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als of our landscaping project are to make the brick and stone paths safer in
ose the backyard for privacy and dog safety, and to promote the health of the
Beech Tree in the backyard. Each of these goals pertain to work that would
ackyard, which has very limited visibility from both Bowdoin Street or
Chadwick Street. The only exception being adding handrails to the granite steps leading up to the front door.

The goal of making the paths safer will require some grading to keep water from puddling on the brick paths, especially near the back door, and also to prevent it from running into the bulkhead. This is the door most often used by our family of six and the whole area is a sheet of ice in the winter. During the reconstruction and grading of the brick pathways, a large irregular "patio" (which I have been told was the base of a hot tub many years ago) will be removed, and some of the bricks will be repurposed into the paths or small stoop areas adjacent to the screened porch. Any new bricks and stonework will be supplied by Mike Mercier Landscaping. The design extends the brick pathway across the existing driveway to the edge of our property where a nonfunctional space can become a small spare parking spot and area to store excess snow. There will be a narrow garden area to border the neighbor's stone wall. There will be very little if any additional black top added to the landscape since some will be removed to add the brick path. Any additional hardscaped area is balanced by the removal of the irregular brick patio mentioned previously.

The goal of enclosing the yard will entail adding additional metal fencing to the fence already present as well as incorporating the existing section of stone wall in a more seamless and visually pleasing manner. The only area where the new fence will be visible will be along the private back alley. The proposed metal fence will be placed behind hedges and mature plantings where it borders Bowdoin and Chadwick Streets. There is currently a widened area of the alley road that bulges onto our property towards the Bowdoin Street end. It is important that this area remain as a parking spot available to use for worker's trucks etc. We allow our neighbors to use it if needed for trucks as well since it allows alley traffic to be able to pass. Removing the Ash will not expose this area to view since we intend to replant the area where the Ash is removed with large privacy shrubs that will make it less visible from Bowdoin Street. Brochures and photos and drawings of the fence have been submitted. The rails will be spaced 1 ⅝ inches apart in order to protect our dogs. There is a metal fence with similarly spaced rails across Chadwick Street. The metal fence will be installed by Ron Forest & Sons Fence Company. The metal handrails to be installed on either side of the granite steps leading to the front door will be designed similarly to others on Bowdoin and Chadwick Streets with simple straight rails holding it in place (not to match the fancier handrails on the Chadwick entrance).

The last major goal of the project is to protect and promote the health of the very large magnificent Copper Beech in the backyard. There are a number of trees planted too close to the Beech to allow it to stretch its limbs and grow in a healthy manner. One of these trees is dying and the other, the ash previously mentioned, was recommended to be removed by the arborist since it is poorly shaped and likely to split down the middle. The last tree is spindly and

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under the canopy of the beech. We have planted two new American Princeton
perty in much better locations for trees to grow.

ill help clarify our goals and plans for the landscaping project. We look forward to the Board review. Please let me know if you would like any other information.