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Hello,

My name is Mark Vessella and I have lived at 36 Magnolia Lane since March 2016. My house was originally built on an area with a high water table which causes my sump pumps to run off and on throughout the winter and spring. It is a constant problem and expense in addition to the fear that I am going wake up to a flooded basement and subsequently lose my home. I have already spoken to the engineering, sewer and highway departments about the problem of which they were already aware of it and said there isn't much I can do. I also sent a letter to the Planning/Engineering Department though I never heard anything back. This is a major problem that I think can be fixed but I really need the towns help in accomplishing this.

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I am in the process of hiring an engineer to look into the issue. My ultimate goal is to get storm drains installed down Wesson St., (my house is at the corner of Wesson and Magnolia), such that I can drain the water away by gravity. There is an additional issue of water pooling on Wesson St that can be solved at the same time, (attached photo). I am not a civil engineer and obviously there are likely to be an assortment of reasons as to why this would be difficult but I think every possible solution has to be thoroughly explored.

I found out this weekend that there is there is a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting this Thursday, (6/28/18), to get a variance to build a house right in the path, (35 Wesson St), of where I would want the storm drains. I don't think it is fair to existing home owners to build new houses in areas with pre-existing issues especially when the issues can be solved. I feel this could be an opportunity to at least begin the process of putting in storm drains or at a minimum it could be looked into.

I would really like to meet with you in person to discuss the issue and possible solutions. Unfortunately, time is short since the meeting is this Thursday. I feel it is a travesty and a waste to allow this problem to go on indefinitely when it can be solved. If you could please contact me so we could discuss the issue over the phone or preferably in person that would be greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

Mark Vessella

