

TO: Arlington Town Manager/Assistant Town Manager  
Arlington Select Board  
Arlington Chief of Police  
Arlington Fire Chief

FROM: Cheryl Vossmer, Residents of Peck and Lanark Roads

DATE: December 11, 2020

SUBJ: Fire Egress/Ingress private section of Peck Ave.

OFFICE  
07470  
2020 DEC 15 AM 11:47

The attached letter has been mailed to the neighbors who reside at 145 Wollaston Avenue and abut the private road section of Peck Avenue. Our intention is for life safety egress/ingress and to be neighborly in a resolution until a permanent solution is implemented.

According to the Town Bylaw:

Article 2. Fire Lane

Section 2. Rules with respect to Private Ways

A: Preventing Fire Apparatus Access - Fire Regulations: It shall be unlawful to obstruct or block a private way with a vehicle or any other means so as to prevent access by fire apparatus or equipment to any multiple family building, stores, shopping centers, schools and places of public assembly."

Although this article seems to have been written for fire lanes of multiple housing units, such as apartment buildings, we are concerned that in a fire or medical situation, access would be hindered and significantly delayed. There have been many times where a Town snowplow has been stuck on Perth Road or Third Street – which is the current egress to this neighborhood. Additionally, the parking on both sides of the street, in particular Tanager Street, would hamper emergency access.

Please feel free to let me know if I/we can be of further assistance and we look forward to a neighborly resolution. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday season.

December 8, 2020

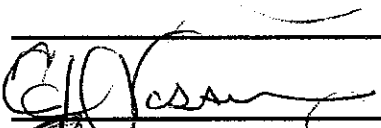
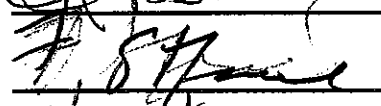
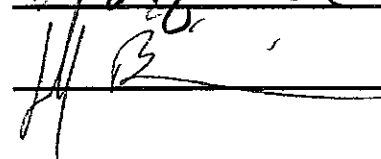
Saranyadevi Ganesan & Sivagaminathan Sivasankaran  
145 Nollaston Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476


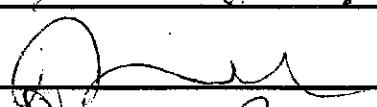
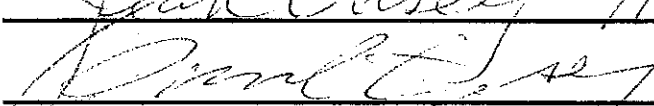

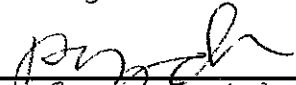
The purpose of this letter is to notify you of a life safety issue.

This was first addressed on or about October 6, 2020 with the Town Manager. As neighbors of Peck Ave and Lanark Road, also known as the "Little Scotland neighborhood" we would like to work with you to allow first responders access via the private road section of Peck Ave. You, as ~~direct~~ abutters to Peck Avenue, have encumbered fire apparatus and/or ambulances, etc. to traverse that section which provides direct access to Lanark Road and the dead end of Peck Avenue. In the situation of an emergency *seconds* count! This information was provided to all abutters on November 24, 2020 by Town of Arlington officials; Raymond Santilli the Assistant Town Manager and Town Counsel Doug Heim, that fire, ambulance, and town services are **unable to egress/ingress** due to the current narrow width. The recent snowstorm and snow removal of December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was evident that access is extremely restricted during severe weather, too.

We the undersigned neighbors, understand your desire to relocate Peck Avenue and to claim your property. As neighbors, we are concerned for our life safety and wellbeing during this process. Access, via the private road section of Peck Avenue, has never been a concern in over a quarter of a century until now. We would like you to consider moving the rocks back approximately two feet to allow emergency access. We accept that this will be a temporary solution until you complete the new layout of the private way section of Peck Avenue. By doing this you would allow the safe egress and ingress of emergency services, along with better snow removal and trash collection.

We strongly hope you will work with us in an effort of being good neighbors. As neighbors, we would be willing, at a designated date and time, to assist you in completing the task of moving the rocks.

NAME	ADDRESS
	22 25 Peck Ave
	22 Peck Ave
	18 Peck

	10 Peck Ave
John Duns-Kay	17 Peck Ave
Wendie Duns-Kay	14 Peck Avenue
William D. Kay	14 Peck Ave
Will Duns-Kay	14 Peck Ave
Christine Perna	29 Lanark Road
Kathleen McHarrick	27 Lanark Road
Marilyn Poole	17 Lanark Rd.
Annie Tromsa	24 Lanark Road
	22 Perth Rd
James Bona	16 Lanark Rd
Mary Bona	16 Lanark Rd
Jean Casey	11 Third St
	11 Third St
	11 Third St
	22 Perth Rd
David Widder	26 Peck Ave
David McCall	30 Peck Ave