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WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

# A. General Information

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1.	Applicant:		
	Casandra K. Paasche .	ross@myseafood.c E-Mail Address	om
	210 Sconticut Neck Rd. Mailing Address Fairhaven City/Town 774-836-6350 Phone Number	MA State 774-425-2174 Fax Number (if applicab	02719 Zip Code lle)
2.	Representative (if any):		
	Firm		
	Contact Name	E-Mail Address	
	Mailing Address		
	City/Town	State	Zip Code

Fax Number (if applicable)

# B. Determinations

Phone Number

1.	l ree	equest the Conservation Commission	nake the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
		a. whether the <b>area</b> depicted on plan(s) jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection <i>I</i>	and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to Act.
		b. whether the <b>boundaries</b> of resource below are accurately delineated.	area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced
	$\boxtimes$	] c. whether the <b>work</b> depicted on plan(s)	referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
	$\boxtimes$	d. whether the area and/or work depict of any municipal wetlands ordinance	ed on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction or <b>bylaw</b> of:
		Fairhaven	
		Name of Municipality	
		] e. whether the following scope of alter depicted on referenced plan(s).	<b>matives</b> is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as



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# **C. Project Description**

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

210 Sconticut Neck Rd.	Fairhaven
Street Address	City/Town
28 B	184, 198, 199
Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

on the NW corner of the single family home proprty we wish to place a simple design 8' x 14' Pine clapboard shed. The purpose is the storage of ordinary houshold and gardening tools etc.

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Paasche Shed	06.09.20 Date
Title	Date
Title	Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

A 'Cape Ann' style Wel-Bilt Shed will be placed on 6 sonotubes and anchored down acording to requirements. contact info for the sheds manufacturer is 508-995-0201 tel and 508-496-1949 fax. The front of shed will have a center double door flanked by 1 small window on each side of the door.



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# C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

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3.	a. Riv	If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the erfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.
		Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
		Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
		Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
		Project, other than a single family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
		New agriculture or aquaculture project
		Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
		Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
		Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
		] Municipal project
		] District, county, state, or federal government project
		Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.
	þ. al	/ Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification bove (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)
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# **D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements**

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

Casandra K. Paasche	
Name	
210 Sconticut Neck Rd.	
Mailing Address	
Fairhaven	
City/Town	
MA	02719
State	Zip Code

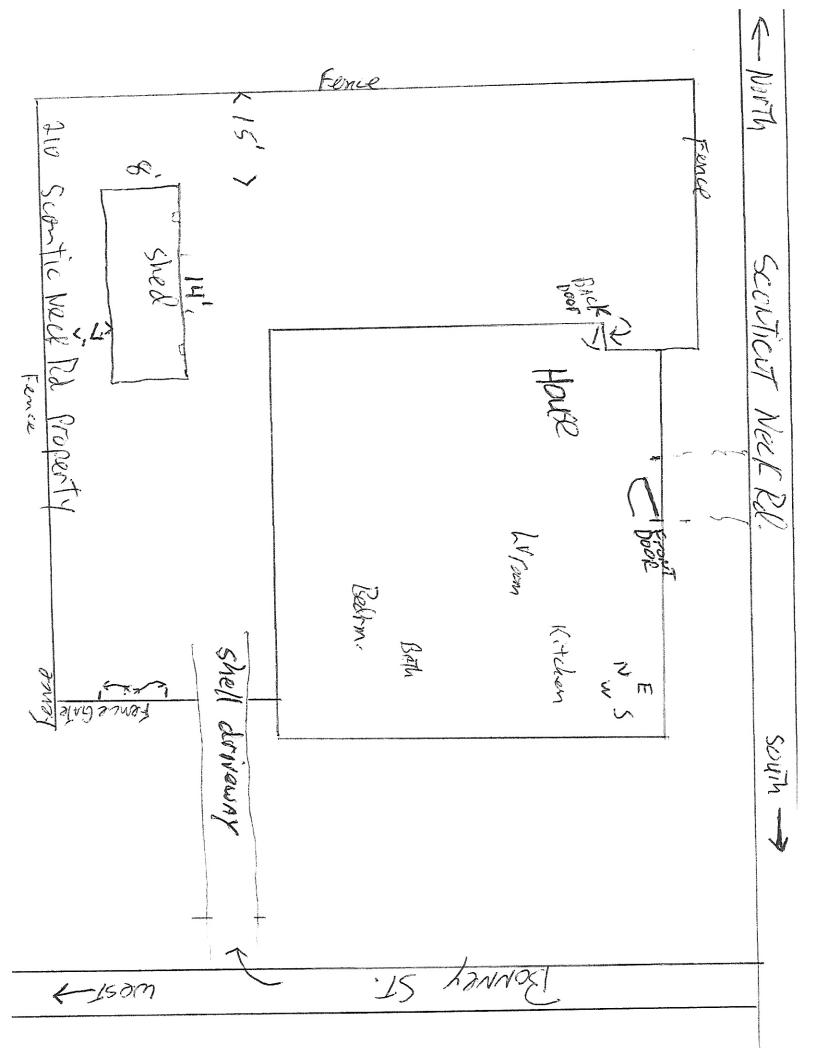
Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Canandra Signature of Applican	K	Paasile		06.08.20 Date	
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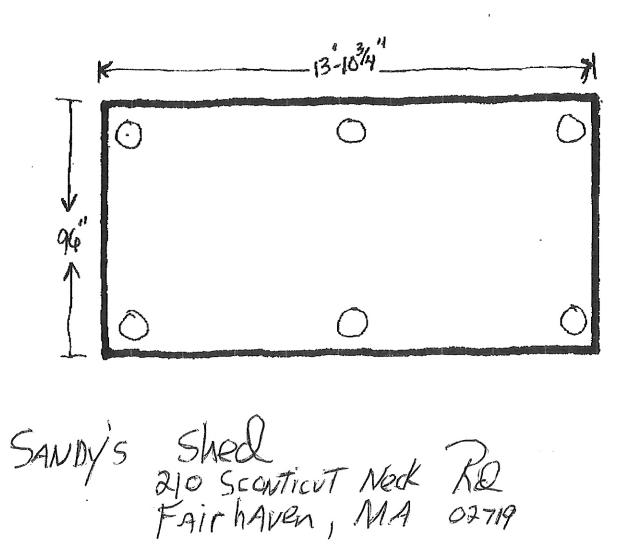
Signature of Representative (if any)

Date



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\* INSET ALL TUBES APPROX. 4-6 INCHES INSIDE ACTUAL DIMENSIONS \* RUN 4×4 & ACROSS FOOTINGS.



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June 1, 2020

Fairhaven Conservation Commission 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719 Attn: Whitney McLees

### **RE: LEWIS LANDING**

Dear Ms. McLees:

The proposed development impacts the buffer zone as follows:

Total area of 25 foot no disturb area on site - 15,000 SF Total area impacted in 25 foot no disturb area = 2,202 SF which is 14.7% impacted Total area of 100 foot jurisdictional area on site = 58,699 SF Total impacted area of 100 foot jurisdictional area = 28,438 SF

That is, 48.5% of the jurisdictional area will be impacted.

Sincerely, PRIME ENGINEERING, INC.

Richard J. Rheaume, P.E., LSP Chief Engineer





June 26, 2020

Fairhaven Conservation Commission 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

### **RE: RESPONSE TO LEWIS LANDING COMMENTS BY GCG ASSOCIATES**

Dear Commission Members:

Enclosed are a set of plans that have been revised (June 25, 2020) in response to the May 11, 2020 comment letter by GCG Associates, Inc.

Our responses are as follows:

Plan Set Comments

Sheet 1, Item 2 - Drain easement for the Town's drainline should be provided. *Response - It will be provided* 

Sheet 2, Item 1 - The infiltration area should be cleared, loamed and seeded. *Response: We prefer to leave the upland wood stand as is.* 

Sheet 2, Item 2 - Relocate planting around detention basin. *Response: Access for maintenance can be achieved at each end of the basin.* 

Sheet 3, Item 1 - Identify roof sections to be infiltrated. Response - The fact that all roof runoff will flow to the subsurface infiltration systems has been noted on the plans.

Sheet 3, Item 1 - The bottom of the western infiltration system shall be provided. *Response: The undisturbed existing ground of the wooded upland area is the proposed bottom totaling 2,962 square feet. Since it is an upland area, the seasonal high water table is, by definition, lower than the ground surface. It is not proposed to clear, stump, loam and seed the area or to provide a maintenance access path. Spot shots have been added.*  Sheet 3, Item 2 - The constructed pocked wetland meets the treatment requirement and only needs a side slope waiver from the Planning Board. *Response: We agree* 

Sheet 3, Item 4 - A fence is not proposed around the basin. Response - The dense evergreen hedge forms an effective fence in most areas and the flat slope where there is no hedge allows easy access and egress.

Sheet 3, Item 6 - A waiver for constructed wetlands could be requested. *Response - This in not a waiver but rather a normal approval.* 

Sheet 3, Item 7 - Add dimensions to the constructed pocket wetland elements. *Response - Done on sheet 6.* 

Sheet 3, Item 8 - Consider relocating planting along the forebay access path. *Response: There is no longer any obstructing vegetation.* 

Sheet 3, Item 13 - Show forebay bottom contours. *Response - Done* 

Sheet 3, Item 14 - Clear the upland wooded infiltrated area. *Response - It would be better to leave the area natural.* 

Sheet 3, Item 15 - Infiltration basin side slopes should not exceed 3:1 and should provide one foot freeboard. *Response - The 3:1 side slopes and 1-foot freeboard have been added.* 

Sheet 5, Item 2 - Rename basin outlet structure and provide dimensions and elevation. Response - Done

Sheet 5, Item 3 - Specify orifice plate details. *Response - Done* 

Sheet 5, Item 4, - Verify trench detail. *Response - Done on sheet 5.* 

Sheet 6, Item 4 - Lower bottom of pocket wetlands. *Response - Done* 

Sheet 5, Item 5 - Lower bottom of micropool. *Response - Done* 

Sheet 6, Item 6 - Water quality volume should be below outlet orifice. *Response - It is below outlet orifice.* 

Sheet 6, Item 7 - Provide crushed stone outlet detail. *Response - Done on sheet 5.* 

Sheet 5, Item 8 - Provide emergency spillway detail. *Response - It has been added on sheet 6.* 

### Stormwater Report Comments

Item 2 - Show pocket wetland contours on plan and update calculation sheet. *Response - Done* 

Item 3 - Infiltration basin should be sized to control the post-development volume for the 10-year design storm per MassDEP Stormwater regulations.

Response - The MassDEP Stormwater standards relate to rate of flow not volume. A waiver has been requested from the Fairhaven zoning standards.

Item 4 - The catch basin should be enlarged. *Response - Done* 

Item 5 - 65% of impervious runoff area be recharged. *Response - Done* 

Item 7 - Providing superior stormwater treatment can only be done with a waiver from the Planning Board.

Response - The Planning Board can approve a treatment that is superior to their normal methods without a waiver. The zoning regulations specifically allows this.

Item 8 - Reduce outlet size to gain separation. *Response - Done* 

Operation and Maintenance Plan

Item 1 - Silt sack should be used. *Response - Done* 

Items 2 and 4 - Include infiltration basin in Operation and Maintenance Plan. *Response - Done* 

Waivers Requested

Item 3 - Waiver requested. Add downstream infiltration to hydrocad model. Response - Done

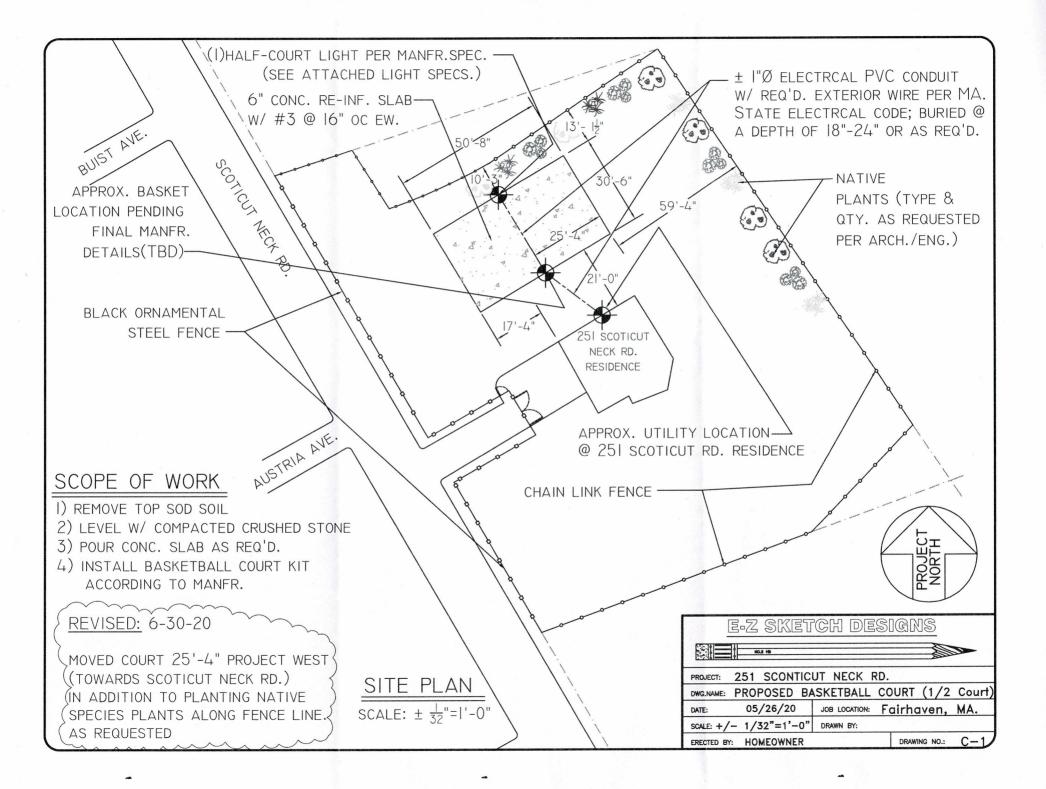
Item 4 - Waiver requested. *Response - We agree* 

In conclusion, other than complying with the suggestion of clearing and grubbing the downstream upland forest, all recommendations have been incorporated in the design.

Sincerely, PRIME ENGINEERING, INC.

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Richard J. Rheaume, P.E., LSP Chief Engineer



## ALAN EWING ENGINEERING, INC.

261 New Boston Road Fairhaven, MA 02719-5301 Phone (508) 997-9311 ALEWINGENG@COMCAST.NET

### 7/1/2020

**Fairhaven Conservation Commission Town Hall 40 Centre Street** Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: Steven M. & Sandra J. Hermenau Frederick Avenue Fairhaven, MA 02719 SE 023 – 1321

Dear Commission Members,

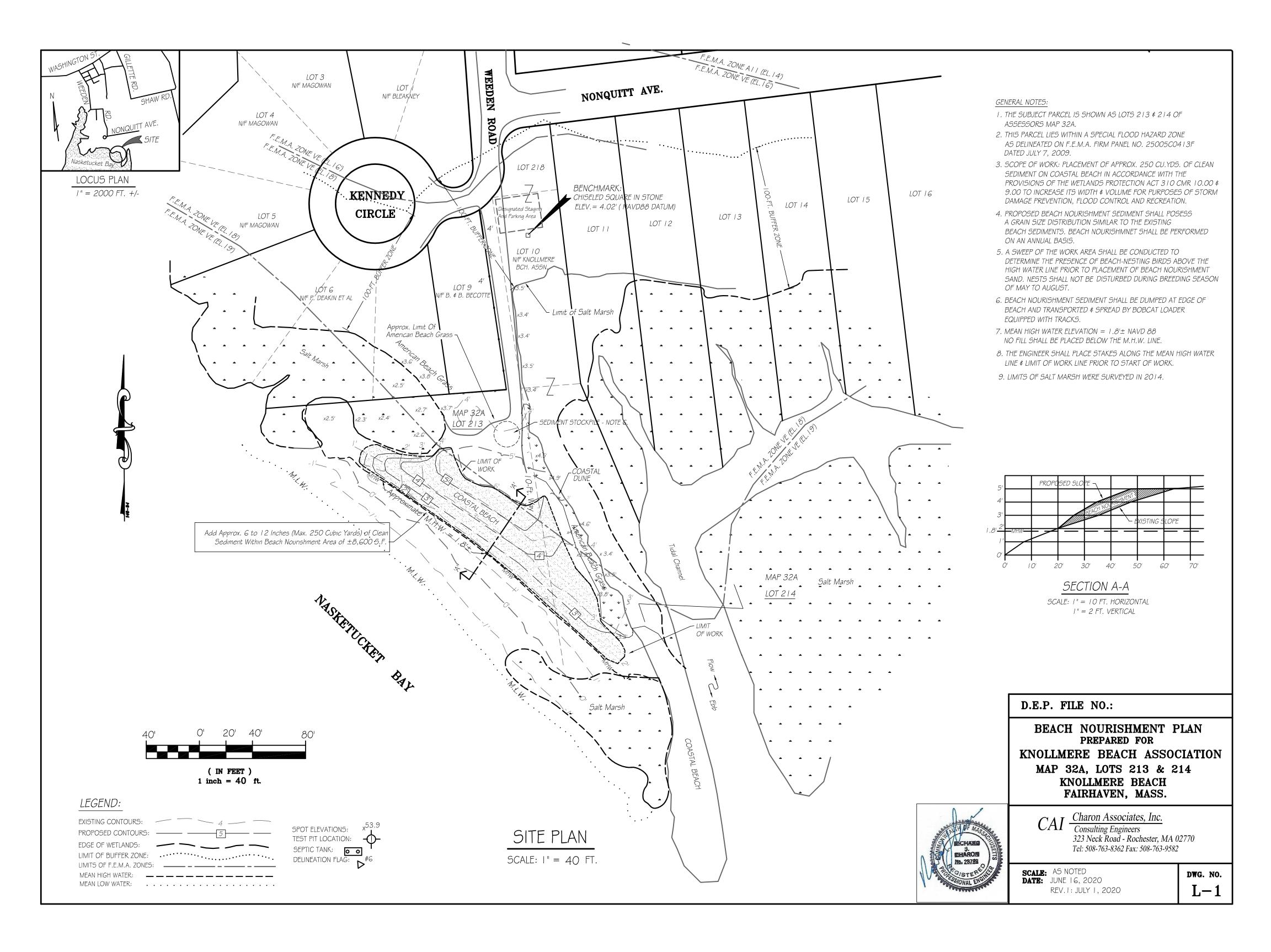
This office, acting as agent for Steven M. & Sandra J. Hermenau request that the public hearing scheduled for Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be continued to the next meeting.

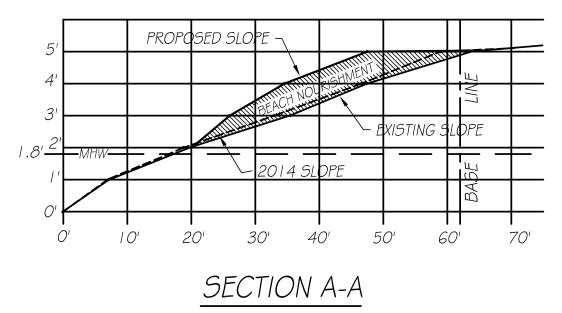
This request is the result of the recent onsite with your agent and two board members. Some concerns were brought up and we need time to address those concerns and perhaps make changes to the site plan.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 508-997-9311.

Sincerely,

wing Alan Ewing, P.E.





SCALE: I" = IO FT. HORIZONTAL I" = 2 FT. VERTICAL

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Charon Associates, Inc.

**Consulting Engineers** 

323 Neck Road Rochester, MA 02770 Phone: 508-763-8362 Fax: 508-763-9582

July 2, 2020

**Conservation Commission** Town Hall Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Members of the Commission:

RE: Knollmere Beach Association Beach Nourishment Program Map 32A Lot 213

The Knollmere Beach Association (KBA) received an Order of Conditions in 2014 for beach nourishment at Knollmere Beach under file number SE 023-1208. The site plan prepared by this office dated December 8, 2014, defined the limit of work and (a) the existing contours of the beach and (b) the proposed contours after adding up to 12 inches of beach nourishment sediment at a maximum rate of 250 cubic yards within an 8,000square foot area of the coastal beach. KBA extended the Orders but they are now expired.

Presently before the Commission is a notice of intent filing that is virtually identical to the 2014 filing. The site plan accompanying the filing is dated June 16, 2020 and revised July 1, 2020. This site plan was prepared using existing topographic survey data obtained in late May 2020 and replicating the proposed contours from the 2014 site plan.

Comparing the 2020 plan to the 2014 plan yields the following observations:

- 1. The 2020 beach contours are very similar to those shown on the 2014 plan, but roughly 3 to 4 inches lower.
- 2. The mean high water line has advanced landward approximately one foot from the 2014 mean high water line.
- 3. The 5-ft. contour at the crest of the beach has receded approximately 5 feet.

In addition, field observation at low tide reveals less sand and more stone below the mean high water line. It would appear therefore that sand that is pulled off the beach by storm wave action is transported by currents to other locations and does not build up in front of the beach. In fact, the beach has experienced minor loss even with beach nourishment. It is our recommendation, however, that the same 250 cu.yd. per year quantity be continued for the new Orders, subject to further review upon renewal in the future.

Sincerely, Richard J. Charon, P.E.

Cc: KBA

# tibbetts engineering corp. CONSULTING ENGINEERS Tel. (508) 822-6934 Fex. (508) 880-7811

716 County Street, Taunton MA 02780

Christopher M. White, PE - Laboratory Director

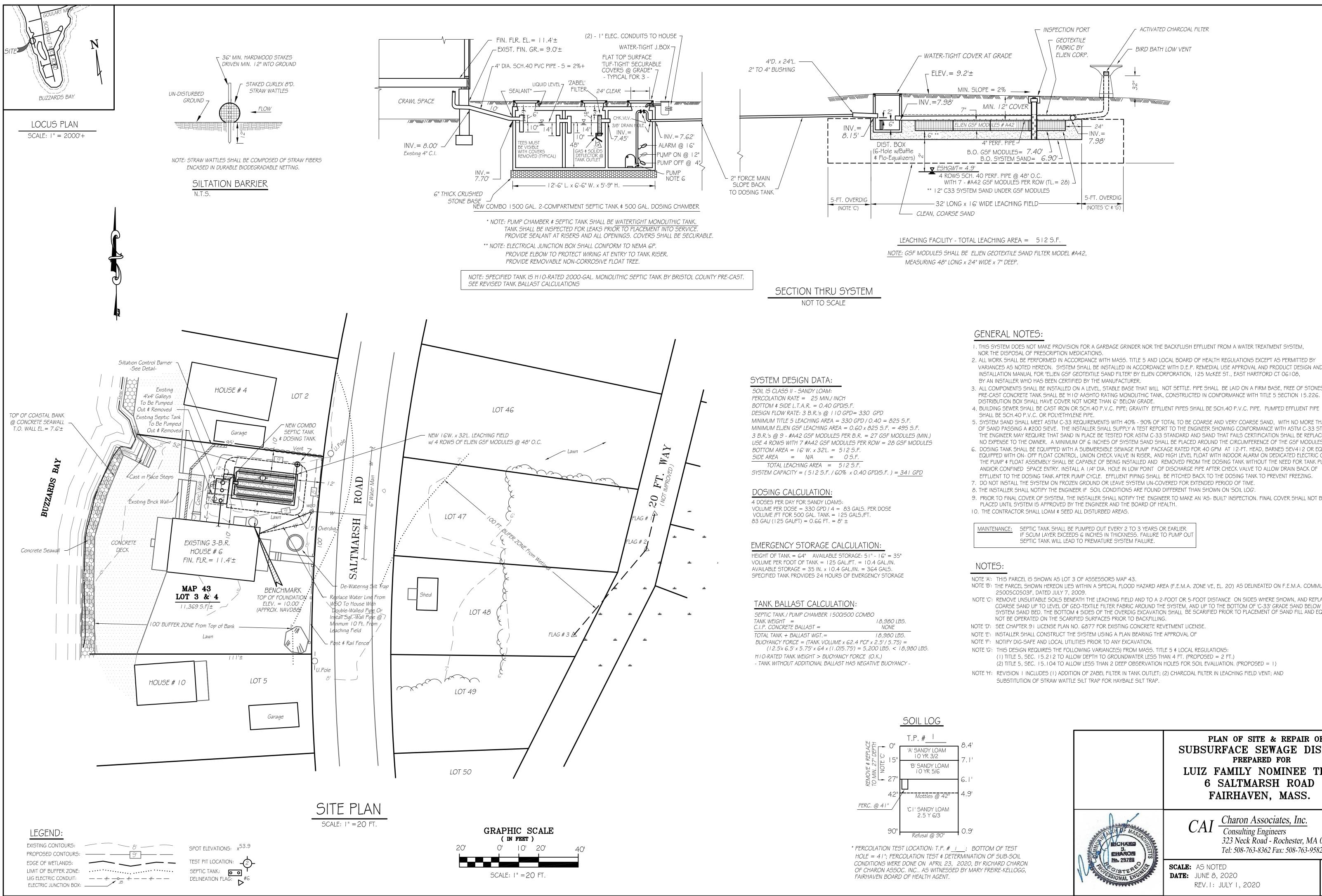
### Report of Aggregate Wet Sieve Analysis (ASTM C136)

	Charon Associates 323 Neck Road Rochester,MA 02770				Job No.: Date: Report No.:	Inst.14-3400 11/18/14 MA4321A
	Project: Material: Location:	Knollmere Beach,Fa Sand In Place @ Beach	airhaven,M/	Α		
	Specs.					
	Sampled By: Tested By:	Client Philip J. Medeiros			Date Sampled: Date Tested:	11/17/2014 11/17/2014
	S RESULTS				Sample Wt.(g) :	
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3/4 Inch	19	16.50	0.7	99.3	6 <b>8</b> 70	
1/2 Inch	12.70	18.00	0.8	98.4		
3/8 Inch	9.51	31.50	1.4	97.0		
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Christopher M. White, PE Laboratory Director

Philip J. Medeiros Laboratory Technician



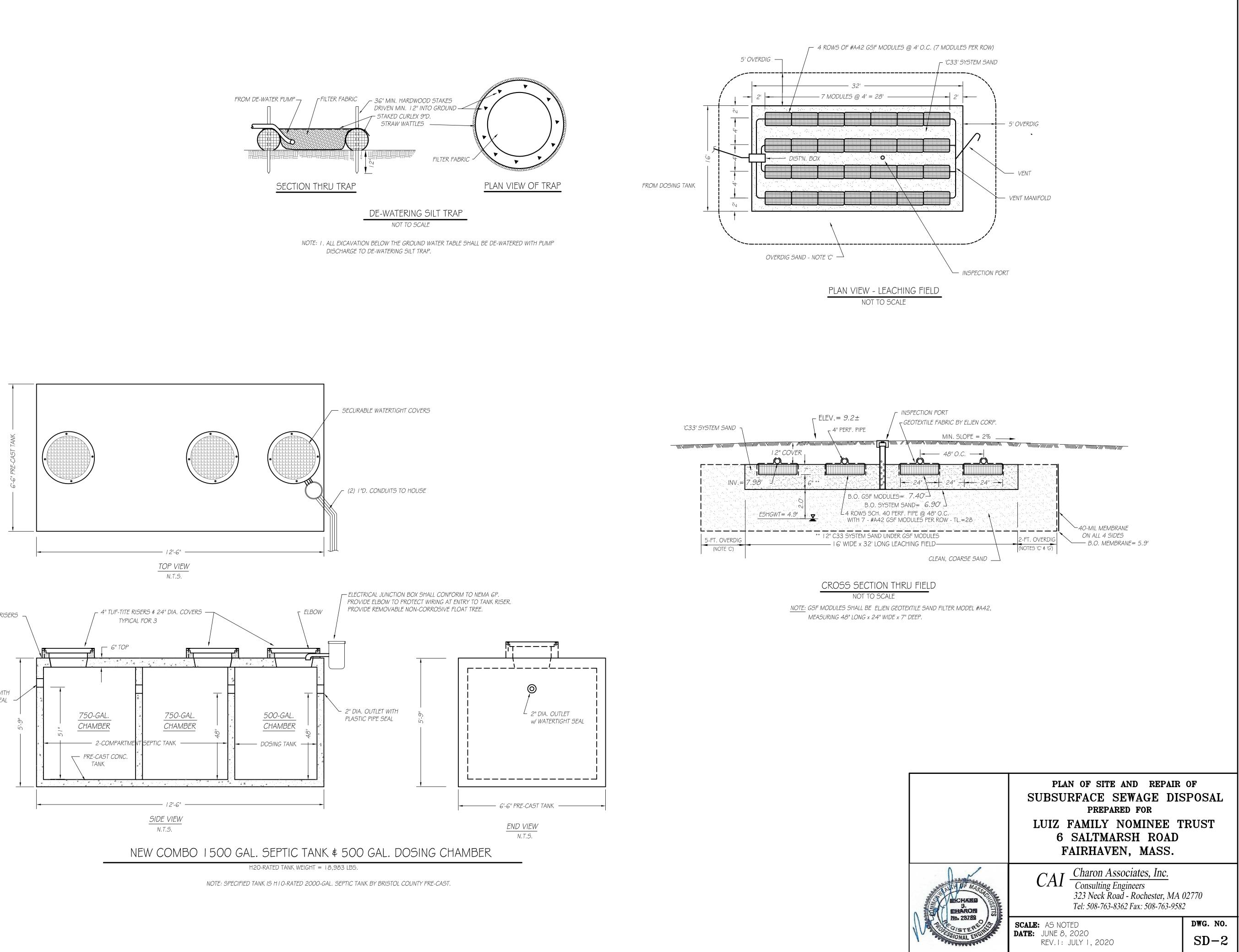
- I. THIS SYSTEM DOES NOT MAKE PROVISION FOR A GARBAGE GRINDER NOR THE BACKFLUSH EFFLUENT FROM A WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM,
- 2. ALL WORK SHALL BE PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASS. TITLE 5 AND LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH REGULATIONS EXCEPT AS PERMITTED BY VARIANCES AS NOTED HEREON. SYSTEM SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH D.E.P. REMEDIAL USE APPROVAL AND PRODUCT DESIGN AND INSTALLATION MANUAL FOR "ELJEN GSF GEOTEXTILE SAND FILTER" BY ELJEN CORPORATION, 125 MCKEE ST., EAST HARTFORD CT 06108,
- 3. ALL COMPONENTS SHALL BE INSTALLED ON A LEVEL, STABLE BASE THAT WILL NOT SETTLE. PIPE SHALL BE LAID ON A FIRM BASE, FREE OF STONES.
- 4. BUILDING SEWER SHALL BE CAST IRON OR SCH.40 P.V.C. PIPE; GRAVITY EFFLUENT PIPES SHALL BE SCH.40 P.V.C. PIPE. PUMPED EFFLUENT PIPE
- 5. SYSTEM SAND SHALL MEET ASTM C-33 REQUIREMENTS WITH 40% 90% OF TOTAL TO BE COARSE AND VERY COARSE SAND, WITH NO MORE THAN 2% OF SAND PASSING A #200 SIEVE. THE INSTALLER SHALL SUPPLY A TEST REPORT TO THE ENGINEER SHOWING CONFORMANCE WITH ASTM C-33 STANDARD. THE ENGINEER MAY REQUIRE THAT SAND IN PLACE BE TESTED FOR ASTM C-33 STANDARD AND SAND THAT FAILS CERTIFICATION SHALL BE REPLACED AT NO EXPENSE TO THE OWNER. A MINIMUM OF 6 INCHES OF SYSTEM SAND SHALL BE PLACED AROUND THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF THE GSF MODULES.
- 6. DOSING TANK SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A SUBMERSIBLE SEWAGE PUMP PACKAGE RATED FOR 40 GPM AT 12-FT. HEAD, BARNES SEV412 OR EQUAL EQUIPPED WITH ON- OFF FLOAT CONTROL, UNION CHECK VALVE IN RISER, AND HIGH LEVEL FLOAT WITH INDOOR ALARM ON DEDICATED ELECTRIC CIRCUIT THE PUMP & FLOAT ASSEMBLY SHALL BE CAPABLE OF BEING INSTALLED AND REMOVED FROM THE DOSING TANK WITHOUT THE NEED FOR TANK PUMP-OUT AND/OR CONFINED SPACE ENTRY. INSTALL A 1/4" DIA. HOLE IN LOW POINT OF DISCHARGE PIPE AFTER CHECK VALVE TO ALLOW DRAIN BACK OF EFFLUENT TO THE DOSING TANK AFTER PUMP CYCLE. EFFLUENT PIPING SHALL BE PITCHED BACK TO THE DOSING TANK TO PREVENT FREEZING.
- 9. PRIOR TO FINAL COVER OF SYSTEM, THE INSTALLER SHALL NOTIFY THE ENGINEER TO MAKE AN 'AS-BUILT' INSPECTION. FINAL COVER SHALL NOT BE

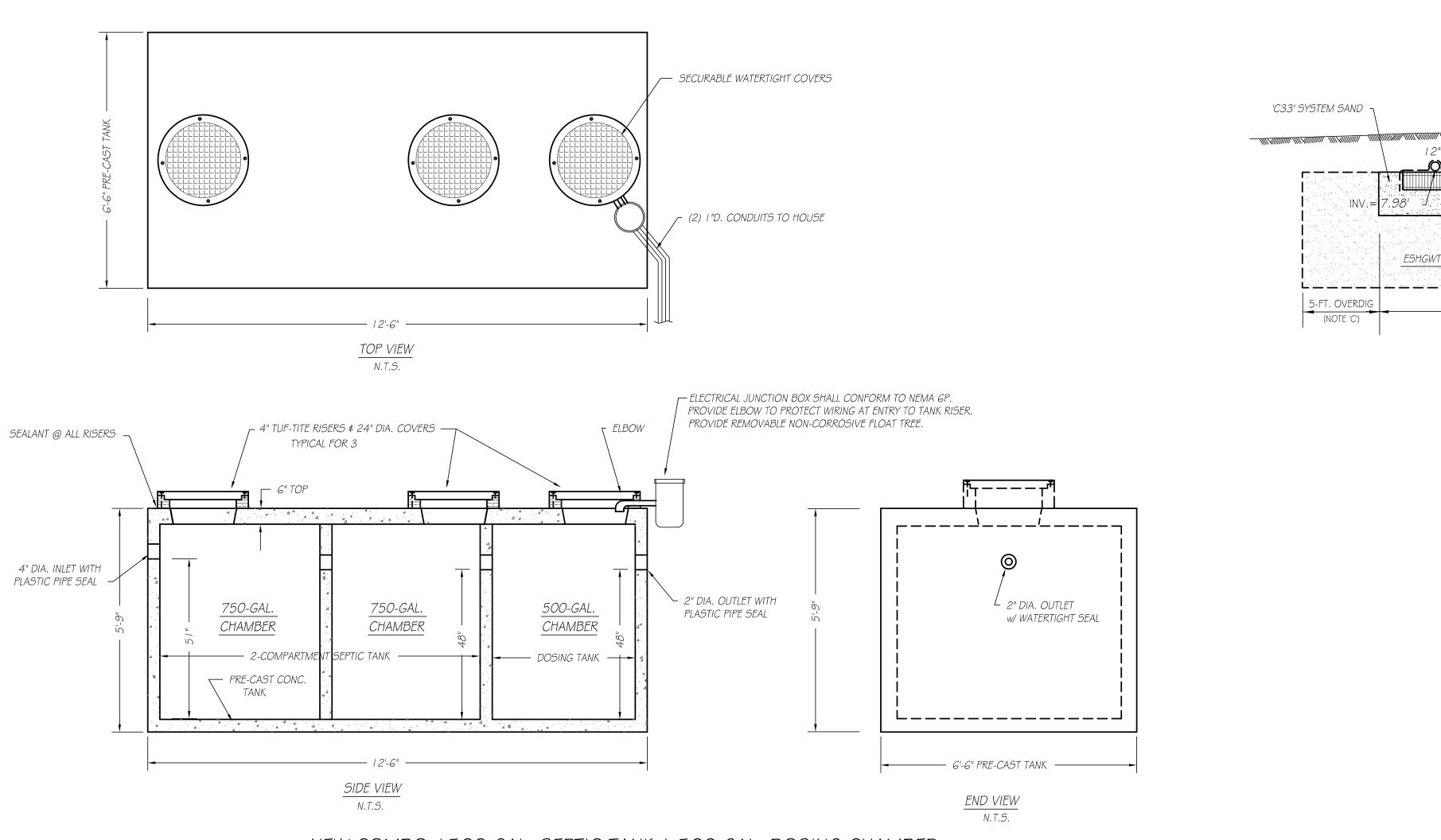
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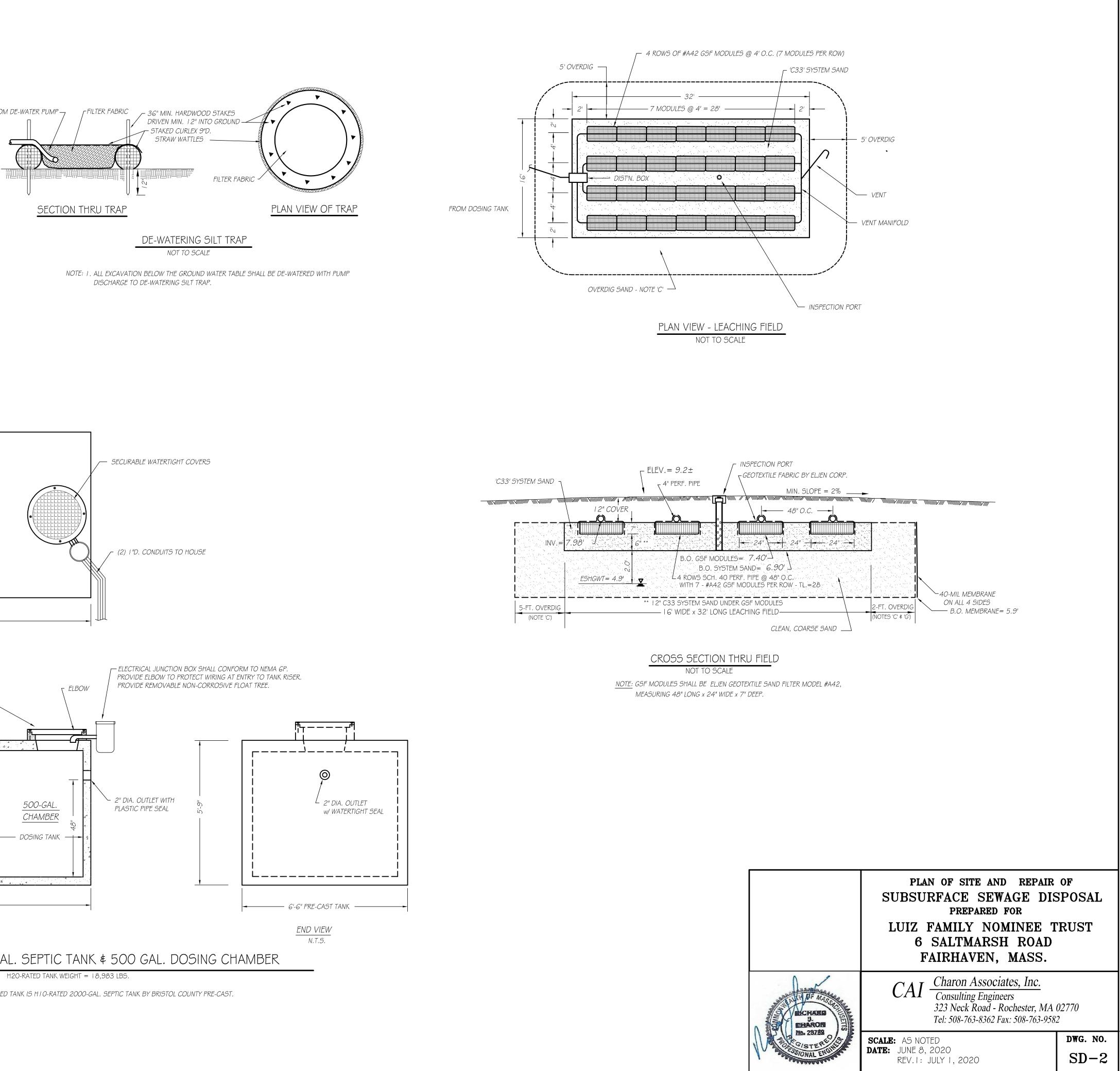
- NOTE 'B': THE PARCEL SHOWN HEREON LIES WITHIN A SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA (F.E.M.A. ZONE VE, EL. 20') AS DELINEATED ON F.E.M.A. COMMUNITY PANEL NO.
- NOTE 'C': REMOVE UNSUITABLE SOILS BENEATH THE LEACHING FIELD AND TO A 2-FOOT OR 5-FOOT DISTANCE ON SIDES WHERE SHOWN, AND REPLACE WITH CLEAN, COARSE SAND UP TO LEVEL OF GEO-TEXTILE FILTER FABRIC AROUND THE SYSTEM, AND UP TO THE BOTTOM OF 'C-33' GRADE SAND BELOW THE SYSTEM SAND BED. THE BOTTOM & SIDES OF THE OVERDIG EXCAVATION SHALL BE SCARIFIED PRIOR TO PLACEMENT OF SAND FILL AND EQUIPMENT SHALL
- NOTE 'D': SEE CHAPTER 91 LICENSE PLAN NO. 6877 FOR EXISTING CONCRETE REVETMENT LICENSE.

- NOTE 'G': THIS DESIGN REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING VARIANCE(S) FROM MASS. TITLE 5 & LOCAL REGULATIONS:
- (1) TITLE 5, SEC. 15.212 TO ALLOW DEPTH TO GROUNDWATER LESS THAN 4 FT. (PROPOSED = 2 FT.)
- NOTE 'H': REVISION I INCLUDES (I) ADDITION OF ZABEL FILTER IN TANK OUTLET; (2) CHARCOAL FILTER IN LEACHING FIELD VENT; AND

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20, BY RICHARD CHARON Y MARY FREIRE-KELLOGG,	BOLE STERE	SCALE: AS NOTED DATE: JUNE 8, 2020 REV.1: JULY 1, 2020	DWG. NO. $SD-1$









# **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection** Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

## WPA Form 9 – Enforcement Order

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## A. Violation Information

Important: When filling out

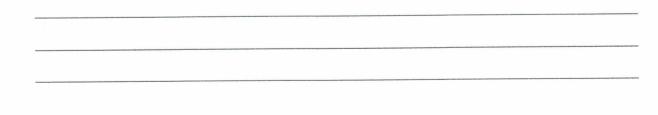
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This Enforcement Order is issued by:

	Fairhaven Conservation Commission Conservation Commission (Issuing Authority)	June 24, 2020
To:		
	MDC Estate LLC, c/o Michael DaCosta	
	Name of Violator	
	4 Windward Way, Fairhaven, MA 02719	
	Address	
1.	Location of Violation:	
	Property Owner (if different)	
	2 Melpen Way	
	Street Address	
	Fairhaven	02719
	City/Town	Zip Code
	29	002D
	Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number

2. Extent and Type of Activity (if more space is required, please attach a separate sheet):

On June 24, 2020, two members of the Commission and the Agent observed that a significant amount of activity had occurred at 2 Melpen Way without permits. The activities observed include: clearing of trees and vegetation, removal of stumps, burning of stumps, grubbing and grading, and the replacement/new construction of a boardwalk across the marsh to the beach (boards have little to no spacing) which will cause shading impacts to the marsh. The property falls entirely within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and contains Barrier Beach and Marsh and their associated 100-foot buffer zones. All activity occurred within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and 100-foot buffer zone. It is likely that some activity occurred within the resource areas themselves.



### **B. Findings**

The Issuing Authority has determined that the activity described above is in a resource area and/or buffer zone and is in violation of the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40) and its Regulations (310 CMR 10.00), because:

the activity has been/is being conducted in an area subject to protection under c. 131, § 40 or the buffer zone without approval from the issuing authority (i.e., a valid Order of Conditions or Negative Determination).



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## B. Findings (cont.)

the activity has been/is being conducted in an area subject to protection under c. 131, § 40 or the buffer zone in violation of an issuing authority approval (i.e., valid Order of Conditions or Negative Determination of Applicability) issued to:

Name	Dated
File Number	Condition number(s)
The Order of Conditions expired on (date):	Date
The activity violates provisions of the Certificat	te of Compliance.
The activity is outside the areas subject to prot but has altered an area subject to MGL c.131 s.40.	tection under MGL c.131 s.40 and the buffer zone,
Other (specify):	
The activity has been/is being conducted in an Wetlands Bylaw (Code of the Town of Fairhave the issuing authority (i.e., a valid Order of Con	n area subject to protection under the Fairhaven ren, Wetlands, Chapter 192) without approval from nditions or Negative Determination).
Order	
The issuing authority hereby orders the following (	(check all that apply):
The property owner, his agents, permittees, ar	nd all others shall immediately cease and desist

- The property owner, his agents, permittees, and all others shall immediately cease and desist from any activity affecting the Buffer Zone and/or resource areas.
- Resource area alterations resulting from said activity shall be corrected and the resource areas returned to their original condition.
- A restoration plan shall be filed with the issuing authority on or before

9/28/2020 Date

for the following:

A delineation of and assessment of damage to the resource areas on site and restoration to originial conditions, as approved by the Conservation Commission.

The restoration shall be completed in accordance with the conditions and timetable established by the issuing authority.



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### C. Order (cont.)

Complete the attached Notice of Intent (NOI). The NOI shall be filed with the Issuing Authority on or before:

Date

for the following:

No further work shall be performed until a public hearing has been held and an Order of Conditions has been issued to regulate said work.

The property owner shall take the following action (e.g., erosion/sedimentation controls) to prevent further violations of the Act:

Failure to comply with this Order may constitute grounds for additional legal action. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 provides: "Whoever violates any provision of this section (a) shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five thousand dollars or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both, such fine and imprisonment; or (b) shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each violation". Each day or portion thereof of continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense.

### **D.** Appeals/Signatures

An Enforcement Order issued by a Conservation Commission cannot be appealed to the Department of Environmental Protection, but may be filed in Superior Court.

Questions regarding this Enforcement Order should be directed to:

Whitney McClees
Name
508-979-4023, ext. 128
Phone Number
8:30am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday
Hours/Days Available

Issued by:

Fairhaven Conservation Commission

Conservation Commission signatures required on following page.



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### D. Appeals/Signatures (cont.)

In a situation regarding immediate action, an Enforcement Order may be signed by a single member or agent of the Commission and ratified by majority of the members at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

Signatures:

Mitney Milles

7016 2710 0001 1692 8018 Signature of delivery person or certified mail number

2 Melpen Way



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### TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

# **CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

June 24, 2020

Keith and Kimberly Decker 1 Smugglers Road Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Possible Wetland Violation 1 Smugglers Road Request to attend meeting of July 6, 2020

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Decker,

It has come to my attention that there may be a wetlands violation at your property at 1 Smugglers Road, Fairhaven, MA. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission and I performed a site visit on June 24, 2020 and observed deposition of sand, cutting of vegetation, and removal of soil on a Barrier Beach and in a Flood Zone, and observed evidence of machinery driving on the Barrier Beach and in the Marsh.

As was discussed with you, we request that you immediately cease and desist from any further activity and that you or your designated representative contact the Conservation Commission or its Agent, Whitney McClees, at (508) 979-4022 ext. 128 by July 6 and/or appear before the Conservation Commission at its Monday, July 6 meeting, 6:30pm.

Due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Conservation Commission meetings are currently being held remotely via Zoom. The remote access information for the July 6 meeting can be found on the posted agenda for the meeting.

As you may or may not know, any work or activity in a wetland resource area, within 100 feet of a resource area, 200 feet of a river, or within a flood zone is subject to review and approval by the Conservation Commission pursuant to its authority under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L c. 131 §40) and its regulations (310 CMR 10.00) and the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw (Chapter 192). Your property falls within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage (Flood Zone) and contains Barrier Beach, Marsh, and Bank and the associated 100-foot buffer zones. Cutting of vegetation, placement of fill, removal of soil, and operation of machinery within these areas without approval from the Commission constitutes a violation of the Act and the Bylaw.

Please be prepared to explain the work or activity that has occurred so that the Commission can prescribe the appropriate corrective actions for you to come into compliance with the Act and the Bylaw. Please be advised, the Conservation Commission reserves the right to assess fines for said violations or non-compliance with this letter pursuant to the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw (§192-11).

Should you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to contact me in the Conservation Office at (508) 979-4022 ext. 128 or via email at <u>conservation@fairhaven-ma.gov</u>.

Thank you for your immediate time and attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

Whitney McClees, Agent Fairhaven Conservation Commission <u>conservation@fairhaven-ma.gov</u> (508) 979-4022 ext. 128 1 Smugglers Road





July 1, 2020

Ms McClees Agent Fairhaven Conservation Committee 40 Center Street Fairhaven, MA 02719

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Dear Ms McClees:

In response to your letter dated June 24, 2020, I have left a voice mail for you on July 1, 2020 and wish to address the following excerpt from your letter:

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My wife and I purchased the property during the late summer of last year and moved in during the month of October. Over the past 9 months, it became apparent that the property was significantly overgrown, and prior to the last owner, had been used for decades as a recreation area and most significantly, as a dumping ground for illegal dumping of construction materials to include masonry, lumber, and plastics in addition to old tires and car parts. With that in mind, I wish to address each area of concern outlined in your letter and as you discussed with my wife:

### 1. Cutting of vegetation, deposition of sand

I have attached photos of the area in question. Please note the large pile of debris at the entrance of our property to our beach area. As you can clearly see, there is a significant collection of wood, plywood, plastic, and beach debris. Additionally, intermingled in the debris pile were old paint cans, antifreeze containers, and metal parts. This was on both sides of the main beach access for my family.

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Additionally, the area is overgrown with extensive amounts of poison ivy which is clearly visible in the photos. My wife and I have two dogs and I am highly allergic to poison ivy. The dogs come in contact with the poison ivy and when I pet them, I have severe breakouts.

During the winter and this spring, I personally manually removed as much of the debris field as possible. Additionally, I cut down all of the poison ivy and cleared the area. This created an eyesore so I ordered some beach sand and manually applied 4 inches of sand to cover the area by myself using a wheelbarrow and shovel. I was unaware that this was prohibited. I am happy to remove the sand if necessary to correct the situation. Please note that even today, there still exists more debris as shown below that remains that I have not cleaned up due to the poison ivy.



### 2. Removal of soil on a Barrier Beach and in a Flood Zone

To date, there has been zero removal of any soil on the Barrier Beach or in the flood zone.

With regards to our **existing** backyard (of which there are pictures going back to 2006 showing the extent of clearing for the property and yard) as discussed above was significantly overgrown and is infested with invasive Japanese knotweed which is threatening to take over the property. My son and I manually cleared the backyard to the original property clearing removing 100 yards of yard waste <u>by hand</u>.

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There were two rock 'walls' made from the excavation of the house that the prior owner had dumped in a row in the back yard. I have had the rocks removed and the knotweed scraped down in preparation for planting grass seed. As noted, there has never been any removal of any soil either on the beach or in the flood zone.

**3.** Observed evidence of machinery driving on the Barrier Beach and in the Marsh. My wife and I own a Polaris UTV given that the property is quite large at 10 acres and we use it to take our heavy kayaks and paddle boards to the beach area from our house.

As discussed above with regards to the past dumping on the property, I have personally spent months cleaning up the beach area and the property. To date, we have paid to remove 20 yards of debris and still there exists up to at least 10 tires in the water and on the beach area to be removed. I use the UTV to collect the debris as it is quite heavy (tractor tires, truck tires, timbers, plastic crates, etc.) and a long distance from the entrance to the property where we have had the dumpsters brought to. I can't carry them manually and would be happy if the City would clean up the property if we are not able to use the UTV. There is still at least another 150 feet of beach area garbage and timbers to be cleaned up before it is done. Additionally, while the vegetation may be slightly compacted, it is not dead and readily grows back.

### 4. Additional comments

Two areas of concern for my wife and I are both mentioned above:

The length of the beach area (almost 600 feet) is infested with poison ivy and our dogs bring it into the house on their fur. Additionally, we have a number of guests who spend time in the beach area and we are concerned about their contact with it.

Invasive Japanese knotweed is a key concern on the property as it is taking over and almost impossible to eradicate.

Any assistance from the Commission to mitigate it would be helpful.

In conclusion, we are unable to attend the July 6 meeting that you reference as we are travelling for the holiday weekend. However, I am available on my mobile phone at 978-766-6558 or can be reached at my office at 508-991-6407.

Sincerely,

Keith Decker