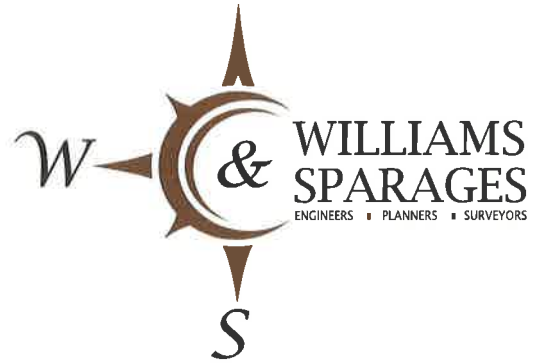


September 27, 2019

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



Subject: DEP File Number 114-1285
85 Pinehurst Drive – Revisions

Dear Commission Members,

As you are aware, our office filed a Notice of Intent on behalf of the applicant, Fabio Gomes, in response to an Enforcement Order that was issued for unauthorized activities within jurisdictional areas of the Boxford Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. To date we have had one public hearing and a site visit with your Commission.

Please find attached a revised plan based on comments made during the last public hearing and site visit. The plan has been revised to show the following:

- A mature twin oak and mature black cherry that was proposed to be removed have been slated to stay. The two trees are shown on the revised plan to the northwest of the proposed swimming pool;
- A small gravity block landscape wall with ramp has been added to the north of the proposed swimming pool ;
- All of the trails within the 100 foot buffer zone are proposed to be abandoned and seeded with a logging road matrix mix instead of just the 25 foot no disturb zone as previously proposed;
- The proposed swimming pool and patio were shifted to the south in an attempt to pull more of the work outside of the 75 foot no build zone.

In addition, the property owners are proposing to manage the invasive species within the wooded buffer zone in an attempt to eradicate the invasive species and give the native species more room to thrive. The invasive species management is being proposed in addition to the proposed planting areas as mitigation for the minor encroachment into the no-build zone.

The wooded buffer is being overrun with glossy buckthorn, *Rhamnus frangula* and asiatic bittersweet *Celastrus orbiculatus*. Based on our observations it appears that the invasives can be hand pulled and removed from the site without too much effort. We would recommend that the Commission include a Condition in the Order of Conditions that allows the removal of invasive species from the buffer zone after a detailed management plan is prepared and submitted to the Conservation Commission and/or your Director for approval. We would also recommend that the work be done under the

direction of a Professional Wetland Scientist and that a site visit be required prior to any invasive species management to insure that the property owner and contractor understand what is permitted.

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

Sincerely,

WILLIAMS & SPARAGES, LLC

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Greg Hochmuth, RS, PWS

cc: Fabio Gomes
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