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July 21, 2016

Kenneth R. Cimeno, Building Commissioner

Frederick Johnson, Building Inspector

Building Department

26 Bryant Street

Dedham, MA 02026

**Re: 98 Wentworth Street**

 **John and Rebecca Hammond**

Dear Mr. Cimeno and Mr. Johnson:

Mr. Hammond came before the Zoning Board of Appeals on June 22, 2016, and July 20, 2016, regarding his application for a Special Permit for a retaining wall measuring six feet in height instead of the allowed four feet. The existing retaining wall in front of his property is beginning to fail and become a safety issue for his two young children. It is very steep, and they wish to level out the grade with a four-foot wall with a three foot setback and plantings, and then another two foot wall. The Building Department said he needed to obtain a Special Permit due to the combined height of the walls. Mr. Hammond needed to provide a certified plot plan to verify that the wall was going to be on his property, and he needed to provide the offset of the property; these were provided.

The Board reviewed the plans carefully and found that there is no need for a Special Permit. The two foot wall will not be placed on top of the four foot wall, and there is a separation of the walls with a three foot wide landscaped area. Mr. McGrail said these are two separate walls and do not require relief.

Sincerely,

Susan Webster

Administrative Assistant

Per James F. McGrail, Chairman, Zoning Board of Appeals