



June 22, 2026

Town of Hingham Conservation Commission
210 Central Street
Hingham, Massachusetts 02043-2759

ATTN: Ms. Shannon Palmer, Conservation Officer

RE: DEP File No. 034-1329 – Request for Final Certificate of Compliance
5 Bare Cove Lane, Hingham, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. Palmer:

On behalf of the estate of Mr. John Sullivan, project applicant, we are requesting the final Certificate of Compliance related to an Order of Conditions issued by the Hingham Conservation Commission on January 15, 2019 for the installation of a pile-supported pier and seasonal gangway and float system. On December 10, 2024, the Conservation Commission issued a partial Certificate of Compliance for the constructed dock. The remaining work consisted of monitoring previously damaged salt marsh areas that were restored in June 2024.

During dock construction, areas of the existing salt marsh were damaged. The Hingham Conservation Commission issued an Enforcement Order to restore 851 square feet of salt marsh at the project site in compliance with prepared plans and specifications referenced in the Order. This restoration work was completed between June 10, 2024 and June 14, 2024. A monitoring report documenting the work was prepared at that time. The salt marsh restoration areas were then continually monitored in accordance with the Order for two full growing seasons and three (3) subsequent Monitoring Reports were submitted to the Conservation Office as specified. In the final Salt Marsh Restoration Report, the following recommendations were made, which were addressed by Sumco Eco-Contracting (Sumco) on June 18, 2026:

- SITEC recommended supplemental *Spartina alterniflora* plantings in the coir matting damaged area (10'x3') on the northerly side of the dock. **Sumco planted one hundred (100) additional *Spartina alterniflora* 1" plugs. Additional plantings were also planted along the seaward edge of the saltmarsh area beneath the dock;**
- SITEC recommended that previously installed stakes and filter fabric be removed from the float-damaged area where the rock sill was constructed. **Sumco removed stakes, filter fabric and all other debris from site.**

- SITEC recommended that leaves and other debris be raked and removed so that supplement plantings could be planted beneath the landward end of the dock. **Sumco planted fifty (50) additional *Spartina patens* 1" plugs under and in the vicinity of the landward end of the dock.**

All work is presently completed. At this time, we estimate that the success rate of the previously installed plantings is higher than 75%. In support of our request, we have enclosed/attached the following:

- Check in amount of \$50.00 made payable to the Town of Hingham;
- Application Checklist;
- WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance;
- Signed copy of the Conservation Commission's policy on Receipt of Information;
- Photos;
- As-Built Plan.

Engineer's Statement of Substantial Compliance

SITEC Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc. hereby certifies that the salt marsh restoration work was completed in substantial compliance with the plans and specifications referenced in the Enforcement Order dated January 31, 2024, with the following deviation:

The previously restored float-damaged area has experienced settlement and washout. The installed rock sill remains intact and stable, however, the relatively minor area of salt marsh that the sill was supporting no longer exists. In our opinion, considering that the salt marsh restoration area success rate is higher than 75%, it is not worth attempting to rebuild the sill area.

Please call or email me with any questions, comments or for any additional information. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

For SITEC Engineering & Environmental Consultants, Inc.

Jeffrey A. Couture
Project Manager



With Enclosures



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands
WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

DEP File Number:

SE 034-1329
Provided by DEP

A. Project Information

Important:

When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



Upon completion of the work authorized in an Order of Conditions, the property owner must request a Certificate of Compliance from the issuing authority stating that the work or portion of the work has been satisfactorily completed.

1. This request is being made by:

Estate of John Sullivan c/o Dave Bellando

Name

5 Bare Cove Lane

Mailing Address

Hingham

City/Town

MA

State

02043

Zip Code

781-858-7049

Phone Number

2. This request is in reference to work regulated by a final Order of Conditions issued to:

Peter & Lois Scanlon

Applicant

1/15/2019

Dated

SE 034-1329

DEP File Number

3. The project site is located at:

5 Bare Cove Lane

Street Address

41

Assessors Map/Plat Number

Hingham

City/Town

13

Parcel/Lot Number

4. The final Order of Conditions was recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

Peter & Lois Scanlon

Property Owner (if different)

Plymouth

County

50799

Book

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Certificate (if registered land)

5. This request is for certification that (check one):

☒ the work regulated by the above-referenced Order of Conditions has been satisfactorily completed.

☐ the following portions of the work regulated by the above-referenced Order of Conditions have been satisfactorily completed (use additional paper if necessary).

☐ the above-referenced Order of Conditions has lapsed and is therefore no longer valid, and the work regulated by it was never started.



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance

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A. Project Information (cont.)

6. Did the Order of Conditions for this project, or the portion of the project subject to this request, contain an approval of any plans stamped by a registered professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor?

☒ Yes

If yes, attach a written statement by such a professional certifying substantial compliance with the plans and describing what deviation, if any, exists from the plans approved in the Order.

☐ No

B. Submittal Requirements

Requests for Certificates of Compliance should be directed to the issuing authority that issued the final Order of Conditions (OOC). If the project received an OOC from the Conservation Commission, submit this request to that Commission. If the project was issued a Superseding Order of Conditions or was the subject of an Adjudicatory Hearing Final Decision, submit this request to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>).



Spartina alterniflora plantings in coir matting-damaged area.



Supplemental *Spartina alterniflora* plantings beneath dock.



Spartina patens plantings beneath landward end of dock.



Float-damaged area with stakes, filter fabric and other debris removed.



TOWN OF HINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION CHECKLIST REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (COC)

Please submit the following when requesting a Certificate of Compliance under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law. Submit one (1) copy of the following to the Conservation Office and an electronic copy of the complete request to conservation@hingham-ma.gov.

- ☒ WPA Form 8A: [Request for Certificate of Compliance](#)
- ☒ A check payable to the town of Hingham for the [Town of Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw fee](#)
 - *\$50 for Residential*
 - *\$100 for Commercial*
 - *Please redact bank account information from photocopies*
- ☒ A letter from a registered professional engineer, surveyor, architect, or landscape architect, as applicable, certifying substantial compliance with the approved plans and describing what deviations, if any, exist from the plans approved in the Order of Conditions. The letter should also document compliance with any special conditions.
- ☒ Post construction site photos of the completed work including established vegetation where required.
- ☒ The Conservation Commission's [Policy on Receipt of Information](#)
- ☐ Optional – [Voluntary 21 Day Waiver \(COC\)](#)

If required pursuant to special conditions of Order of Conditions:

- ☒ Final As-built Plan signed and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer or Land Surveyor showing post-construction conditions within all areas under the jurisdiction of the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law. This plan shall include at a minimum:
 - All wetland resource area boundaries with associated buffer zones and regulatory setback areas taken from the plan(s) approved in this Order of Conditions;
 - Locations and elevations of all stormwater management conveyances, structures and best management designs, including foundation drains, constructed under this Order within any wetland resource area or buffer zone;
 - Distances from any structures constructed under this Order to wetland resource areas - "structures" include, but are not limited to, all buildings, septic system components, wells, utility lines, fences, retaining walls, and roads/driveways;
 - A line delineating the limit of work - "work" includes any filling, excavating and/or disturbance of soils or vegetation approved under this Order;
 - Mitigation planting areas constructed under this Order, as applicable.

HINGHAM WETLAND REGULATIONS

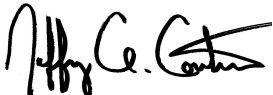
APPENDIX C

Policy on Receipt of Information

(Revised March 4, 2024)

1. New applications/filings must be submitted to the Conservation office (by certified mail or hand delivery) two weeks prior to the meeting date, on Monday by noon, to facilitate the placement of the legal ad and to allow timely review by the Conservation Officer (if the office is closed on Monday due to a holiday, then the information is due on the preceding Friday by noon). Conservation staff will review the application for administrative completeness. Upon receipt of a complete application, a hearing or meeting will be scheduled in accordance with the 310 CMR 10.05(5) and the Wetland Regulations, Section 7.6.
2. If deemed necessary, based on the Commission's meeting schedule, Conservation staff may request the applicant *voluntarily* waive the 21 day statutory deadline for holding a public hearing or issuing a Determination of Applicability.
3. Requests for additional information may be made by the Commission members or their agent to clarify the scope of the project or determine compliance with the 310 CMR 10.00 and/or the Hingham Wetland Regulations. Such requests, if not made at the public hearing, will be communicated to the applicant or their representative as promptly as possible.
4. Additional information requested by the Commission or their agent in accordance with No.3, must be submitted to the Conservation office a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting date, on Monday by noon. If the office is closed on Monday due to a holiday, the information is due on the preceding Friday by noon. *Revisions submitted after the established deadline may not receive a review, thereby resulting in a continuance to the next available meeting.*
5. The Commission may engage the peer review services of an outside consultant as provided by M.G.L. Ch. 44, § 53G, to be paid for by the applicant, for specific expert review deemed necessary to come to a final decision on a submitted application. Specific consultant services may include but are not limited to, review of a Notice of Intent, Wetland Resource Area Delineation, Stormwater/Drainage Reports, etc. The consultant shall be chosen by the Conservation Commission by vote at the public hearing, and report only to the Commission or its agent. *Requested additional information/revisions by the peer reviewer is required a minimum of two weeks prior to the hearing date.*
5. All supplemental documentation and revised plans must include a revision date and must be date stamped by the Conservation office upon receipt. If this information is not present, the documents may be considered incomplete and may not receive a timely review, thereby resulting in a continuance to the next available meeting.
6. Please note that all supplemental documentation and revised plans submitted to the Commission for a pending application, subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act, must also be sent to the DEP Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Dr., Lakeville, MA 02347

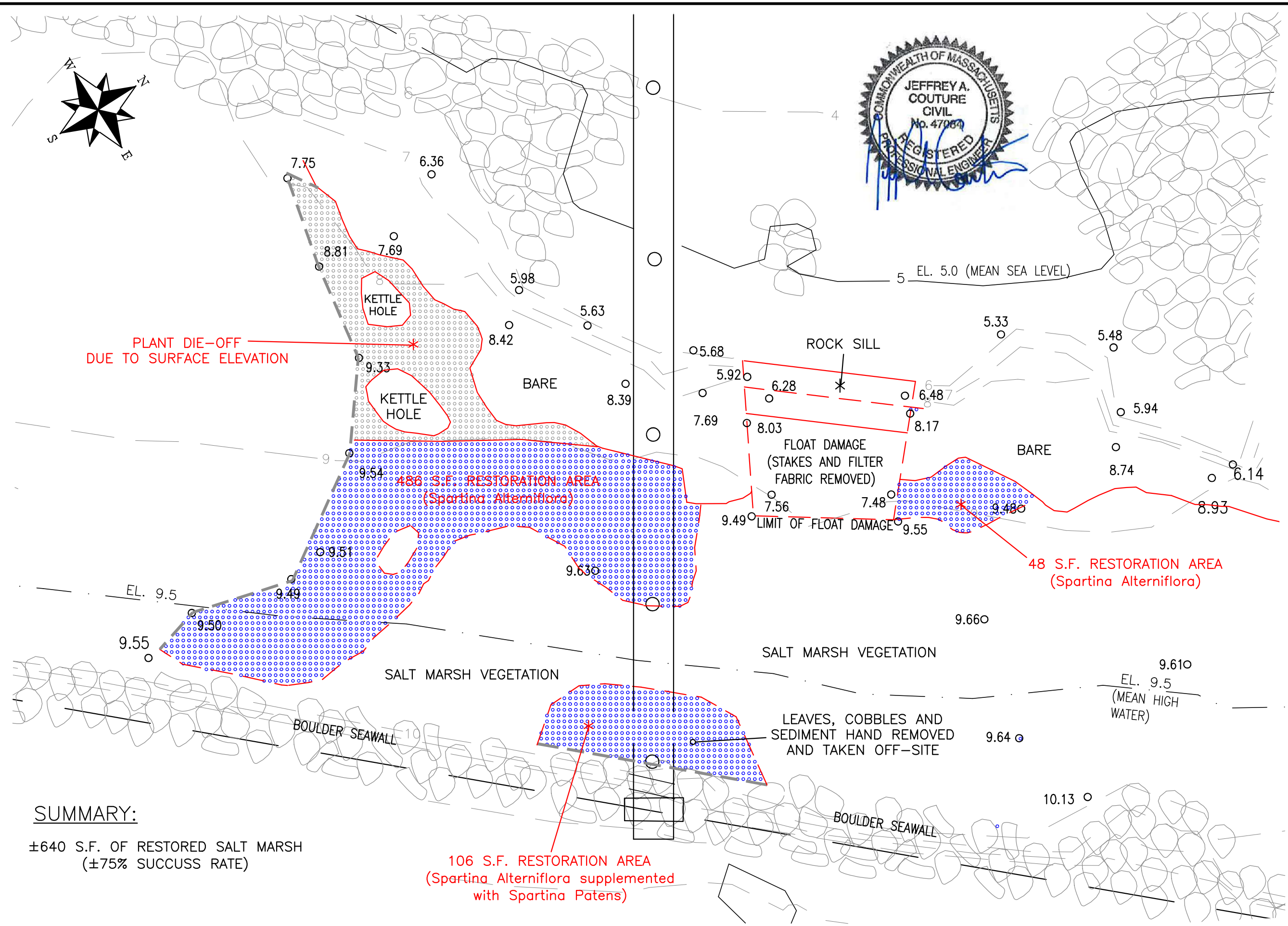
The Hingham Conservation Commission is committed to a thorough and timely review of each application and an efficient hearing process. Cooperation with this policy is appreciated to facilitate these efforts. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Conservation staff if deemed warranted. Please sign and include with your filing. Thank you.



Applicant or Applicant's Representative Signature

June 22, 2026

Date



SUMMARY:

±640 S.F. OF RESTORED SALT MARSH
(±75% SUCCUSS RATE)

106 S.F. RESTORATION AREA
(Spartina Alterniflora supplemented
with Spartina Patens)

48 S.F. RESTORATION AREA
(Spartina Alterniflora)

project:	scale:	1"=8'
	date:	JUN. 19, 2026
drawing title:	job no.:	
	sheet:	1 of 1



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