

On Mar 11, 2021, at 4:52 PM, pgcarroll@earthlink.net wrote:

Good afternoon, Commissioners.

I am writing today to appeal an ordinance that the Commission enacted approximately a year ago regarding sidewalks that cross driveways. We are planning to replace our driveway, which has large cracks in both the main portion and the apron, with concrete pavers. Our contractor informed us that we could not have the pavers running the length of the driveway and to the apron to meet the street without leaving the concrete sidewalk in place because of this ordinance.

In speaking with JP Murphy, he told me it was an ADA issue and that there are instances of pavers lifting in some sidewalks as a result of tree roots. After talking with our contractor, he indicated that the substrate they use is crushed concrete and that the Town has to approve the installation of the entire driveway, including that which might go "across" the sidewalk. Is it possible that a continuous run of pavers across the sidewalk area and continuing to the apron would be more stable than stopping and starting at the sidewalk with pavers on either side?

I am not a paving or paver expert, but in looking at our driveway, we may have one of the shortest aprons in the neighborhood. Ours is only 50" long, while the sidewalk is 56." I think it's going to look a bit silly to go from pavers to sidewalk to pavers.

I am appealing to the Commission to help us find a way to have our pavers run continuously to the street as we see in many instances throughout the Town. We are willing to shoulder any cost of re-setting pavers if the Town needs to have access to the right of way under our apron or on the sidewalk section. DeSoto Place was one of the early streets to be replaced several years ago, so I can't imagine that any paving would be needed for quite some time. We also pledge to keep our pavers in good condition so as not to cause any ADA issues.

I appreciate any consideration you can give us.

Best,

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