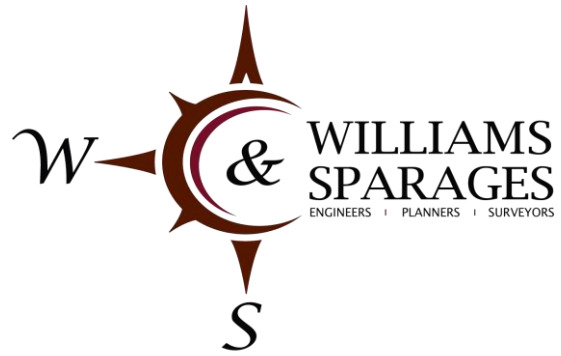


Project No. READ-0058

April 19, 2022

Reading Conservation Commission
Attn: Chuck Tirone, Conservation Administrator
16 Lowell Street
Reading, MA 01867



Subject: Request for Determination of Applicability
62 Whittier Road (Map 33, Lot 130), Reading, MA 01867

Dear Members of the Conservation Commission,

Please find attached revised Plan to Accompany a Request for Determination of Applicability with the requested revisions. Note that the following changes have been made:

1. The proposed patio has been revised to show a concrete aggregate base.
2. The proposed patio now shows spot elevations at each corner. The patio was and is proposed to match the existing grade in the proposed work area, and continue sloping towards the rear of the parcel. No change in elevation to the backyard is proposed. Additionally, two flow arrows are now shown off the back of the pool and patio indicating the direction of flow from the patio. This direction of flow matches the existing direction of flow at the property.
3. The existing sump pump drain is now shown on the accompanying plan. The sump pump drain is proposed to discharge outside of the 100' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW).
4. The proposed fence is now proposed to border the 35' no-build zone, and where within the 35' no-build zone, the existing edge of lawn. Please note that the Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)(2)(b) states that the installation of fencing, provided it will not constitute a barrier to wildlife movement, is not subject to regulation under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. The Town of Reading Wetlands Protection Regulations (Section 4, G, 4, b) notes that that the installation of fencing, provided that it will not constitute a barrier to wildlife movement, only requires the submittal of a minor project permit. Based on this, it is our belief that if the proposed fence borders along the 35' no-build zone and existing edge of lawn that no barrier to wildlife movement would be created. The existing edge of lawn is now shown on the accompanying plan.
5. The existing shed is no longer proposed to be relocated.

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6. The proposed mulch sock is now also labeled as the “limit of work”. No machinery would be used beyond the limit of work.
7. A ¾” river rock base is proposed along a portion of the northerly property line. This is outside of the 100’ buffer zone to BVW.
8. A construction entrance is now labeled off of the existing driveway.

We look forward to meeting with the Commission at their April 27 meeting. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our office directly if you have any questions, comments, and/or concerns.

Very truly yours,

Thorsen Akerley

Thorsen Akerley, R.S.
Project Manager

cc: Rachel & Jason Casey

