

August 20, 2015



Conservation Commission
Attn: Ross Povenmire
Director of Conservation
7A Spofford Road
Boxford, MA 01921

Re: Request to Amend Order of Conditions
DEP File Number: 114-1206
60 Pond Street, Boxford, MA

Dear Commission Members:

Our office was contracted by the applicant, Pasquale Koutoulas, to file a request to amend his Order of Conditions issued under DEP File Number 114-1206 that was issued on May 26, 2015. It became clear while renovating the existing dwelling that additional changes were necessary within jurisdictional areas of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Boxford Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

The existing septic tank and distribution box are in need of repair. The attached plan shows a new septic tank and d-box proposed in the front of the existing dwelling. The new tank and distribution box are proposed further away from the resource area. The plan has been submitted to the Board of Health for approval.

In addition to the work described above the applicant is proposing to remove several trees around the property to allow more light onto the dwelling and to make the area safer. Some of the trees shown to be removed are stressed and are in close proximity to the structure which poses a safety threat. The other trees proposed to be removed should help with the current mold and mildew problem on the structure. The proposed tree removal is below the discretionary cutting area threshold. There is a total of approximately 9,440 S.F. of overstory within the discretionary area. The proposal is to remove approximately 930 S.F. or 9.8%. There will still be a well distributed stand of trees within the remaining wooded buffer.

A small section of pavement is also proposed on the wetland side of the driveway to allow more room for parking. Erosion controls are proposed during construction and following installation of the tank and other work on the property all areas shall be loamed and seeded. Erosion controls shall remain in place until the ground surface is stable and permission is given by the Conservation Commission to remove them.

We look forward to presenting this information at your next scheduled public hearing. If you should have any questions regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

cc: Pasquale Koutoulas
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