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**Subject:** RE:meeting or April 17 land next to Cemetery  
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Town planning board, To whom it may concern:

I am Bruce Metzger living at 8 Summer St, Acton MA.01720 for the last 42 years.

One of the many things I have done to keep up our area is to keep the center strip on Summer St and Central St mowed and with flowers or 42 years with the help of my wife before she became disabled.

I am one of the abutters to the property next the graveyard on Central street.

I have some points that I would like addressed, most of them I expressed at the Planning Board meeting of 4/17/2012.

- I have kept the streams cleaned out behind 8 Summer St and 12 Summer St, for the last 42 years with the permission of the Maddens and before them helping John Snyder. The town put in the culvert at 12 Summer St. Are they responsible for cleaning out that stream (the town)? The other stream that goes under Central Street and comes up on the edge of my property then goes down the center of the property sold, whom, if anyone is responsible for cleaning out of that stream. If they are not cleaned out the back area will eventually become a swamp. This will adversely affect the drainage on my property and others. Many years ago there was a road and bridge across the area, they are still there. What type of land management is planned for this area?  
I would be willing to keep this up, but am getting no younger.
- I put up some wooden stairs (to allow my wife who is handicapped to access the grave yard without getting run over on the road) that I thought were on town property. They are just leaned on the side of the hill, now that the side walk is in I would like to move them, I just wanted to make sure that no one has any objection to this.
- Regarding the roadway. This is a very unsafe corner and over the years there have been dozens of accidents two cars have landed in my back yard. If you take the guardrail down to the access the new proposed road you will have to replace it with some other device. Letting cars speeding down Central Street know that there is a curve coming up. The guardrail reflects the driver's lights at night but once that goes you open the area up for another accident.
- The new developments roadway would have to be widened to allow for two cars, anything else does not make sense if you have at least three homes down a narrow road. If it is not done now it would have to be done in the future for safety sake. Doing this would require filling in an area already saturated and causing more water back up to the adjoining properties.
- This is no wild life preserve but it is full of wild life, deer, turtles, ducks, wild turkeys, fisher cats, lots of ticks, craw fish, and lots of frogs (already sounds like a swamp).

- To address a concern close to this area: the intersection at Summer and Central

I know a sidewalk is being planned and have addressed my issues concerning this dangerous intersection. I would like any updated on the planning or if it is being studied again to be part of that studies group. I still take my life into my hands every time I exit my driveway or cross to get the mail or care for the center strip.

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