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Bernard McCourt III
District Engineer, MassHighway, District 5
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Dear Mr. McCourt:

The Annual Town Meeting for the town of Chilmark adopted a Beetlebung Corners Town Path Improvement Plan last Spring. The plan calls for safety improvements for pedestrians using the Beetlebung campus for public events.

We particularly wanted to address nighttime events and the flow of pedestrians from the Community Center to Chilmark Store. Nighttime events require us to park at all of the public buildings and cross the state highway in the dark. The flow of pedestrians in the area seems to pass from the Community Center or Library to the Chilmark Store via the Post Office through parking lots and roads.

The town worked with a transportation planner, Dan Greenbaum, to review the existing conditions and recommend minimal changes that would have a major impact on pedestrian safety. He has drawn the plan which I am enclosing.

The Town was unable to implement the plan last summer and is eager to see the improvements made in time for this season. I had spoken to Ed Feeny about this plan in May, and he suggested we review it with his visiting traffic engineer earlier this month. Due in part to poor cellular telephone coverage, we were unable to meet with his engineer.

I am requesting an opportunity to formally discuss this plan with you or your representative at your earliest opportunity. The town would like to complete the work before the July 4th weekend.

Sincerely,

Timothy R. Carroll
Executive Secretary

CHILMARK TOWN CENTER PATH ENHANCEMENTS

Basic Improvements

Bank – Community Center:

- Relocate crosswalk so that it is adjacent to bank entrance.

Community Center – Library:

- Delineate pathway with lighting at each end.
- Provide 3' opening in low fence at edge of parking lot. (Possibly provide an additional opening at southeast corner of parking lot for those going to and from the post office and store).
- Trim shrubs and low tree branches adjacent to library parking lot.

Library – Post Office:

- Delineate path.
- Either add some steps or regrade steep portion of path.
- Trim shrubs and low tree branches adjacent to post office.

Post Office – Store: (This is required for safety, as the roadway between the store and the post office does not provide room for a safe walking area.)

- Make a new path from the southeast corner of the Post Office parking lot to the road. Requires clearing underbrush and creating an opening in the low stone wall.
- Add new diagonal roadway crossing. (This is probably not in accordance with MassHighways standards).

An alternative to the Post Office-Store walkway noted above:

- Make a new path on the north side of the school entrance which then turns at a right angle through the private parking area behind the real estate office and heads for the post office entrance. (Requires some brush clearing). **This alternative requires an agreement with the private owner.**

Possible Additional Enhancements

Town hall – Library/Community Center:

- Delineate pathway outside stone wall from Town Hall to Beetlebung Corners.
- Add new crossing of Middle Road at Beetlebung Corners.
- Make a new path on north side of South Road either behind split rail fence or outside relocated fence. (Requires trimming of lower tree branches).
- Add new diagonal roadway crossing from end of split rail fence on north side to accessible area on south side. (This is probably not in accordance with MassHighways standards).
- Add short walk on south side of roadway to library entrance. Requires regrading. **This improvement requires an agreement with the private owner.**

Store Front Area:

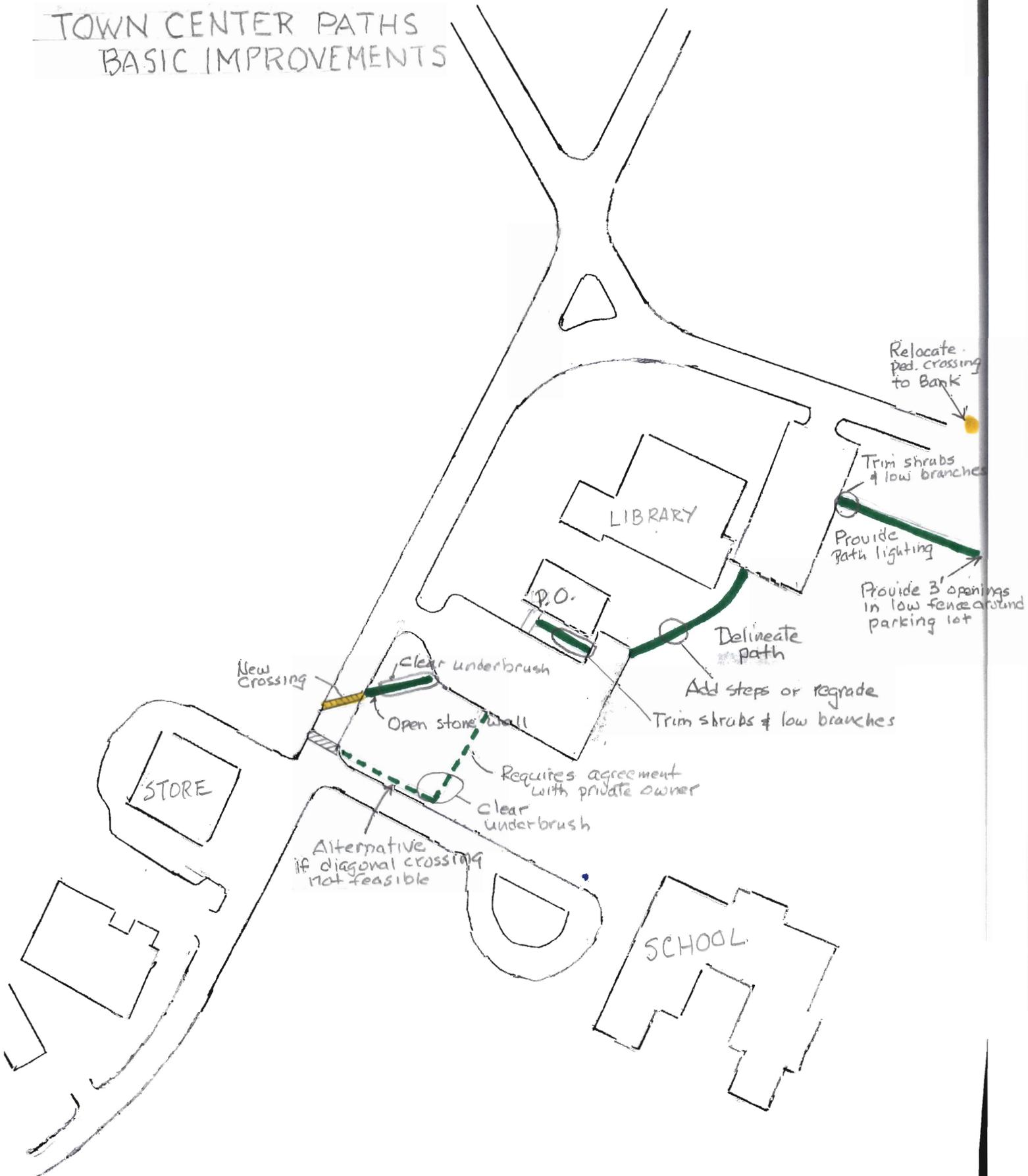
The existing six parking spaces in front of the store create an unsafe condition because of the need for vehicles to back up when exiting and the high volume of pedestrians in that area.

- Remove the six parking spaces and add planting with pedestrian access.
- Create an entrance-only and exit-only clockwise system around the store with diagonal parking on the side of the roadway. (Most of this currently exists). Formalizing the diagonal parking can add a few more spaces.

This improvement requires action by the private owner.

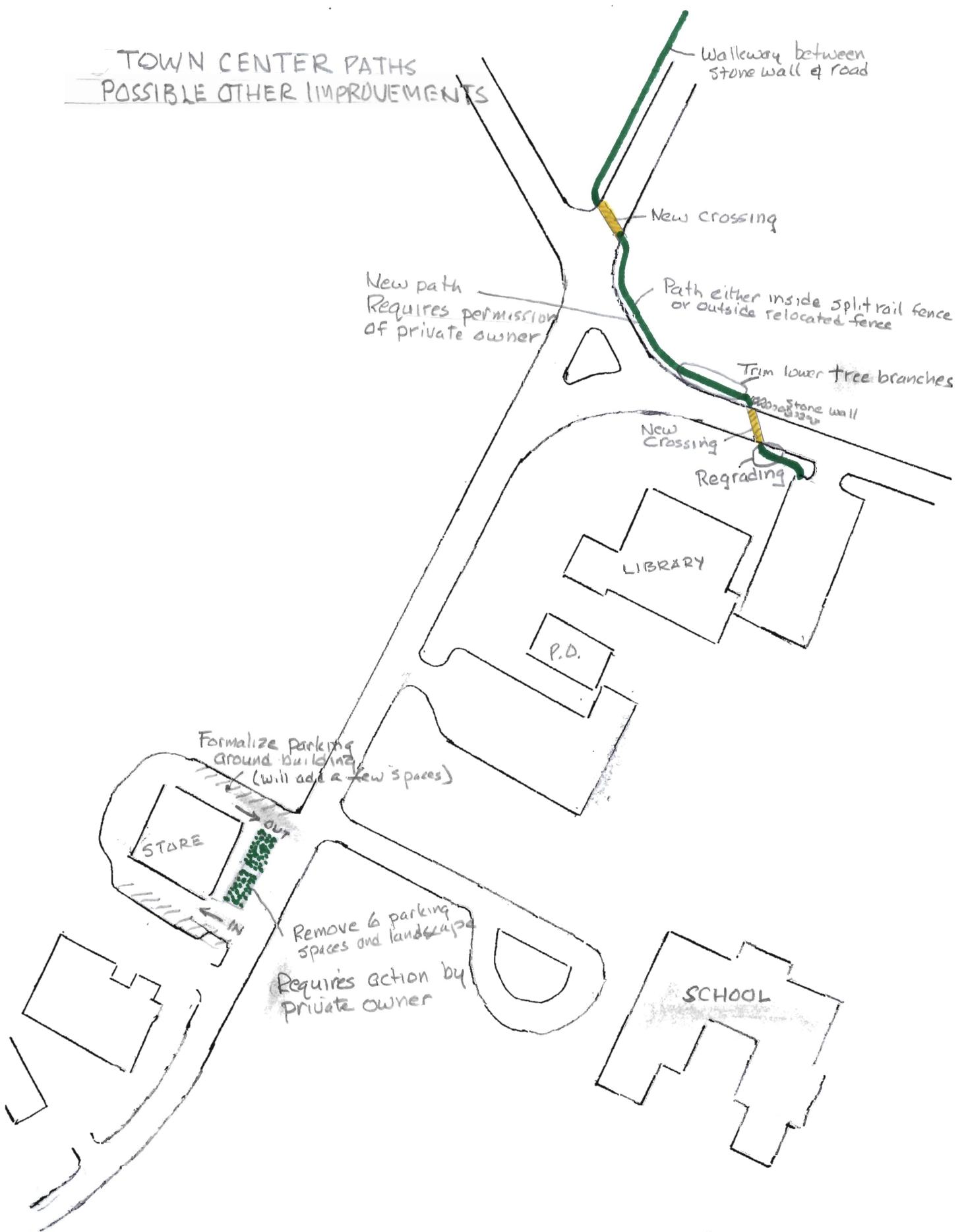
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TOWN CENTER PATHS BASIC IMPROVEMENTS



Town Hall

TOWN CENTER PATHS POSSIBLE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS



Walkway between stone wall & road

New crossing

New path
Requires permission of private owner

Path either inside split rail fence or outside relocated fence

Trim lower tree branches

Stone wall

New Crossing

Regrading

LIBRARY

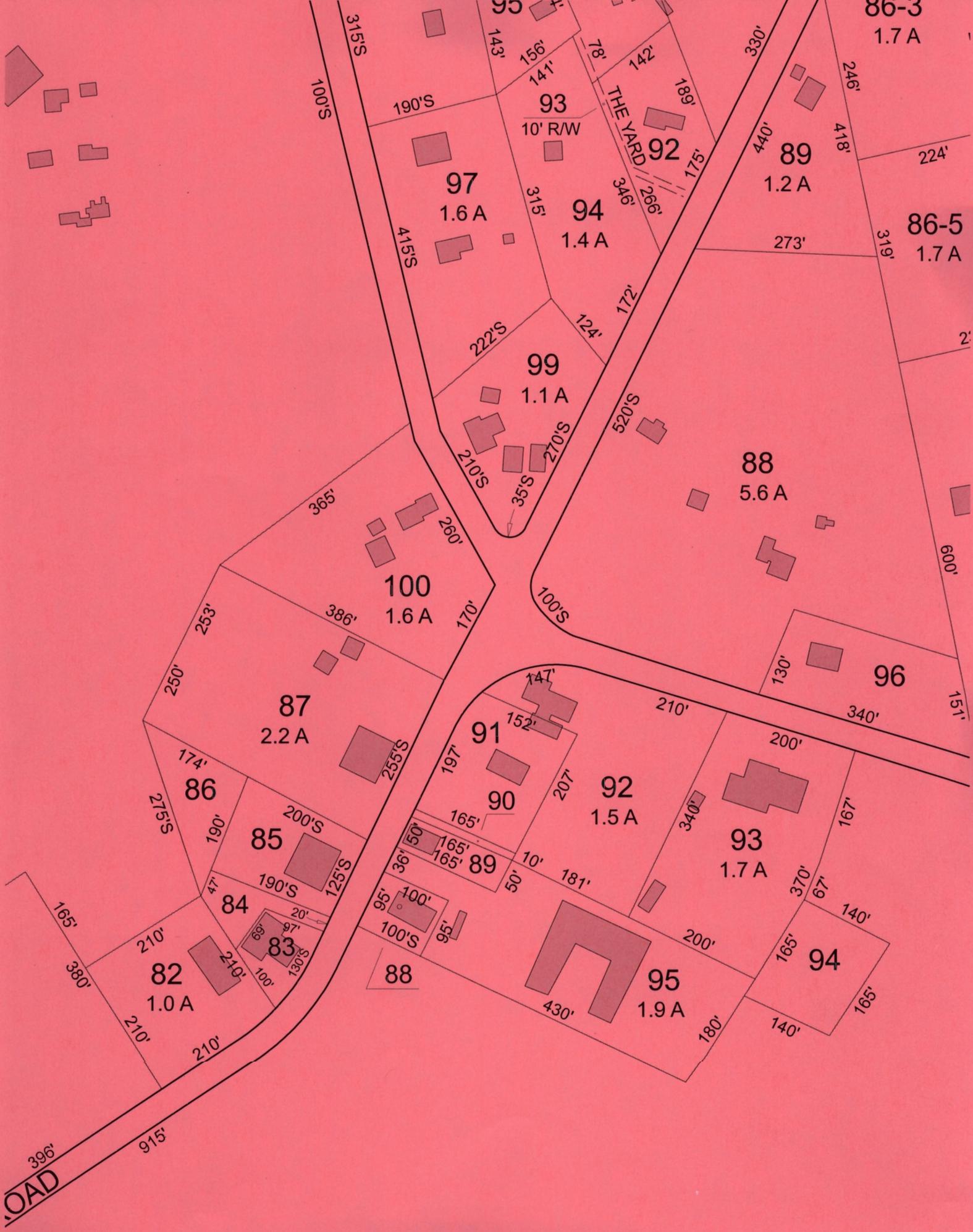
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Formalize parking around building (will add a few spaces)

STORE

Remove 6 parking spaces and landscaping
Requires action by private owner

SCHOOL



86-3
1.7 A

86-5
1.7 A

89
1.2 A

88
5.6 A

96

97
1.6 A

94
1.4 A

99
1.1 A

100
1.6 A

87
2.2 A

86

85

82
1.0 A

84

83

91

90

92
1.5 A

89

93
1.7 A

88

95
1.9 A

94

315'S
100'S

190'S

415'S

222'S

210'S

365'

170'

250'

253'

174'

275'S

190'

47'

210'

210'

210'

396'

915'

ROAD

95

143'

156'

141'

78'

142'

189'

93
10' R/W

92
THE YARD

315'S

94
1.4 A

349'

266'

330'

440'

418'

224'

273'

319'

2'

124'

172'

520'S

100'S

600'

151'

210'

130'

340'

147'

152'

197'

207'

165'

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