

July 21, 2021

Mr. William Voelker, AICP  
Town Planner  
Town of Cheshire  
84 South Main Street  
Cheshire, CT 06410

Re: 55 Railroad Avenue – Parking Lot/Farmington Canal Heritage Trail

Dear Mr. Voelker:

This memo is in response to your comments received on the Town's proposal to construct an overflow parking lot for the Farmington Canal Heritage Trail on land located at 55 Railroad Avenue.

The recently construction parking lot adjacent to the Canal Trail is located on the east side of the roadway and provides 12 total parking spaces, including 1 handicap accessible space. The proposed overflow parking lot is located on the west side of Railroad Ave and provides an additional 18 parking spaces. The two combined lots provide 30 spaces and require two handicap accessible spaces.

Instead of installing the additional handicap space within the proposed overflow parking lot, we recommend restriping the existing lot so that both handicap spaces (1 van space & 1 automobile space) are in close proximity to the trail head for the following reasons:

- Travel distance from the overflow parking lot to the trail head is in excess of 200 feet and we don't believe that siting a HC space at this distance from the trail meets the intent of Sec. 4.6.2 ADA Accessibility Guidelines which states "spaces shall be located on the shortest route of travel from adjacent parking to an accessible entrance".
- The running slope of the access drives may exceed the allowable slope tolerances of 1:20.
- Railroad Ave does not contain the necessary marked crossings, curb ramps or detectable warning tiles to provide a safe handicap accessible route.
- The existing paved surface treatment of Railroad Ave will likely not comply with the standard guidance indicating that changes in level shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{4}$ ".



If you have any questions regarding the above or the enclosed information, please don't hesitate to contact me at (860) 633-8770.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kevin R. Grindle', written in a cursive style.

Kevin R. Grindle, ASLA, PLA  
Senior Managing Landscape Architect