

March 15, 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

RE: 230 Beal St. - from Conservation Commission comments February 28, 2017

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board,

The following is a response to the questions and comments provided by Hingham Conservation Commission on February 28, 2017 entitled “Additional comments on the revised plans and materials” letter from Hingham Conservation Commission dated February 28, 2017.

Further as the Board is aware, a site walk was held on March 7, 2017 with the Applicant, Loni Fourier, Emily Wentworth and Shadley Associates to address questions and comments raised by Hingham Conservation Commission, some of which were not included in the February 28th letter.

- 1) We have attached a comprehensive detailed list of targeted invasive species that the Applicant would propose to manage within a 10’ dimension on either side of the proposed boardwalk. During the site walk, J.P. Shadley specifically identified Ailanthus, Floribunda Rose and Oriental Bittersweet as prominent invasive species in the area. As the soils in this area have been determined sensitive by PAL, the archeological consultant, management would entail pruning at the base of plant to avoid any disturbance, and at not more than twice per year on an ongoing basis. No pruning will be performed within the proposed Conservation Recreation area on either side of the boardwalk, only adjacent to the proposed walkway.
 - 2) We have attached an overlay of the proposed Conservation Restriction area and Layout & Materials plan that depicts the locations of snow storage areas relative to the Conservation Recreation Boundaries. No snow storage is being proposed within the Conservation Recreation. A brief note from Allen & Major has been attached in response to the specific snow storage and drainage questions. The proposed site plan features substantial snow storage areas, and will not impact the natural and scenic values of the southerly portions of the lot. No snow melt will be discharged off-site.
 - 3) No grading or drainage outlets are proposed in the Conservation Restriction (area. Please see the attached Draft CR Coordination Plans (CR-1 & CR-2).
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4) The town requested that the CR boundaries be related to visual cues in the area including land forms and fencing. As such, Alliance has proposed to increase the area of the CR in the northwesterly area to match the crest of the hill, and the limit of work outlined from our Mass Historic coordination. The attached exhibits show the revised area.

Alliance looks forward to continue working with the Conservation Commission on the grant of this conservation easement, and our continued interest to protect the southerly acres from further redevelopment or other impacts.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Boujoulian
