

## **Stone Bank Security and Fencing Memo** (01/13/23)

It is without question that the Stone Bank project needs a security barrier along the common property line it shares with the Steamship Authority and the Town Parking Lot. Trespassing is a regular occurrence by teenagers, the homeless, and visitors who are simply curious about what lies beyond. This is an issue for not only the Stone Bank project but for immediate abutters.

The applicant plans several measures to alleviate this:

**Fencing.** Attached is a fencing plan that utilizes existing and new features along the boundary. This will consist of new cedar fencing atop existing timber planters. There are sections of the planters that are so heavy with foliage that the fencing does not need to be continuous, making for a friendlier and better looking barrier. There will be a pedestrian gate which could be replaced with a vehicular gate should permission be later obtained from the Steamship Authority for a vehicular entry. The pedestrian gate will be marked with a tasteful sign saying "Residents Only Please." It is hoped that this gate will not need to be fitted with a lock.

It should also be mentioned that cedar lattice will be placed on building **D2**, tying the building elements together. This "green wall" offers the opportunity for additional planting and screening.

**Beach Crossing.** The above barrier will protect the property from trespassing all the way to the beach. The beach in front of the Stone Bank Property is contiguous with a small beach alongside the ferry landing and there is nothing to prevent tourists and others from spilling onto the Stone Bank Beach and beyond. The applicant will create tasteful and friendly signage (much as abutters have done) asking citizens to respect the right of Stone Bank residents to enjoy the beach in privacy.

Note: The applicant is creating a public easement to pass over the Stone Bank beach for citizens headed for Owen Park. The Town hopes to obtain similar easements from other properties to complete this link. But it should be emphasized that the easement will not grant a right to use the beach, only to pass over it.

**Residential Courtyard.** The center of the project has a residential courtyard reserved only for residents of the Stone Bank Project. Entry will be through gates at both the west and east ends. The gates will be marked with tasteful signs saying "Residents Only Please." It is hoped that this gate will not need to be fitted with a lock.

This courtyard will have the effect of sealing off from trespassers a large portion of the interface between Stone Bank and the residential abutters to the north.

There will likely never be a continuous physical barrier between the properties, given that the Stam residence is essentially only accessible from Stone Bank Property. However it is believed that the above measures will all but eliminate trespassing.