



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

MassWildlife

Jack Buckley, *Director*

August 14, 2015

Ben Stevens
Trask Inc.
30 Turnpike Road, Unit 8
Southborough, MA 01772

Sherborn Conservation Commission
19 Washington Street
Sherborn, MA 01770

RE: Applicant: Ben Stevens, Trask Inc.
 Project Location: Washington Street, SHERBORN (Assessor's Map 3, Lots 88B and 88C)
 Project Description: Construction of 36-Unit Residential Subdivision
 DEP Wetlands File No.: 283-0366
 NHESP File No.: **13-32841**

Dear Commissioners & Applicant:

The Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program of the MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (the "Division") has received and reviewed a Notice of Intent and site plans entitled "The Fields at Sherborn" (revised through 6/30/2015; prepared by Bruce Saluk & Assoc., Inc.) in compliance with the rare wildlife species section of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.58(4)(b), 10.59). The Division recently reviewed this project pursuant to the MA Endangered Species Act Regulations (321 CMR 10.18).

WETLANDS PROTECTION ACT (WPA)

Based on a review of the information that was provided and the information that is currently contained in our database, the Division has determined that this project, as currently proposed, **will not adversely affect** the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species. Therefore, it is our opinion that this project meets the state-listed species performance standard for the issuance of an Order of Conditions.

Please note that this determination addresses only the matter of **rare** wildlife habitat and does not pertain to other wildlife habitat issues that may be pertinent to the proposed project.

MASSACHUSETTS ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT (MESA)

The Division previously determined that this project will not result in a prohibited "take" of state-listed rare species (Division letter dated October 15, 2014, attached) **provided** that the Applicant adheres to the conditions provided therein and there are no changes to the site plans. The Division has been working with the Applicant to refine the site plans referenced above pursuant to Condition #1 of the Division's previous determination. Therefore, the Division's review of the site plans as stated in Condition #1 is ongoing.

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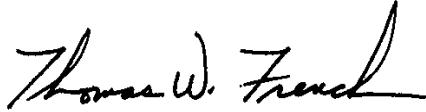
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jesse Leddick, Endangered Species Review Biologist, at jesse.lednick@state.ma.us or (508) 389-6386.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. French". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'T'.

Thomas W. French, Ph.D.
Assistant Director

cc: Desheng Wang, Creative Land and Water Engineering
Mike Trum
MA DEP Northeast Region

Encl. MESA Determination Letter (dated October 15, 2014; issued by the Division)