To Peter Delaney, Chair

Boxford Conservation Commission

Town Hall

7A Spofford Road

Boxford, Mass 01921

9/22/2016

Re: Request for Determination of Negligible Impact

Dear Chairman Delaney and Members of the Commission,

 I request a Determination of Negligible Impact for the placement of trail signs at Wildcat Conservation Area. I am working on this project with BTA/BOLT as my Eagle Scout Service project. This project will consist of twelve 5 1/2"x5 1/2"x3/4" Azek (synthetic wood) signs nailed to trees at each intersection within Wildcat at least six feet above ground as well as the replacement of a rotted post on the Wildcat Trail near the Herrick Road parking area. Each sign will be painted white with a green number on it. These signs, along with a new map which will be created, will aid hikers, bikers, equestrians, XC skiers, and other trail users plan their hike and locate their position within Wildcat. This will also assist emergency personal in locating an injured or lost trail user using the numbers on the signs as reference points. The post which will be replaced has "WILDCAT" with an arrow on one side and "HERRICK ROAD" with an arrow on the other. This post has rotted and fallen over. I plan on replacing this post with an exact replica which will be pressure treated and have the same dimensions as the existing post. The only difference between the old post and the new will be that it will say "HERRICK RD" on one side instead of "HERRICK ROAD". This is due to the fact that the last few letters in "ROAD" barely fit on the post and were easily obscured in the leaf litter. Locations of the number signs are included on the attached map and photos of what the signs will look like and the rotted post are also attached.

 I also request to authorize Ross Povenmire to approve the initiation and completion of the project.

 Finally I request a waiver of the $50 application fee due to the community benefit and non-profit (BTA/BOLT and Boy Scout Troop 57) nature of the project.

Sincerely, Sam Shirley