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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

MY NAME IS CHAZ VANCE AND I'VE OWNED 1963 DAVIS RD IN WEST FALLS FOR JUST OVER A DECADE. MY FIANCE AND I HAVE PUT ALL OF OUR TIME AND EFFORT INTO THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPERTY OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS. THREE YEARS AGO WITHOUT PRIOR WARNING, THE BASEMENT BACKED UP WITH SEVERAL FEET OF WATER, EXTINGUISHING MY FURNACE AND HOT WATER TANK PILOT LIGHTS. I BOUGHT A WASTE WATER PUMP, AND I'VE BEEN ACTIVELY PUMPING TO KEEP THE LEVEL BELOW THE BASEMENT FLOOR SINCE THAT DAY.

I'VE EXCAVATED FROM THE FOUNDATION WALL TO THE ROAD DRAIN, AND INSTALLED UNDERGROUND PIPING TO HIDE THE EYESORE, PUMPING THE GROUND (AND PRESUMABLY SPRING) WATER TO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM WHICH ULTIMATELY DRAINS INTO THE WEST BRANCH CAZ CREEK. I'VE REPLACED THE WASTEWATER PUMP ONCE, AND THE BASEMENT HOSES SEVERAL TIMES OVER JUST IN THE PAST THREE YEARS. THE VOLUME OF WATER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE DIRECTLY LINKED WITH THE WEATHER OR TIME OF YEAR. THE LARGE DIAMETER FOUNDATION DRAIN THAT EXITS MY SUMP CROCK HAS STOPPED PASSIVELY PLUMBING THE WATER AWAY AND INTO THE CREEK.

DURING THIS TIME, I'VE CONSULTED AT LENGTH WITH EVERY PROFESSIONAL SERVICE THAT WOULD ENGAGE WITH ME ON THE ISSUE. I'VE HAD SEVERAL MEETINGS WITH MARK GASTON AT FPAC-NRCS, AND I PAID TO HAVE KANDEY CO. RUN A ROBOT SCOPE DOWN THE DRAIN, AS WELL AS LOCATING THE LINE OUTSIDE, USING THE SONDE DEVICE. I'VE LOOKED FOR ANY RECORD OF THIS DRAIN AND FOUND NONE. AS AN EXCAVATOR WITH DECADES OF EXPERIENCE, AND GC WITH TWO PERMITTED PROJECTS IN THE TOWN OF AURORA AT THE TIME OF WRITING THIS, I CAN TELL YOU THAT I AM VERY CONFIDENT IN BOTH THE NATURE OF THE ISSUE, AND IN MY PROPOSED SOLUTION. I'D LIKE YOUR PERMISSION TO FIX THE ISSUE SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE TO INVEST IN MY HOME, AN IMPORTANT PIECE OF WEST FALLS HISTORY, AND BY EXTENT, THE TOWN OF AURORA.

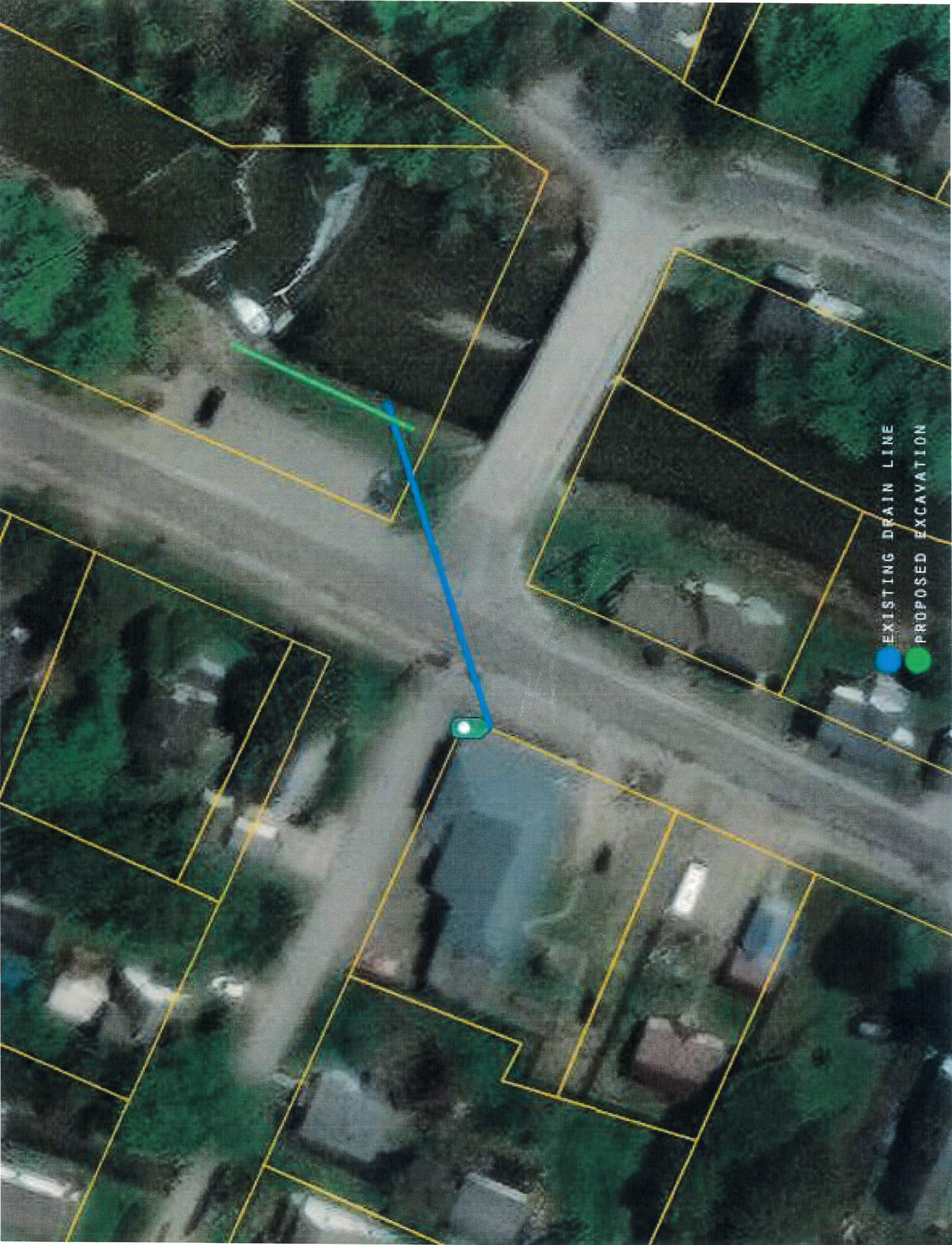
I BELIEVE THIS LARGE DIAMETER CLAY TILE LINE WAS INSTALLED IN THE FOUNDATION HOLE FOR THIS PROPERTY PRIOR TO BUILDING THE FOUNDATION, DATING IT BACK TO THE LATE 1800S. THE CONDITION OF THE LINE IS PRACTICALLY PERFECT ALL THE WAY UNDER RT. 240 INTO THE PARKING LOT AREA OF VETERAN'S PARK. BASED ON IT'S TRAJECTORY, THE LINE EXITS INTO WEST BRANCH CAZ CREEK UNDERWATER, ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE MILL POND. THIS HAS WORKED MORE OFTEN THAN NOT FOR OVER A CENTURY, HOWEVER, SEDIMENT DEPOSITED BY THE WATER SLOWING TO GO OVER THE DAM BUILDS UP OVER TIME, OBSCURING THE OUTLET. FURTHER, EROSION OF THE BANK WHEN WATER IS COURSING THROUGH AFTER HEAVY RAINS OR SPRING MELTS, HAS DAMAGED, OBSCURED, OR OTHERWISE PLUGGED THE OUTLET. WITH NO RECORD OF THE LINE, NO CLEAN-OUT REGIMEN, INSPECTION PORT, ETC. THIS ISSUE HAS TAKEN MANY HOURS TO WORK OUT FOR MYSELF. PLUMBING AN OUTLET TO EXIT UNDERWATER IS ASKING FOR THESE ISSUES.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR PERMISSION TO EXCAVATE AND REBUILD THE OUTLET BY TODAY'S STANDARDS. I'D LIKE TO PUT THE WHOLE LINE ON A SURVEY FOR VETERAN'S PARK, AND MAKE A RECORD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS. THE LINE HAS BASICALLY FUNCTIONED PROPERLY FOR OVER A CENTURY, AND NYS DOT WILL NOT OFFER ANYTHING MORE THAN ANOTHER DRAIN BOX THAT I WOULD HAVE TO PAY TO CONNECT TO, AND PUMP UP INTO, FOREVER MORE. I DON'T CONSIDER THIS AN ELEGANT SOLUTION, NOT TO MENTION BEING COST PROHIBITIVE. I AM PREPARED TO DO ALL THE LEGWORK, PROVIDE PROOF OF INSURANCE, PURCHASE AND PROCURE ALL MATERIALS, AND LEAVE THE AREA AS I FOUND IT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chaz Vance'.

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EXISTING DRAIN LINE  
PROPOSED EXCAVATION

