

May 30, 2016

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

Subject:

17 Pye Brook Lane - DEP File Numbers 114-1205 & 114-1221

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.

Part of the project approved under 114-1221 included the removal of some existing railroad tie retaining walls and to replace them with gravity block walls. During the removal effort it became clear just how degraded the existing railroad ties were.

A large section of railroad tie retaining wall that is located behind the existing dwelling was to remain under the current Orders. While the property owners have contractors on site they would like to be pro-active and replace the existing railroad tie retaining wall with a gravity block wall. The new wall would be located within the same footprint and at the same height as the existing railroad retaining wall. This wall is showing similar signs of failure and it only makes sense to replace it while the contractors are on site. There is no proposal to add material to the rear of the dwelling or to move the new wall closer to the resource areas.

Please find attached a revised plan that shows the section of wall that the applicants would like to replace. A new row of erosion controls is proposed that is 3 feet below the existing wall that will protect the resource areas during construction. It was necessary to push the erosion controls 3 feet off the wall to allow the contractors room to work. Following construction the area between the wall and the erosion controls is proposed to be loamed and seeded with a Conservation Wildlife seed mix.

Please accept this letter as a formal request to Amend the OOC issued under DEP File Number 114-221. 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

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 ${\sf Greg\ J.\ Hochmuth,\ RS,\ PWS,\ CWS}$ 

Project Manager

cc: Matthew & Stacey Ovanes

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