

**December 31, 2024**

**Breeka Li Goodlander, Conservation Agent  
Town of Franklin  
Conservation Commission  
355 East Central Street  
Franklin, Massachusetts 02038**

**RE:           55 Constitution Boulevard  
              Variance Request for Buffer Zone Impacts  
              Town of Franklin Conservation Commission Regulations  
              Bylaw Section 4.2-4.3**

Dear Breeka Li:

Beals Associates, Inc. ("BAI") is submitting this variance request (Bylaw Section 4.2 & 4.3 of the Town of Franklin Conservation Commission Regulations) for work being proposed within the 0-25-foot buffer zone and the 25-50-foot buffer zone. Construction is proposed in areas within the 0-50-foot buffer areas that reduces the amount of impervious area within the previously developed buffer zones. The existing site conditions presents an opportunity to redevelop the site in a way that protects the Wetlands and restores previously disturbed areas within the buffer areas to their natural function.

The work proposed within the 25-foot buffer zone area consists of grading and the alteration of existing impervious areas. There will be an overall reduction of impervious area within the 25-foot buffer zone, improving the function of the buffer zone for wetland series "A" and "SB". A 151+/- foot retaining wall stands within the 25-foot and 50-foot buffer zone areas and is proposed to remain on site. The work proposed within the 50-foot buffer zone areas consists of tree clearing and grading, as well as a reduction of existing impervious surfaces, restoring the areas to their natural functions. The project will abide by all state and local regulations as well as the erosion and sedimentation control plan to prevent any adverse effects on the wetlands.

Consideration has been made throughout the design process of the project to not negatively affect the various functions of the resource areas and buffer zones. It is our belief that the proposed project will not only protect these resource areas but will improve upon existing conditions exceeding the performance standards of the Massachusetts WPA and the Town of Franklin's Wetland Protection Regulations.

Sincerely,

**Beals Associates, Inc.**



Tyler Lapshanski

Project Engineer



Todd Morey, P.E.

Principal