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Reading Conservation Commission
16 Lowell Street
Reading, MA 01867

Re: 555 West Street
Reading, MA 01867
DEP File No. 270-0787

Commissioners;

DEP has provided the following comments:

As the project is a redevelopment project under 310 CMR 10.58(5), the project gets a max total 10% if the degraded area is less than 10% of riverfront area (RA) unless restoration and/or mitigation is provided under 10.58(5)(f) and/or (g). The applicant must detail the square footage of the existing degraded area, proposed permanent alteration of riverfront area, and the proposed riverfront area restoration and/or mitigation that is being provided. The commission should determine if the areas the applicant is claiming as degraded existed prior to 8/7/1996.

The total lot area is 15,469 s.f. and the existing degraded or impervious area is 2661 s.f. The project proposes 2502 s.f. of impervious area or net decrease of 159 s.f.

The s.f. of proposed work within the Riverfront Area is 441 s.f. and this includes a portion of the addition, deck, porch and walkway within the lawn area. The project proposes to improve the existing conditions by providing a net decrease in impervious areas, incorporating a Zone of Natural Vegetation (ZNV), plantings, rooftop and driveway infiltration. The revised plan proposes a 5 ft. ZNV or 879.5 s.f. off the bordering vegetated wetland. The ZNV shall be planted, naturalized, and permanently protected. Posts can be incorporated along the ZNV to permanently demarcate and protect the area. The single-family dwelling was constructed in 1956, please see the enclosed unofficial property record card.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Maureen Herald

Maureen Herald, PWS, CWS

Cc: Mr. Kaushal Patel
DEP-NERO-Mr. Tyler Ferrick