

December 1, 2017



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

Subject: No Disturb Zone Restoration Area Monitoring Report
DEP File Number 114-1234
41 Woodcrest Road

Dear Commission Members,

As you may be aware, our office assisted the property owners, Joshua & Kristine Gould, with the permitting required to expand their lawn, install a shed, patio & swing set within jurisdictional areas of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Boxford Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

The Notice of Intent application was filed on August 2, 2016 and an Order of Conditions, (OOC), was issued on September 6, 2016 approving the project.

The plan referenced in the OOC showed a 25 Foot No Disturb Zone restoration area upslope of wetland flags A4 – A8. Fill was required to be removed from the area and it was proposed to be re-established with native vegetation using New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix or equal.

Special Condition 12 in the OOC states that the proposed native species plantings shall be monitored for two growing seasons by a qualified professional who will provide annual written reports and that dead or dying plants shall be replaced as necessary with similar size and native species to achieve a 75% rate of success at the end of the monitoring period.

The work was completed last fall and the restoration area has been through one complete growing season. The property owner installed small wooden stakes along the edge of the restoration area to serve as a reminder of where mowing was to stop. According to the property owner, with the exception of a small path for the dog, the restoration area has not been mowed. The attached photographs show the small wooden stakes as well as some small trees and shrubs that are beginning to grow. You can also see from the photographs that the area is 100% stabilized with herbaceous cover. We anticipate more tree and shrub growth in the restoration area as long as maintenance in the area is avoided.

The property owners are relocating to a different state as a result of a job change and are hoping the Conservation Commission will be able to issue a Certificate of Compliance, even though the restoration area has not been through two complete growing seasons.

If you have any questions regarding this information please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

WILLIAMS & SPARAGES, LLC

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Greg J. Hochmuth, PWS, CWS
Project Manager

