

Steve & Dorothy Gilman, 527 Concord Ave, Retaining Wall



Town Belmont  
Historic District Commission  
Homer Municipal Building, 2nd Floor  
19 Moore Street  
Belmont, MA 02478

OFFICE USE
Case Number: HDC - 25-10

**APPLICATION**

In accordance with the Historic Districts Act, MGL Ch 40C, and the Town of Belmont General Bylaws, §40-315, the undersigned applies to the Belmont Historic District Commission for a Certificate of:

- Appropriateness
- Non-Applicability
- Hardship

**1. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION:**

Address of Property: 527 Concord Ave  
 Property Owner's Name: STEVE & DOROTHY GILMAN  
 Address: 527 CONCORD AVE  
 Email: STEVEN.GILMAN@OUTLOOK.COM Phone: 617-710-1513

Agent Name: ALEXIS KHALIL  
 Address: 60 RUSSELL AVE WATERTOWN  
 Email: ALEXIS.KHALIL@GMAIL.COM Phone: 617-899-1053

- I am the:  Property Owner  Agent  
 Property is Owned by a Corporation, LLC, or Trust (Submit authorization to sign as owner)  
 Property is a Condominium or Cooperative Association (submit authorization to sign as trustee)

If applicable: Architect: \_\_\_\_\_ Contractor: YARD and a Half Landscaping

**2. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK:**

Stone retaining wall

**3. SIGNATURES:**

As Owner, I make the following representations:

- A. I hereby certify that I am the Owner of the Property at: 527 Concord Ave
- B. I hereby certify that if an Agent is listed on this Application, this Agent has been authorized to represent this Application before the Belmont Historic District Commission.

Owner: Dorothy Gilman Date: July 1, 2025

As Applicant/Agent, I make the following representations:

- 1. The information supplied on and in this Application is accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- 2. I will make no changes to the approved plans without prior approval from the Belmont Historic District Commission.

Applicant/Agent: [Signature] Date: 01 JUL 2025

\* Incomplete applications and insufficient documentation will not be accepted. \*

Certificates of Appropriateness expire one (1) year from the date of issue

Approved August 10, 2021

We are planning a garden renovation which includes building a low retaining wall to allow construction of a level, safer path into the garden. Although this is not structural work and does not require a building permit, 527 Concord is in the Pleasant Street Historic District.

Therefore, we are asking the Historic Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a stone retaining wall at 527 Concord Ave to allow the construction of a level, and safer, path into the garden.

The wall will be approximately one and a half to not more than three feet tall, about 32 feet long (+/-ten feet on 527 & the rest on our 15 Wellington Lane lot) and look similar to the one pictured below (you can see this old wall on Wellington Lane), there will also be a second, smaller wall to support grading to level. The stones will be mostly grey with some brown; the face will be flat; and mortar will be kept to a minimum and will largely not be visible.

Yard and a Half will be building the wall.

Dorothy & Steve Gilman  
527 Concord Ave  
Belmont

The view from Wellington Lane. Work area is not visible as the drop off is significant.



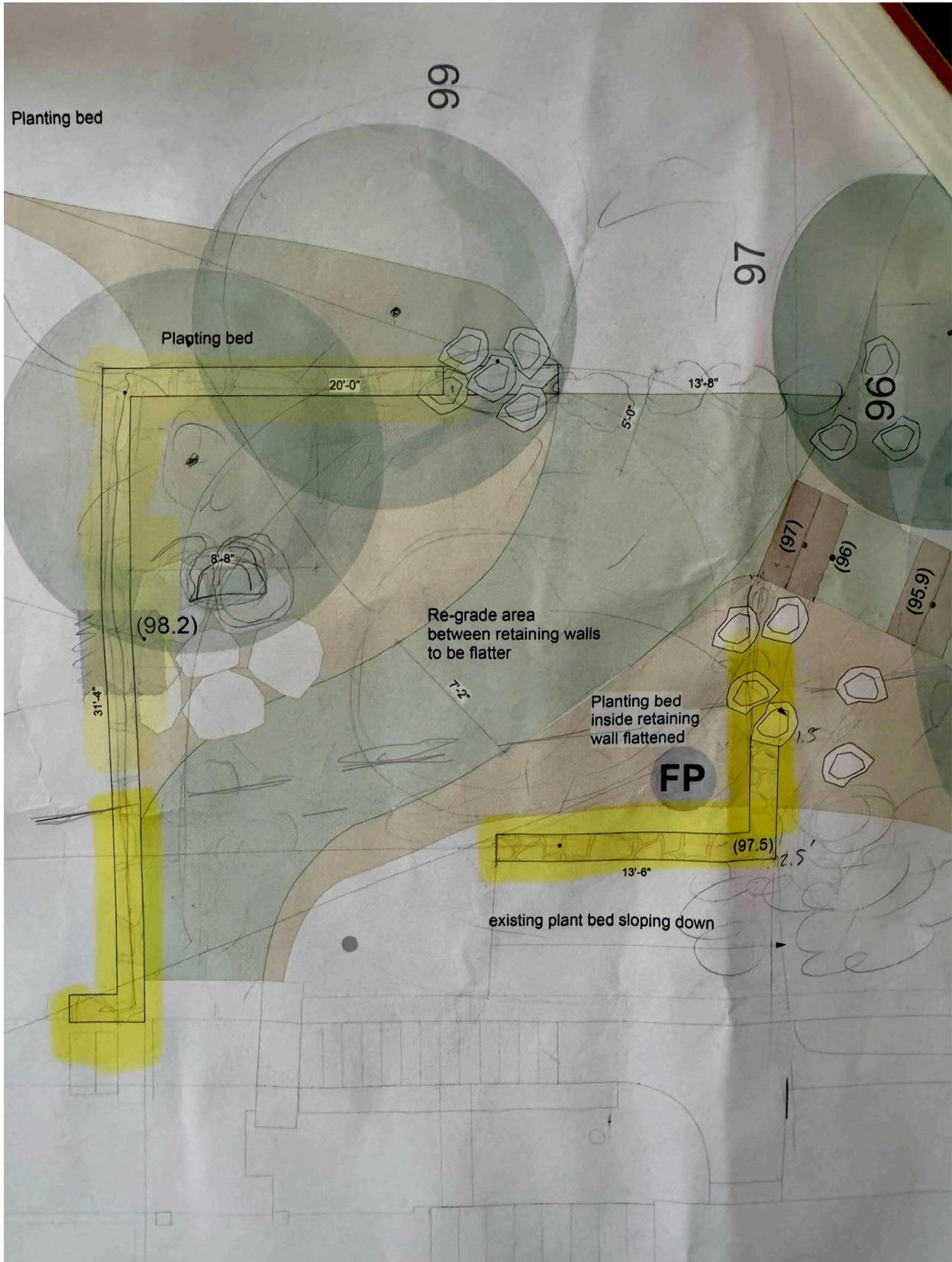
Yard area with approximate retaining wall location sketched in black



Existing retaining wall on Wellington Lane, similar to what will be built by A Yard and A Half



Design by Christie Dustman & Company





# Gilman plot plan

