



September 27, 2016

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

Subject: 17 Pye Brook Lane – DEP File Number 114-1205
Request to Amend Order of Conditions

Dear Commission Members,

On June 18, 2015 an Order of Conditions, (OOC), DEP File Number 114-1205, was issued for the construction of an addition to an existing dwelling and for landscape improvements. The addition was completed this past winter and the landscaping improvements are currently under construction.

On February 8, 2016 an additional OOC, DEP File Number 114-1221, was issued for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool and additional landscaping improvements. The project is currently under construction and expected to be completed this year.

On June 20, 2016 an Amended OOC was issued to allow the railroad tie retaining wall behind the dwelling to be replaced with a gravity block wall within the same footprint. This work was completed a few weeks ago and the property owners are in the process of finishing up the project.

The applicants noticed an area in their front yard that requires attention. As with many lawns that abut town roads, a portion of their lawn in the front yard is virtually void of vegetation, more than likely due to salting and sanding activities as well as an extremely dry summer. The applicants would like to add loam to the area and re-seed it with grass. This is slightly more than routine maintenance activities so they are filing a request to amend the OOC.

The applicants have met with Ross Povenmire, Director of Conservation and Planning as well as John Dold, Highway Superintendent to discuss the project. Mr. Povenmire suggested that the edge of the pavement be packed with gravel or a more suitable pack to prevent the pavement from crumbling as well as removing the sprinkler heads that are within the town right-of-way.

As suggested, the applicants have removed the sprinkler heads from within the town right-of-way and are prepare to work with the DPW to stabilize the edge of pavement.

Please find attached a revised plan that shows the area that the property owners would like to repair. A new row of erosion controls is proposed to protect the adjacent resource areas during the project. The erosion controls are proposed to remain in place until all up-slope areas are stabilized with vegetative cover.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to Amend the OOC issued under DEP File Number 114-1205. 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,

WILLIAMS & SPARAGES, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg J. Hochmuth", written in a cursive style.

Greg J. Hochmuth, RS, PWS, CWS
Project Manager

cc: Matthew & Stacey Ovanes