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Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 9:16 PM
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Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: RE: For Comment: Runoff on Pumpkin Hill Road
Attachments: Pumpkin-Hill-Road-Runoff_2023-07-16.pdf; Pumpkin-Hill-Road-Runoff_2024-03-23.pdf

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Gary:

Thanks for following up. For info., please find attached some photos illustrating the extent and severity of the problem with runoff from Pumpkin Hill Road. To reduce file size, I saved these photos as .pdf files; if needed I can provide original .jpg files, and additional views not shown here.

The first file has photos taken last summer, showing how water gets through the stone wall. Photos appearing in the second file were taken during last Saturday's rains, during the late afternoon.

Best regards,

Rob

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Hello Rob,

I do remember our interactions at EB and outside of this issue I hope all is well. Please allow me a few days to investigate this issue and develop an appropriate response, talk to you soon.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil
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From: stringbassist@comcast.net <stringbassist@comcast.net>
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Gary:

By way of introduction, we met briefly back when you worked at EB. Would you please help me with an issue concerning stormwater runoff from the road in front of my house? If other nearby properties along the same road (in both Ledyard and Groton) have asphalt curbing, why won't the town put curbing in front of my house?

For the past two years, I have asked the town engineer and highway department to provide asphalt curbing for preventing runoff from Pumpkin Hill Road cascading across my front lawn. Heavy rains this past winter have caused silting and erosion in three places on my front lawn; the attached photo shows only one of these areas.

From speaking with a civil engineer that is licensed in CT, my understanding is that whoever owns the road (e.g. town, county, or state) is responsible for controlling its runoff. However, I have not been able to get Ledyard's town engineer to provide a cogent answer on who owns the road, and how they are going to keep its runoff away from my property. The civil engineer that I consulted does not believe that vegetation or mulch, as proposed by the town, provides a long-term solution for managing stormwater. Another concern is that rock salt (or brine) washing off the road in the winter makes it more difficult to grow anything on my front lawn.

In addition, my understanding is that the town rents the machinery for making asphalt curbing, and usually makes repairs and lays new curbing in the spring. So if this concern is not addressed soon, I'm facing another year of property damage similar to what appears in the photo.

Any assistance that you can provide would be greatly appreciated. If needed, I'll make the time to show you (or anyone else with the town) what the runoff is doing to my property.

Thanks,

Rob

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