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**Attn: Ms. Breeka Li Goodlander, Agent**

**Town of Franklin Conservation Commission**

**East Central Street, Franklin MA 02038**

**Dear Ms. Goodlander**

*D&L Design Group has the following responses for the Beta Group, Inc. review letter. The Following revisions have been made to the plan for Lot 1 Spring Street.*

### **PLAN AND GENERAL COMMENTS**

**A1.** *Mass DEP issued a file number from the original submission of this Project (Mass.DEF File No.159-1285). The Applicant should indicate if the Project has been resubmitted to MassDEP, as it does not appear on their NOI fillings portal. Response: The new DEP Number is 159-1302.*

**A2.** *The existing and proposed tree lines should be shown on the Plans. Response: The proposed treeline and existing treeline have been added to the plans and labeled.*

**A3.** *An existing conditions Plan has been submitted with a PE stamp; the Applicant should resubmit the Plans with a PLS stamp to certify the existing conditions information. Response: PLS Stamp has been added to the plan.*

**A4.** *Revise the plans to complete the grading in the northwestern and western corners of the backyard, and clarify the proposed limit of clearing versus the limit of sediment controls. Response: The proposed grading on the lot has been completed and updated.*

### **CONSTRUCTION & MITIGATION COMMENTS**

**W1.** *Proposed erosion controls include use of silt fence and straw wattles. Silt fence and straw are not permitted erosion control measures in the Town of Franklin (Pg. 13 of Town of Franklin Best Development Practices Guidebook). The Applicant should coordinate with the Conservation Commission to determine the appropriate erosion control measures for the Site. Twelve (12)-inch diameter compost filter tubes may be an appropriate option commensurate with the scope of the Project. Response: The erosion control detail has been revised per request.*

**W2.** *Provide specifications of the proposed seed mixture(s) proposed for the stabilization of disturbed areas within Buffer Zone, including any areas that are proposed to be lawn. All areas of proposed lawn should be demarcated on the Project plans. BETA recommends that native species with wildlife habitat value be proposed within Buffer Zone where lawn is not required as mitigation for Buffer Zone clearing. Response: Goddard Consulting has provided specification for the proposed seed mixture.*

**W3.** *Material storage and laydown areas should be depicted on the Project plans and located outside of jurisdictional areas to the extent feasible. Response: Laydown area and material storage area has been added to the plan.*

### **BYLAW REGULATORY COMMENTS**

**W4. A construction sequence was provided that does not include the proposed turnaround area at the end of Springs Street. The Applicant should provide a construction sequence that includes all elements of the Project. The construction sequence should also be provided on the Plans per Bylaw Regulation Section 7.15.1. Response: Construction sequence plan has been added to the plan and the turnaround area construction has been added to the sequence.**

**W5. A Vernal Pool Statement per the requirements of Bylaw Regulation Section 7.7.1 should be provided. Response: Vernal Pool Statement has been added to the plan.**

**W6. The Applicant should provide a narrative with information on the steps taken to mitigate unavoidable impacts within the Buffer Zones (Bylaw Regulation Section 7.11.2.) - see BETA CommentW2. Response: Statement has been added to the plan as requested.**

**W7. The Applicant should provide an Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan which includes contact information of the person(s) responsible for inspecting and maintaining erosion controls, the requirement to inspect erosion controls weekly or following significant rain events, and all other requirements listed in Section 7.12.1 of the Bylaw Regulations. These notes could be included on the proposed conditions plan. Response: All contact information with all phone numbers have been added to the plan.**

**W8. Provide a Natural Heritage and Priority Habitats and Estimated Habitats Map, as required for NOI submissions to the Franklin Conservation Commission (Bylaw Section 7.17.1). Response: Natural Heritage Map has been provided. See attached map.**

**W9. According to the Section 7.9.1 of the Bylaw, the Project Narrative should include the following missing content:**

- a. All activities required to construct the Project;**
- b. The entity performing the work;**
- c. When the proposed activities will be completed; and**
- d. Measures that will be used to mitigate any impacts to the functions and characteristics of the Resource Areas.**

**Response: The project narrative has been added to the plan as well as contacts for all work.**

**If you have any further comments or questions, please call me at 508-408-2577.**

**Thank You**



**Peter Lavole**