



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

Buffer Zone Regulations Variance Request

Pursuant to Section 8.0 of the Buffer Zone Regulations under the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw, Chapter 192, the Commission may grant a variance from the regulations upon a showing by the applicant that any proposed activity will not have any adverse effect upon any of the interests protected in Chapter 192 of the Code of the Town of Fairhaven (Wetlands).

Location of Proposed Project: 217 Alden Rd. Map 36 Parcel 85

Owner/Applicant Name: Shaun DeGrace

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Contractor/Representative: _____ Phone Number: _____

Type of Application Submitted: NOI RDA

Project Description:

Construction of reinforced concrete patio (13' x 43' x 30') with 8'w x 6'd drainage/infiltration (French drain) in back of the house. Install 6' vinyl fence along front of house in 2 sections of 25' to the north and 50' to the south.

Explanation of why variance is needed: *Please describe in detail how the project can be completed without significant adverse impacts on the functions, characteristics, and values of the resource areas. Such detail must include, but is not limited to, an alternatives analysis. Attach additional sheets as necessary.*

Proposed concrete patio is located within the 25-50' buffer zone. There is limited space in the area in question adjacent to the existing french doors at the back of the house to allow access to the patio and existing deck (which is built on a pervious surface. The proposed design includes a french drain to capture and infiltrate stormwater. The proposed location is existing lawn, so no cutting of native vegetation is required. The capture and infiltration of stormwater will be a betterment to the area rather than having stormwater run into the stream and wetland.

The proposed fence is located in the 0-50 buffer zone, but will be a minimal impact with no real impervious surface increase.