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Boxford Conservation Commission 7A Spofford Road Boxford, MA 01921

Stephen Clifford Town of Boxford 28 Middleton Road Boxford, MA 01921

RE: Applicant: Stephen Clifford, Town of Boxford

Project Location: 31 Spofford Road

Project Description: Replace existing parking area, sidewalks, and landscaping; Update

stormwater

DEP Wetlands File No.: Unavailable NHESP Tracking No.: 21-39949

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The applicant listed above has submitted a Notice of Intent with site plans (dated 2/3/21) to the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (the "Division"), in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.59).

MA WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT (WPA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, will **not** adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project meets the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project.

MA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (MESA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, appears to be exempt from MESA review pursuant to 321 CMR 10.14. Any changes to the proposed project or any additional work beyond that provided may require a filing with the Division pursuant to the MESA regulations.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of state-listed species and their habitats. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Melany Cheeseman, Endangered Species Review Assistant, at Melany.cheeseman@mass.gov.

Sincerely,

Everose Schlüter, Ph.D. Assistant Director

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cc: Devin Batchelder, Weston & Sampson Engineers

MA DEP, Northeast Region Office