



Natural Resource Services, Inc.

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Charles Horbert, Deputy Administrator
DEM, Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, RI 02908

RE: Request for Regulatory Applicability
Stone Wall Replacement along Spring Lake
770 Black Hut Road; A.P. 93, Lot 112
Burrillville, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Horbert:

Natural Resource Services, Inc. (NRS) has been retained by Dominique Poirier to assist with the preparation and submission of this Request for Regulatory Applicability. Ms. Poirier recently received a permit from the Department to raze the existing dwelling and construct a new home (DEM No. 23-0093) on this waterfront property. The plan approved by the Department clearly depicts the stone wall and stairs along the waterfront. Ms. Poirier plans to remove the field stone wall and replace it with a dry stacked concrete block wall. The replacement wall would be the same height and width. It would be in the same location as the current stone wall.

Section 3.6.3(A)(10) allows for "Repair to or in-place replacement of shoreline stabilization structures such as stone or masonry walls" as a limited maintenance and repair activity which does not require a permit from the DEM Freshwater Wetland Program. The purpose of this Request for Regulatory Applicability is to obtain the Department's decision as to whether this wall replacement project is in fact exempt from permitting.

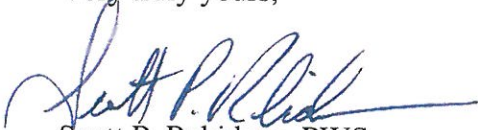
I am enclosing a copy of a warranty deed demonstrating that Ms. Poirier does have the legal right to utilize and maintain a 246 square foot parcel for lake shore access. A boundary survey from Principe Company, Inc. documenting the easement area is also enclosed.

By way of a project description, all work shall be performed from the bank of the lake. A mini-excavator shall be used to remove all of the field stone then set the concrete blocks. It is anticipated that the wall replacement project will only require 1-2 days. Any disturbed soils shall be stabilized upon completion of the project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

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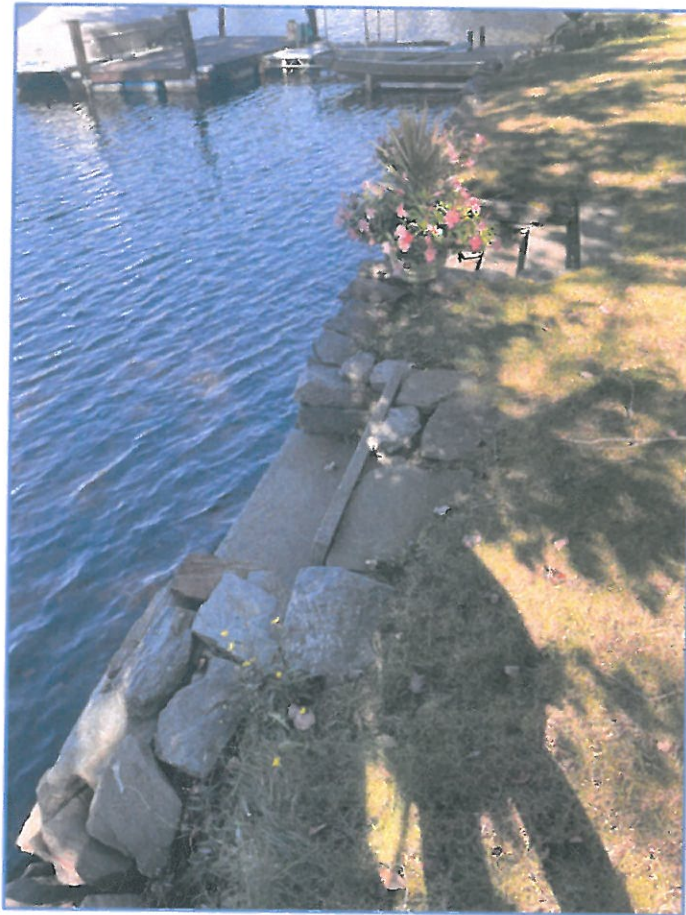
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott P. Rabideau", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott P. Rabideau, PWS
Principal

Enclosures

cc: Dominique Poirier



Section of waterfront wall to be replaced



View of wall from lot interior

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