

March 13, 2026

Ms. Shannon Palmer
Conservation Officer
Hingham Conservation Commission
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

**RE: Request for Minor Modification to Order of Conditions (SE 034-1505)
322 Rockland Street, Hingham, MA 02043**

Dear Ms. Palmer:

On behalf of the Applicant, Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors requests a minor modification to the above Order of Conditions to allow the removal of the existing patio retaining wall and the construction of a new 22' x 11' raised deck in the same general location. The deck will be supported by 3 timber posts on precast footings which will be set back 3' from the outer face of the deck, allowing the deck to cantilever over the support beam. The proposed deck will maintain the setback of 2.5 feet that was approved for the patio from the bordering vegetated wetlands (BVW); the support posts will be approximately 5.5 feet from the BVW with the proposed cantilever.

The elevated deck surface elevation will be set at approximately $el=11.7\pm$ which is well above the FEMA Flood Zone AE ($El=10$) elevation. The proposed posts supporting the deck will not have any impact on the resource areas and will not interfere with the movement of flood waters during larger storm events.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter, we look forward to discussing this further with the Commission at the next Conservation Commission hearing.

Sincerely,

Merrill Engineers and Land Surveyors



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