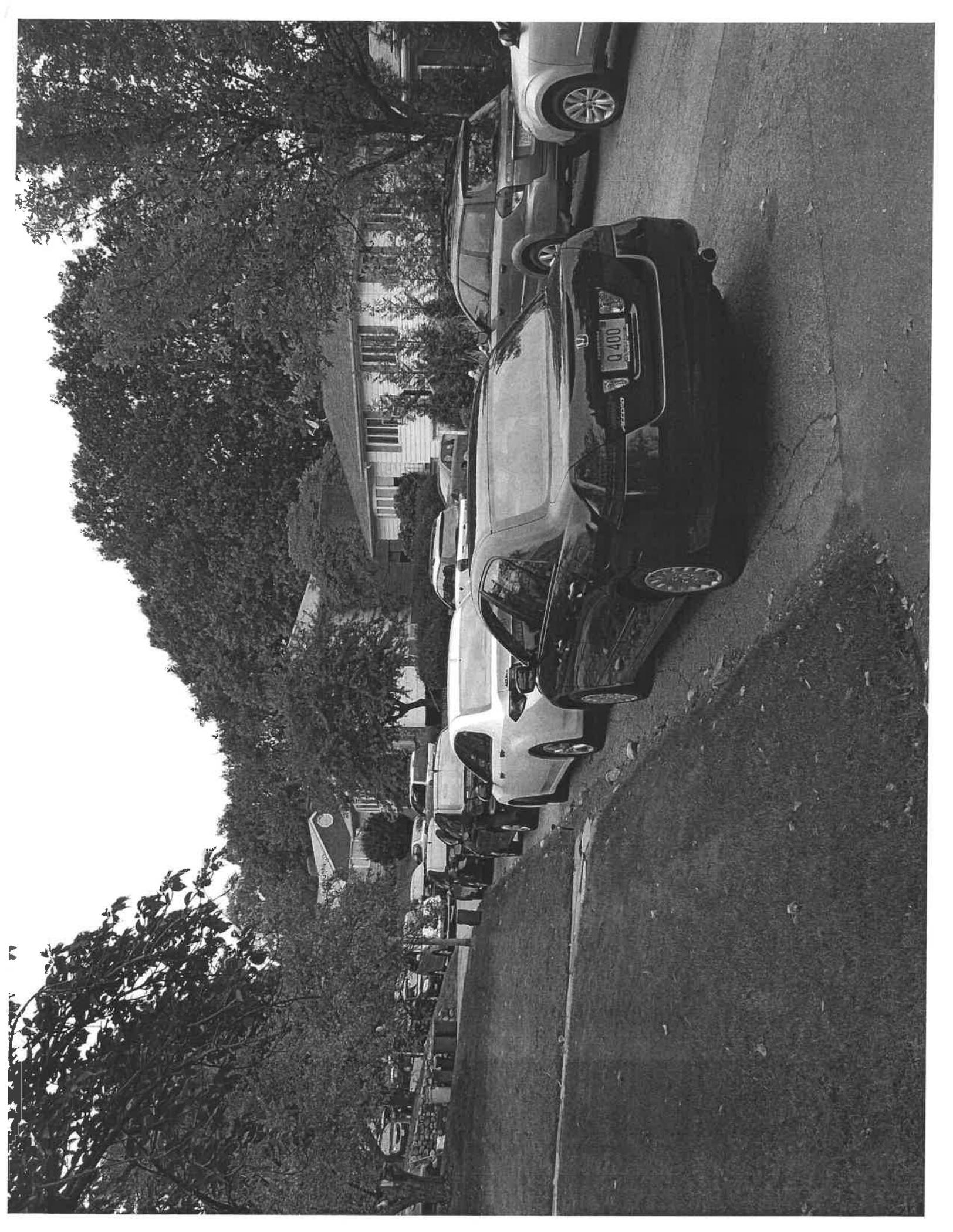
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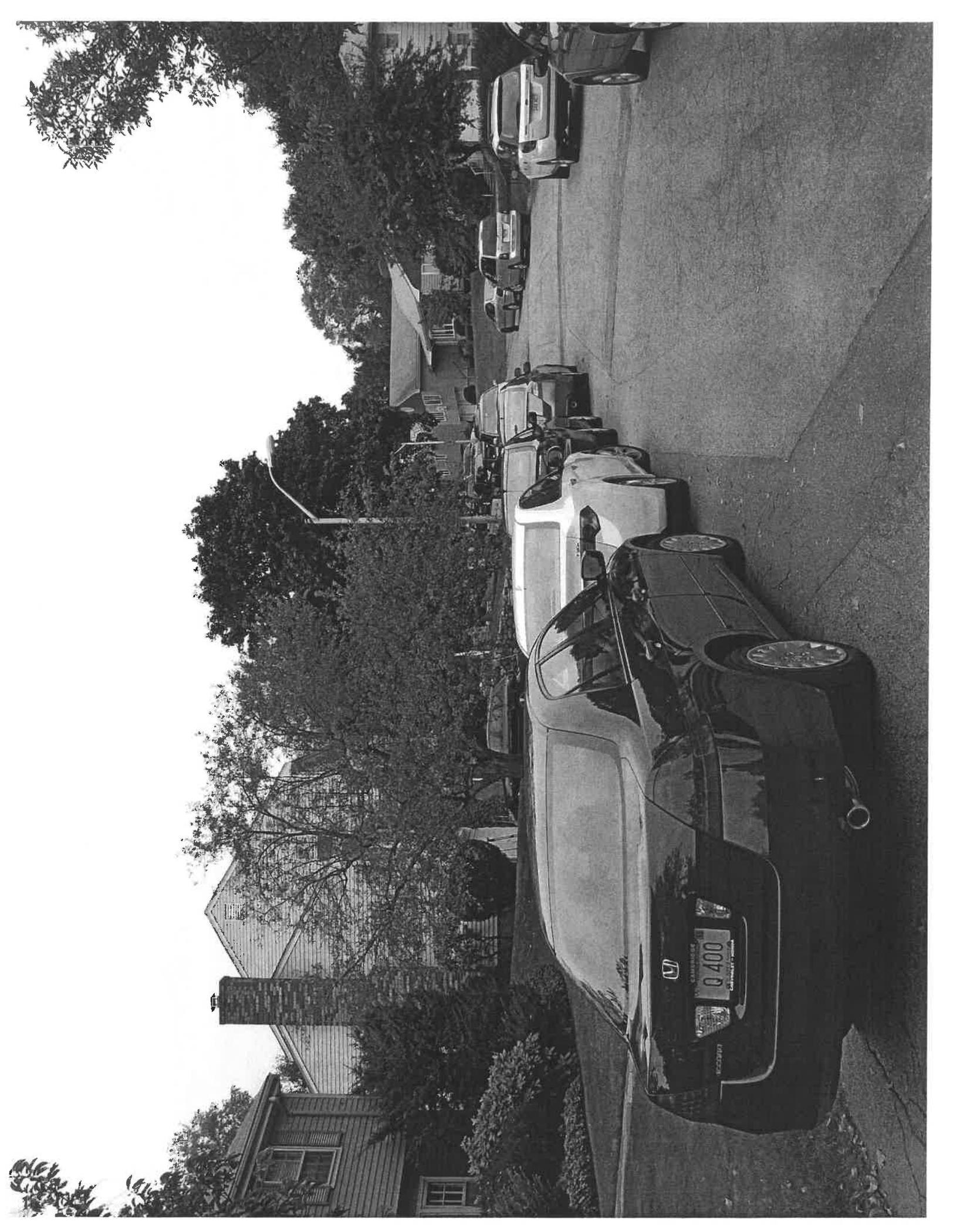


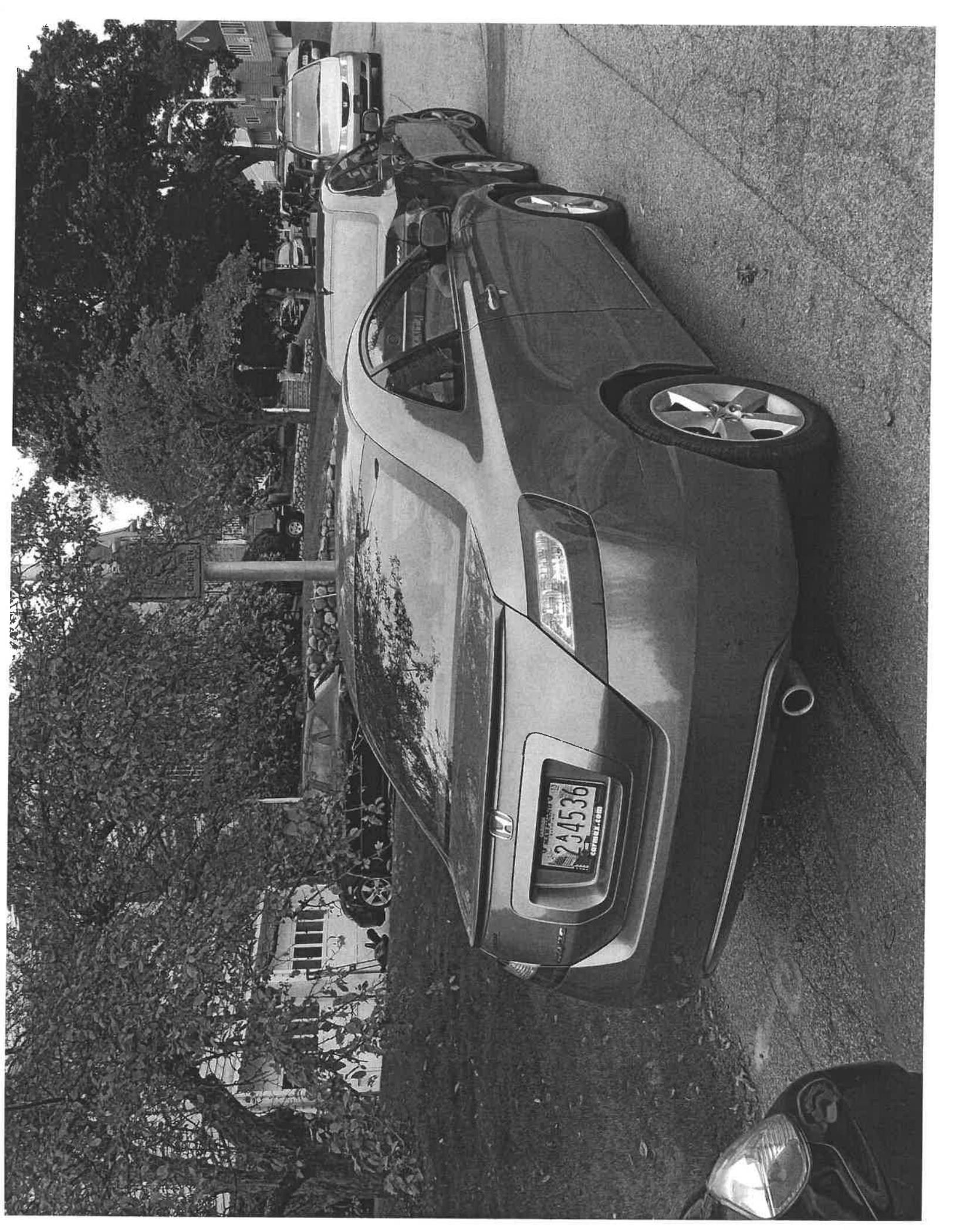
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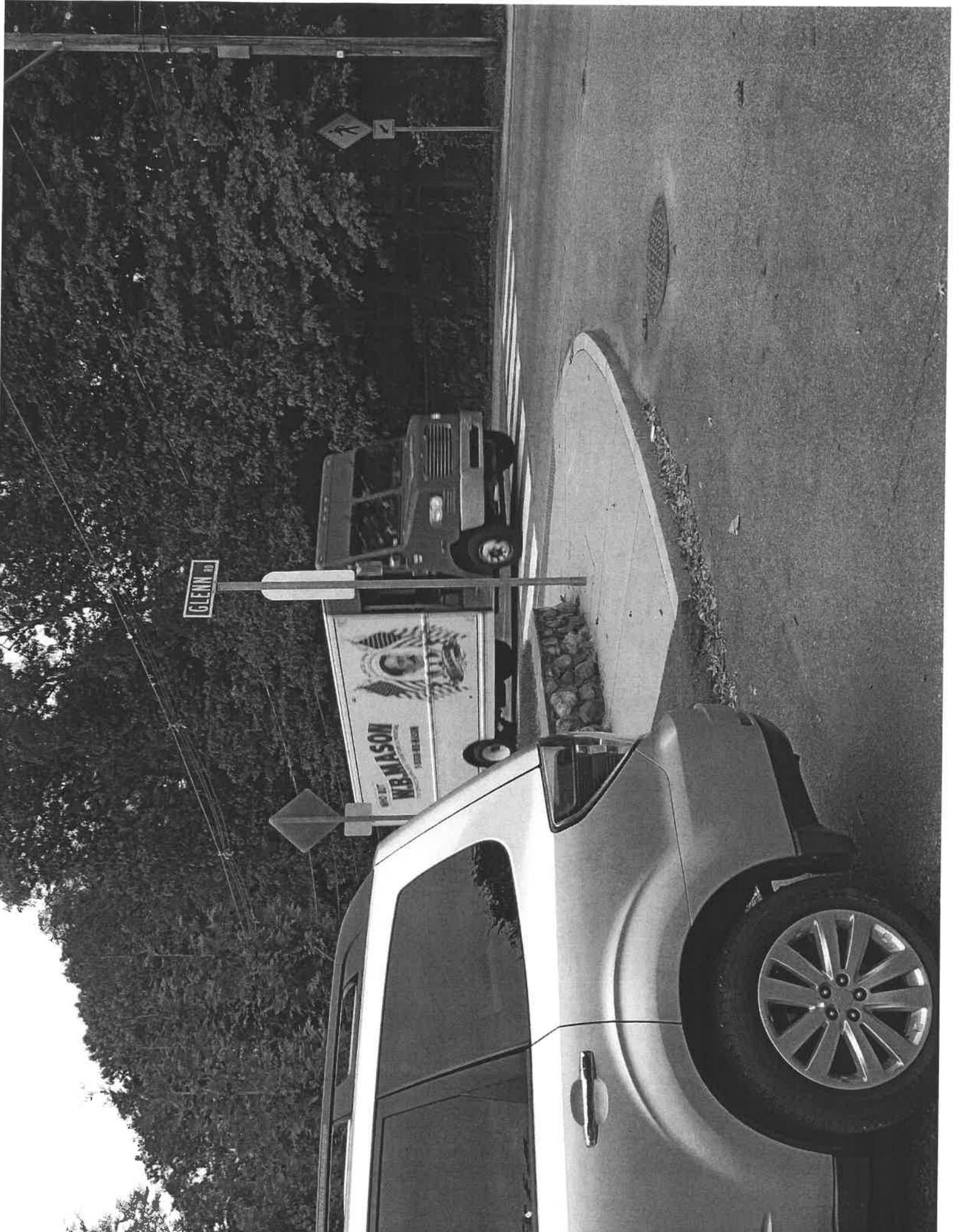


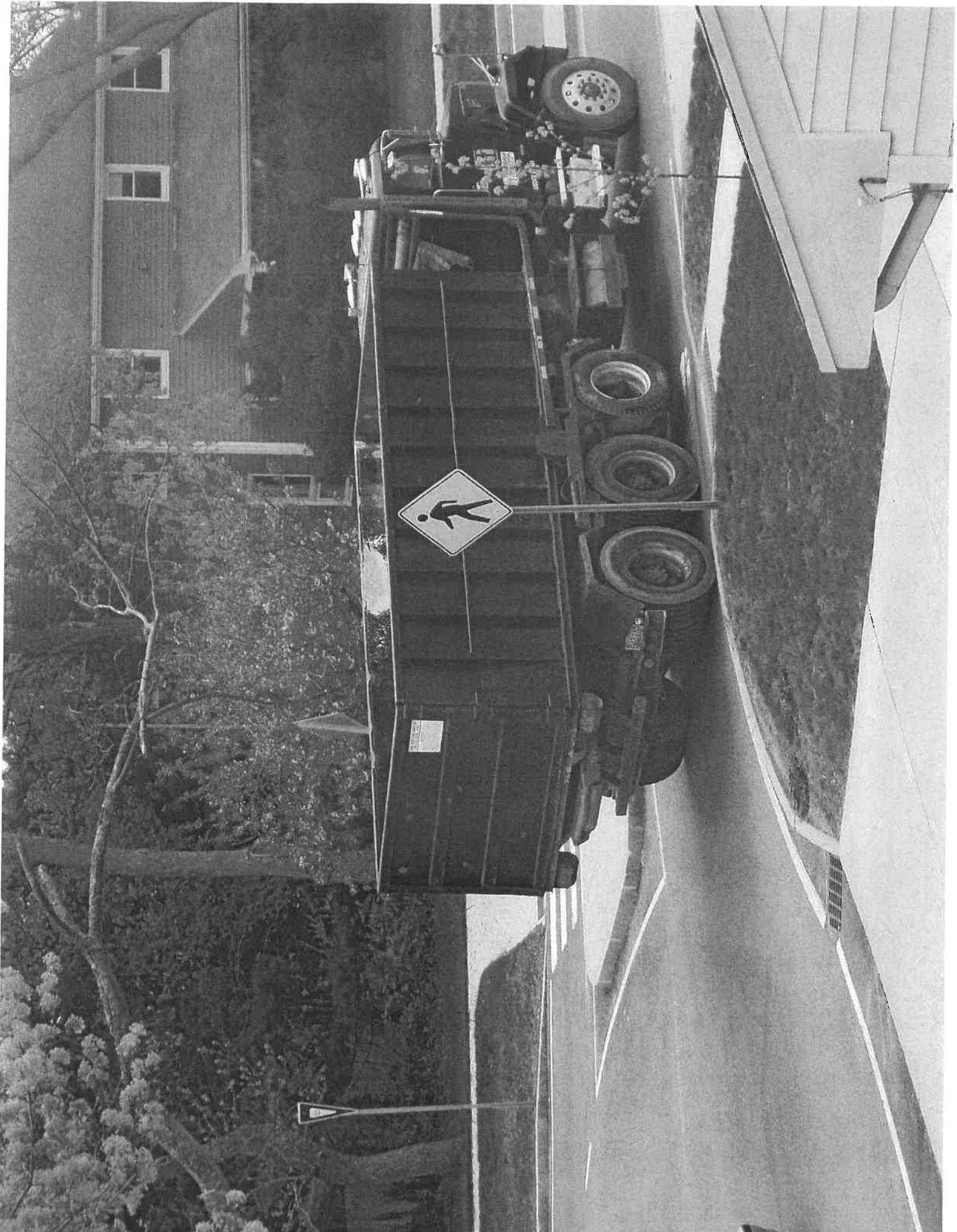


















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Andrea

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## Clancy, Glenn

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**From:** Linda Nickens [lnickens@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2013 7:29 PM  
**To:** Rojas, Andy @ RojasDesignInc.com; Clancy, Glenn  
**Subject:** Re: Glenn Road

Dear Andy,

We have not "thwarted" efforts to assist the residents on Glenn Rd. We have not taken the "side of Cambridge residents" over our Belmont neighbors. Traffic has increased over the years and it will continue to do so. Anything we do on this road will affect residents of the neighboring roads. A truck ban on Grove, Bright and Blanchard means that another road in Belmont and Cambridge has to agree to take the truck traffic that several streets currently share. Other homeowners, as you can imagine, won't agree to this. Trucks will not stay on route 2 and route 16. They will take the shortest route to their destination. Residents do not want to accept this.

In addition, Glenn Rd. residents are unhappy that the staff and residents of a group home require several parking spots on the street. How can we limit their parking? is this the precedent we want to set? If we put up a sign that limits parking to 2 hours, the residents will also have to comply.

No left turn signs have been used to control traffic in the past, on other roads, however, the residents will also have to comply with this. There are no exceptions. Because of the inconvenience to residents, we've had to remove many of these restrictions.

I live on Pleasant Street and I understand her frustration, however as a volunteer, trying only to help, I am deeply troubled by Mrs. Hillenbrandt's allegations.

As a long standing member of the TAC I have found several things to be true of all residents who appear before us. They want no trucks, no cut through traffic, no parking except for residents and a 20 mph speed limit. So do I. But.....

I have never asked a Selectman to attend a TAC meeting but I am asking you to please attend tomorrow evening. Perhaps we can, together, find some way to a possible solution that will not harm other homeowners on neighboring streets.

We serve only as an advisory committee. Final decisions are the at the discretion of the BOS.

Respectfully,  
Linda Nickens  
Chair, TAC

On Dec 11, 2013, at 4:13 PM, "Andres T. Rojas" <[andy@rojasdesigninc.com](mailto:andy@rojasdesigninc.com)> wrote:

Hi all -

Please see email below from Ms. Hildebrandt as well as the Trucks on Blanchard attachment. Thank you.

Andy

**Andrés T. Rojas, ASLA**  
Principal

**ROJAS DESIGN, INC.**  
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12/12/2013

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Ellie** <[ejhilde@gmail.com](mailto:ejhilde@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Dec 11, 2013 at 3:41 PM

Subject: Re: response

To: "Andres T. Rojas" <[andy@rojasdesigninc.com](mailto:andy@rojasdesigninc.com)>

Andy -

Thank you for your response. I will plan to be at the TAC meeting tomorrow evening and, although it is very short notice, I will inform my neighbors of the pending meeting tomorrow evening.

Most of us are reluctant to deal with the TAC as they have thwarted any efforts we have made in the past to have our problems dealt with. I hope the board members will keep an open mind and try to work with all Belmont residents equally.

Attached is an email I received today from Andrea Boyer, Chief Licensing Investigator, for the City of Cambridge, supporting the fact that Belmont (TAC) has refused to help in achieving a truck restriction on Blanchard Road. Several residents of Belmont, as well as Cambridge, have worked hard to have a restriction put into place to include Grove and Bright Roads. This would force the heavy trucks to stay on Rt 16 and Rt. 2 where they belong.

Ellie Hildebrandt

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On 12/11/2013 2:24 PM, Andres T. Rojas wrote:

Dear Ms. Hildebrandt -

My apologies for the lack of response from our office. I unfortunately had assumed that you had received a response. The Board of Selectmen takes the issues you've raised very seriously. We have started the appropriate process required to explore the problem as well as to identify the options available. Hopefully, this will lead to a successful resolution.

Please note that the Traffic Advisory Committee is taking up the Glenn Road matter at tomorrow evening's meeting at 7:00 pm in Town Hall. I have forwarded your letter to the TAC. I also recommend that you attend the meeting if you are available. Your points are well taken and will hopefully be addressed in this forum. I am hoping to attend the meeting and perhaps will see you there.

12/12/2013

Please accept my sincere apology on behalf of the Board of Selectmen. Thank you.

Andy

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On Tue, Dec 10, 2013 at 3:59 PM, Ellie <[ejhilde@gmail.com](mailto:ejhilde@gmail.com)> wrote:

Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of the letter I sent to each of you a few weeks ago. I am extremely disappointed that no one has had the courtesy to respond to me. In the 50 years I have lived in Belmont I have paid several hundred thousand dollars in taxes and yet I can't even get an official from my town government to respond.

By the way, I just learned that Sycamore Street has permit parking. I am told over and over again that the suggestions I raise have no precedent in Belmont and yet each time I find this not to be true.

I would like to arrange a meeting directly with the Selectmen to discuss the problems I, as well as my neighbors, are facing. You don't seem to understand the impact this is having on our lives. The problems keep escalating and we need some action to be taken immediately.

Please respond to me so we can have an intelligent conversation about the issues and figure out, in a combined effort, what can and cannot be done to ameliorate the situation.

Elinore Hildebrandt  
68 Glenn Road

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From Ellie Hildebrandt

12/12/2013

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Town of Belmont, MA  
Traffic Advisory Committee (T.A.C.)

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**Minutes of Meeting September 13, 2012**

**Members present:** Larry MacDonald (Vice Chair), Don Mercer, Dana Miller (Clerk), Linda Nickens (Chair), and Matt Sullivan

**Ex-Officio Members present:** Sgt. Benjamin Mailhot, BPD, Selectman Andy Rojas.

**Also present:** Jane Bloomfield, 10 Blanchard Road; Jon Brooks, 37 Taylor Road; Diane Coulopoulos, 28 Glenn Road; Molly Crawford, 60 Blanchard Road; Robert Desrosiers, 87 Taylor Road; Tony Dowers, 85 Fairview Avenue; Lisa Kaloostian, 61 Glenn Road; Alfie Kohn, 415 Belmont Street; Zepour Kougoustian, 8 Blanchard Road; George Kougoustian, 8 Blanchard Road; Henry Ogilby, 88 Taylor Road; Lydia Ogiby, 306 Washington Street; Aram Tomasian 62 Glenn Road; Laura Wenzel, 11 Glenn Road; Jim Williams, 7 Glenn Road.

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:00.

**July Minutes:** The TAC voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the committee's July 2012 meeting.

**Glenn Road:** Residents explained the traffic challenges on this street: to avoid the roundabout, cars turn onto Glenn and then onto Bright; cars move too quickly; on-street van parking at 112 Blanchard (which is at the corner) limits visibility for drivers; there is no sidewalk at the corner; jurisdiction is complicated because the raised intersection is entirely within the boundaries of Cambridge, which has evidently declined requests to patrol the intersection.

The TAC voted unanimously to install no-parking signs at the corner of Glenn and Blanchard Roads. Seargent Mailhot will conduct a traffic study on Glenn Road and will report back to the TAC. Another meeting will be held to discuss the study results. Sergeant Mailhot will explore the possibility of establishing a mutual aid agreement with the Cambridge Police Department to enforce traffic law at this intersection. Selectman Rojas suggested that the new Belmont Town Administrator, who used to work in Cambridge City Government, might be able to facilitate collaboration between Belmont and Cambridge to address this issue. Lydia Ogilby suggested that those parking on the street in front of 112 Glenn Road might make arrangements to park in the lot behind the temple on Concord Avenue instead.

Neighbors were in disagreement about the value of limiting traffic turns onto Glenn: while some Glenn residents requested this and most Glenn residents seemed to be in support of this, residents of nearby streets did not support such a traffic limitation.

## Clancy, Glenn

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**From:** Kale, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:12 AM  
**To:** Clancy, Glenn  
**Subject:** FW: Glenn Road  
Glenn,

I know you have dealt with this in the past-please bring me up to speed when we meet. Thanks.

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**From:** Reardon, Jr., Robert **On Behalf Of** Selectmens Mailbox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:07 AM  
**To:** Kale, David  
**Subject:** FW: Glenn Road

Robert P. Reardon Jr  
Public Information Specialist  
Town of Belmont  
(617) 993-2616  
[rreardon@belmont-ma.gov](mailto:rreardon@belmont-ma.gov)

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**From:** Ellie [mailto:[ejhilde@gmail.com](mailto:ejhilde@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 29, 2013 9:01 AM  
**To:** Selectmens Mailbox  
**Subject:** Glenn Road

### Summary:

Glenn Road has become an increasingly unsafe street for the residents living in the neighborhood. Glenn Road is the only direct access to the Burbank School for children living on Blanchard Rd, Mannix Circle and Glenn Road. Children must walk on the street (no sidewalks) to get there. The winter months are coming and with inclement weather the street will become narrower and even more hazardous than it is currently. Drivers, trash collectors and handicapped residents are having difficulty navigating the street because of all of the cars, vans and trucks parked on both sides of the street.

### Actions:

Angry drivers on Blanchard Road going North are cutting into the South lane and onto Glenn Road to avoid the traffic.  
Cambridge residents and all-day commuters and contractors appear to be the owners of the vehicles who are parking on Glenn Rd as there is restricted, limited and resident only parking on Cambridge streets.

### Hazards:

The curved road and parked vehicles block the view of individuals walking on the street, especially children walking to and from school.  
Residents are unable to back out of their driveways because of obstructed view of the street.  
Trucks, Ambulances, Firetrucks, Waste vehicles etc. are often blocked from traveling on Glenn Road.  
Front walks and driveways are often blocked by parked cars and trucks.  
Turning out of Glenn Road onto Blanchard Road and turning into Glenn Road from Blanchard Road is hazardous because visibility is obstructed by the parked vehicles on Glenn Road.

10/29/2013

**Solution:**

- **Do not enter from Blanchard Road between the hours of 7 - 10 am & 2 - 7 pm (Hamilton Road, on the Cambridge line, has a restriction in place)**
- **Parking limit - 2 hours**
- **Resident parking only**

**Thank you,  
Ellie Hildebrandt  
68 Glenn Road  
617-484-7673  
[ejhilde@gmail.com](mailto:ejhilde@gmail.com)**

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From Ellie Hildebrandt

J. G. FAZZANese <sup>2/7/14</sup>  
 177 LEXINGTON ST.  
 617 489 5128

LEXINGTON ST.  
 "AN UNSAFE STREET"

From BELMONT ST. : • NO CROSS WALK  
 • NEED BLINKING RED/YELLOW

- MBTA Bus stop too close TO CORNER entering LEXINGTON ST.

\* CHURCH

\* SLOW SCHOOL SIGN

Ripley Rd  
 NO CROSSWALK TO MAILBOXES  
 NO REASON TO PUT A CROSSWALK.

CHURCH PK & ENTRANCE

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\* CHURCH  
 NO CROSSWALK  
 - LEXINGTON & BEECH/BURHAM

"END SCHOOL ZONE"

LAUREL ST. BLIND CORNER  
 • entering LEXINGTON!  
 CORNER CLEARANCE BY-LAW 201 LEXINGTON ST.

Whitecomb St.  
 • BLIND CORNER  
 2 MAILBOXES + TEL. POLE ACCIDENTS?

• CROSSWALK NO SIGNAGE  
 HOW OFTEN USED?

HOLT ST.

- BLIND CORNER
- SIDEWALK BLOCKED  
 151 LEXINGTON ST - NEW D.W. ? CURB CLEARANCE - SHRUBS OVERHANGING - LEXINGTON
- NEEDS 4-WAY STOP
- CROSS BELOW grade FROM SOUTH DIRECTION - POOR/NO SIGNAGE - RELOCATE
- NO CROSSWALK TO MAILBOX - MAY ADD A 4th CROSSWALK NO REASON TO PUT A CROSSWALK.

(5)

LEXINGTON ST. FROM BELMONT ST. (CONT.)

Approaching  
Sycamore St.

Pedestrian sign  
25 MPH  
CROSS WALK SIGN

TRAVELING  
SOUTH UP HILL  
"Reduce Speed 20  
MPH"  
"SLOW SCHOOL"

LEXINGTON ST & SYCAMORE ST.

2 WAY STOP - NEEDS 4 WAY STOP  
OR OVERHEAD BLINKING RED/YELLOW  
RAISED INTERSECTION

The third crosswalk is at Church & Thayer  
at the signal lights.

NOTES:

1. Please see Waverly Ave in Watertown to see what is considered a safe and upgraded street.
2. Although posted Lexington H. traffic is typically heavy and fast.
3. MBTA Bus, Bently Bus speed down the street from Belmont St.
4. Trucks & wheelers rumble and speed down the street from both directions.

John Mackenzie - 617-892-3731

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**BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF BELMONT**

**CASE NO.:** 13-11

**PETITIONER:** Seta Dekessian,  
d/b/a Seta's Café

**PROPERTY ADDRESS:** 271 Belmont Street

**DATE OF PUBLIC HEARING:** May 13, 2013

**MEMBERS SITTING:** William D. Chin, Chairman  
Nicholas A. Iannuzzi, Jr.  
Eric Smith  
Demetrios Zakardis  
Christopher Henry, Associate Member

**MEMBERS VOTING:** William D. Chin, Chairman  
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This is a proceeding before the Board of Appeals of the Town of Belmont (the "Board"), acting pursuant to Chapter 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, and the Zoning By-Law of the Town of Belmont, Massachusetts (the "By-Law") to consider the application of Seta Dekessian, d/b/a Seta's Café (the "Applicant") to Amend the Special Permit to change the ownership of the existing restaurant (Chicken Express) to the Applicant at 271 Belmont Street (the "Premises") in a Local Business III Zoning District. Under Section 3.3 of the By-Law, a fast food restaurant use is allowed in said Zoning District only by a Special Permit.

After all the statutory requirements for publication and notice were satisfied, a public hearing was held on May 13, 2013.

The Applicant appeared and made her presentation to the Board. Ms. Dekessian grew up working in her family bakery/café for a number of years. Ms. Dekessian attended the Culinary Arts program at Johnson & Wales University, worked for Jody Adams at Rialto Restaurant and has been in the catering business/restaurant for a number of years.

The Applicant proposes to operate a Mediterranean Café at the site of Chicken Express. The proposed operating hours will be Sundays: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The Applicant proposes seating for 20 persons.

Trash pick-up will occur Monday through Friday in the morning hours. The Applicant intends to use compost and recycling methods to reduce trash. Save that Stuff will provide the Applicant with compost and trash bins with covers. Jet Away will provide a dumpster for other waste. Grease will be deposited in barrels that will be picked up by Newport Biodiesel. Grease pick up will occur once/twice per week depending upon need. Dumpsters, waste containers and grease containers will be located behind the building in the parking lot at least 5 feet away from the building.

Since the Applicant will be using ingredients sold locally by farmers at farmers markets, deliveries will be made Tuesday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM or 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. There will be a maximum of 6 employees. There will always be 2 employees on at on at one time. There will always be a Safe Serv certified employee working during operating hours. Food delivery service will be available for lunch and dinner. The signage will be similarly positioned as at of Chicken Express.

Applicant's proposed lease provides eight (8) parking spaces in the parking area behind the Premises. There are twelve (12) spaces and a dedicated concrete dumpster pad in the parking area.

The Applicant did not submit a copy of an executed *Non-Binding Letter of Intent* for a lease. The Applicant submitted a letter from Belmont Realty Services, LLC which stated that the present lease at the property would be assigned to the Applicant.

On May 22, 2013, the Department of Health submitted a Memorandum of support of the Applicant's business and also outlined the management of various Department of Health issues for restaurants, e.g. trash management, odor suppression, grease management, kitchen design, etc.

There was one person who spoke in support of the proposal. There were no parties in attendance in opposition to the proposal.

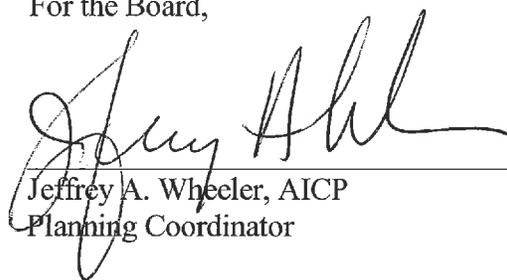
Upon deliberation the Board found that the Applicant's proposal to amend the Special Permit to change the ownership of the existing restaurant (Chicken Express) to the Applicant at 271 Belmont Street in a Local Business III Zoning District as conditioned by the Board, would be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the By-Law. Accordingly, upon motion duly made and seconded, **the Board voted 5-0 to grant a Special Permit for the fast food restaurant as requested, subject to the following conditions:**

1. The Special Permit is granted to Seta Dekessian and is not transferable or assignable to any other person or entity.
2. The Applicant shall comply with all state and municipal rules and regulations that are applicable to the operation of a fast food restaurant, including those of the Belmont Department of Health, and shall comply with all requirements of said Department of Health, as specified from time to time, for the operation of a fast food restaurant at the Premises.
3. The hours of operation shall be limited to: Sundays: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Tuesday through Saturday: 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. , subject to the Applicant obtaining an appropriate Common Victualler's License from the Board of Selectmen, and such other permits, licenses and approvals as may be required for the Applicant's operation of a fast food restaurant.
4. The Applicant shall be limited to seating for 20 patrons.
5. Vendors are prohibited from parking on Newton Street and that all deliveries are to be made through the front entrance at the Belmont Street side only. Such incoming deliveries shall be made Tuesdays from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM or 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

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271 Belmont Street

6. The dumpster must be properly screened and comply with all Department of Health rules and regulations. Trash pick up shall be made Monday through Friday in the morning hours.
7. Take-out deliveries are limited to the hours of operation.
8. No employee parking is allowed in any residential area.
9. All signage must comply with the sign By-law.
10. The Applicant shall provide the Office of Community Development with a letter from her counsel pertaining to the terms and provisions of the lease and control of the site.

For the Board,



Jeffrey A. Wheeler, AICP  
Planning Coordinator

June 26, 2013