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Subject: 14 Seal Cove Road, Hingham MA - Notice of Intent
Attachments: 14 Seal Cove Project Narrative REV 6-1-26.pdf; 14 Seal Cove Site Plan REV 6-1-26.pdf; 14 Seal Cove Landscape Sketch.pdf; 14 Seal Cove Response to Comments 6-1-26.pdf

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Good afternoon,

I'm attaching revised and supplemental material we submitted for the project at 14 Seal Cove Road in Hingham MA. I will also address your comments for this submittal below:

- 1. Work within 100 feet of Salt Marsh is subject to the performance standards set forth at 310 CMR 10.32(3). Please confirm the project's compliance with the cited performance standard with the Conservation Commission.*
310 CMR 10.32(3) states that “a proposed project in a salt marsh, on lands within 100 feet of a salt marsh, or in a body of water adjacent to a salt marsh shall not destroy any portion of the salt marsh and shall not have an adverse effect on the productivity of the salt marsh. Alterations in growth, distribution and composition of salt marsh vegetation shall be considered in evaluating adverse effects on productivity. 310 CMR 10.32(3) shall not be construed to prohibit the harvesting of salt hay.” No adverse effects from this project to the salt marsh are anticipated. Only a portion of the work is proposed within 100 feet of the salt marsh, and none will be within the salt marsh itself. All runoff from the proposed impervious surfaces will be collected via trench drains and infiltrated, ensuring no additional runoff will flow over to the salt marsh. In addition, a landscape buffer consisting of 1,000 SF of native plantings is proposed between the project site and the resource area. See the attached landscape sketch for more details on the types and quantities of each planting.
- 2. The Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) recommends caution with the planting of Rosa rugosa, as it is a non-native and potentially invasive plant. They have put out the following CZ-Tip and StormSmart links with native alternatives*
Rosa rugosas are no longer proposed. Instead, Rosa virginiana and other native species are proposed as recommended by the Hingham Conservation Agent (see attached landscape sketch).

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thank you,



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