



January 6, 2011

Winkler Mill Pond Historic District Committee  
Re: 1899 Washington Road

Dear Committee:

We are pleased to submit for your review and approval the design information regarding our single family residence proposed on the five acre site located on Washington Road in the Historic Winkler Mill Pond District.

The design team of Martini-Samartino Design Group (architect), Community Engineering (civil) and Environmental Artists (landscape design) have collaborated on this project that not only helps preserve the natural beauty of the surrounding property but also respects the character and nature of the district.

We have created a rustic mountain style home with natural stone and cedar exteriors with a natural cedar shake roof as the attached photograph depicts. The home is designed in harmony with the rolling topography while respecting the vast amount of existing evergreen and deciduous trees. The home is positioned articulately within the property to take advantage of the natural character of the site. As you enter the property off Washington Road the grade of the driveway significantly increases to the apex of the drive at the midpoint, the grade then gradually decreases as you approach the house. This feel of the home being "tucked" below some of the higher grades on site as well as behind the existing trees, places the home in a setting that matches its mountain character. Critical to the placement of the home is the preservation of a mature oak tree located to the rear of the property. The proposed retaining wall is of a combination of materials including large boulders to help maintain the natural, rustic feel of the project. The on-site septic system is intentionally located to the rear of the property where the disturbance of existing trees will be minimized.

We look forward to presenting this project for your review at your meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chris Cousino'.

Christopher Cousino  
Owner Representative