



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
 Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands
WPA Emergency Certification Form
 Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40 &
 READING WETLAND PROTECTION BYLAWS SECTION 7.1

A. Emergency Information

Important:
 When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



Issuance From: Reading Conservation Commission 16 Lowell Street Reading
Issuing Authority

1. Site Location: Charles lawn Cemetery 0 Charles Street next to 160 Charles St.

2 Reason for Emergency:
Vegetation obstructing roadway operational sightlines when leaving Charles Lawn Cemetery

3. Applicant to perform work: Town of Reading DPW Forestry Department

4. Public agency to perform work or public agency ordering the work to be performed:
Reading DPW Department, Christopher Cole, Dir. of Public Works

5. Date of Site Visit: May 29, 2024 Start Date: May 30, 2024 End Date*: June 28, 2024
* no later than 30 days from start date or 60 days in the case of an Immediate Response Action approved by DEP to address an oil/hazardous material release.

6. Work to be allowed*:
Volunteer trees and shrubs obstructing the roadway sightline of vehicles exiting the south driveway

The site walk was taken on May 29, 2024 delineating the plant material that can be removed. The work area consists of bittersweet, tree-of-heaven saplings, multiflora rose, maple saplings and herbaceous understory. The town DPW Forestry Department can cut the woody vegetation to the ground and the herbaceous vegetation to approximately 8 inches of the ground within the defined work area between the mowed lawn the guardrail and the flag placed during the site visit approximately 200 s.f. see attached

*** May not include work beyond that necessary to abate the emergency.**

B. Signatures

Certified to be an Emergency by this Issuing Authority.

Signatures:

Chairman (or designee) 06/30/2024 Date

A copy of this form must be provided to the appropriate DEP Regional Office.



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C. General Conditions

1. Failure to comply with all conditions stated herein, and with all related statutes and other regulatory measures, shall be deemed cause to revoke or modify this Emergency Certification or subject to enforcement action.
 2. This Emergency Certification does not grant any property rights or any exclusive privileges; it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of property rights.
 3. This Emergency Certification does not relieve the applicant or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.
 4. Any work conducted beyond that described above, and any work conducted beyond that necessary to abate the emergency, shall require the filing of a Notice of Intent.
 5. The Agent or members of the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection shall have the right to enter and inspect the area subject to this Emergency Certification at reasonable hours to evaluate compliance with this Certification, and may require the submittal of any data deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission or the Department for that evaluation.
 6. This Emergency Certification shall apply to any contractor or any other person performing work authorized under this Certification.
 7. No work may be authorized beyond 30 days from the date of this certification without extension by the Issuing Authority.
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D. Special Conditions

Notify the Conservation Office on the completion of work for a final inspection.

E. Appeals

The Department may, on its own motion or at the request of any person, review: an emergency certification issued by a conservation commission and any work permitted thereunder; a denial by a conservation commission of a request for emergency certification; or the failure by a conservation commission to act within 24 hours of a request for emergency certification. Such review shall not operate to stay the work permitted by the emergency certification unless the Department specifically so orders. The Department's review shall be conducted within seven days of: issuance by a conservation commission of the emergency certification; denial by a conservation commission of the emergency certification; or failure by a conservation commission to act within 24 hours of a request for emergency certification. If certification was improperly granted, or the work allowed thereunder is excessive or not required to protect the health and safety of citizens of the Commonwealth, the Department may revoke the emergency certification, condition the work permitted thereunder, or take such other action as it deems appropriate.



Property Information

Property ID 034.0-0000-0063.0
Location 0 CHARLES ST
Owner TOWN OF READING CEMETERY DEPT



**MAP FOR REFERENCE ONLY
NOT A LEGAL DOCUMENT**

Town of Reading, MA makes no claims and no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the validity or accuracy of the GIS data presented on this map.

Geometry updated 2/22/2023
 Data updated 2/22/2023

Print map scale is approximate. Critical layout or measurement activities should not be done using this resource.

Tirone, Charles

From: Kessman, Michael
Sent: Thursday, May 30, 2024 7:56 AM
To: Tirone, Charles
Cc: Cole, Christopher; Hannaford, Mike
Subject: RE: Clearing of vegetation to improve sightline at exit from Charles Lawn Cemetery

Good Morning Chuck,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Mike and myself yesterday.

This work is immediately necessary, I consider it an emergency, the work is necessary to ensure safe driving conditions for drivers exiting the Charles Lawn Cemetery.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, we will work to restore sight lines ASAP once the emergency certification is issued.

Respectfully,

Michael Kessman
Assistant Director of Public Works

From: Tirone, Charles <ctirone@ci.reading.ma.us>
Sent: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 4:58 PM
To: Kessman, Michael <mkessman@ci.reading.ma.us>
Cc: Cole, Christopher <ccole@ci.reading.ma.us>; Hannaford, Mike <mhannaford@ci.reading.ma.us>
Subject: RE: Clearing of vegetation to improve sightline at exit from Charles Lawn Cemetery

Hi Mike,

We met at the site today and discussed the area where the plant material can be removed. We agreed on where and how the work can happen and I let you know that I will write an emergency certification so you can schedule the work. As we discussed, I am waiting for an email that declares this work necessary and that it is an emergency to ensure safe driving conditions leaving the Charles lawn Cemetery. I'm finished with the emergency certification and I can issue it once Chris or you send that email to me.

Thank you

Chuck Tirone
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