

HANCOCK ASSOCIATES

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Boxford Conservation Commission
Town Hall
7A Spofford Road
Boxford, MA 01921

19 June 2018

Re: 317 Middleton Road Enforcement Order

Dear Members of the Commission,

In response to the Enforcement Order issued by the Town of Boxford Conservation Commission, Hancock Associates has been hired by Mr. Andrey Collamore for work on the property located at 317 Middleton Road. The Enforcement Order was issued in response to grading, filling, and removal of vegetation within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

A Hancock Associates Wetland Scientist delineated the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) on 30 May 2018. The BVW is marked with blue flagging tape numbered A-1 through A-17. The BVW is dominated by Sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis* – FACW), cinnamon fern (*Osmundastrum cinnamomeum* – FACW), red maple (*Acer rubrum* – FAC), skunk cabbage (*Symplocarpus foetidus* – OBL), sweet pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia* – FAC), carex sedges (*Carex sp.* – FACW), and poison ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans* – FAC). The uplands are dominated by white pine (*Pinus strobus* – FACU), hay-scented fern (*Dennstaedtia punctilobula* – UPL), and upland grasses.

The Enforcement Order was issued after the homeowner began to clear areas along the wetland edge. The area of clearing consisted of overgrown shrubs and two trees. A layer of clean fill was also spread over the cleared area. The homeowner has installed a siltation barrier in the form of a silt fence and has also seeded the disturbed area with a native conservation seed mixture.

The conservation seed mixture has grown in well and is stable. The disturbed area is 100% vegetated. Native ferns and herbaceous cover has begun to regrow within the cleared area as well.

Hancock Associates has prepared the attached Topographic Plan of Land dated 19 June 2018 which shows the limit of Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, the area of disturbance, and all site features.

As shown on the plan, there is a raised garden and a play structure located in and partially within the 25' No-Disturbance Zone.

A note has been added to the plan to state that there shall be no mowing within the 25' No-Disturbance Zone.

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A representative from Hancock Associates will attend the 21 June 2018 Conservation Commission meeting to discuss the next steps in lifting the Enforcement Order.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
HANCOCK ASSOCIATES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kyle Lally". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Kyle Lally, M.Sci.
Staff Wetland Scientist

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