

Re: Conservation Commission Administrative Approval Process

Seann Ives <seann.ives@gmail.com>

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To: Ayer Conservation Commission <concom@ayer.ma.us>;

Hi Jo-Anne,

Of course shortly after you sent this over, I started a new job and all my spare time flew out the window! Ha! Regardless...

Attached is a copy of my Project Request form. To add some color, several years ago the beavers hit this area of my back yard, on Grove Pond, and cleared out a bunch of smaller trees and nearly got some of the big ones before I saw what they were up to and installed wire fence around the trees. This summer we put a couple of chairs down there to sit by the pond, then just did some simple raking, brought down a small fire pit, and picked up a few more chairs. I've included a few pictures to give you a better idea. What we'd like to do is just level it a bit and make a half circle sitting area. The uphill edge (the rounded part) we'd like to line with a simple stone hardscape wall, only about 20-24" high, and the bottom edge (a line parallel to the water's edge) we'd put in either a stone edge or perhaps treated timber, to prevent erosion, and then we'd fill with something simple like pea gravel.

As mentioned on the form, we'll hire someone to do the work (next spring ideally) but haven't started looking. I intend to call Powell's over in Lunenburg or Pinard's here in town.

Any recommendations or suggestions you have would be very welcome! Also, please feel free to stop by any time to view the property. If we're not home or in the middle of a work meeting, feel free to walk right around the house and you'll see the little path down to the pond.

As a reminder, the house mailing address (and the number you'll see on the mailbox and house) is 4 Shelly Lane. Town records will list it as 2 Shelly Lane.

Thanks!

Seann Ives
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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL

ATLH CONSERVATION COMMISSION
ATLH TOWN HALL
1 MAIN STREET ATLH, MA 01422
TELEPHONE: 978-726-6299 EXT. 149

Project Request - Completed by Applicant

Date: 12/5/2021

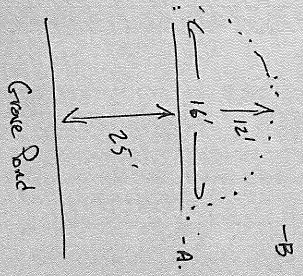
Project Address: 4 Shelly Lane, Ayr, MA 01732 Applicant: Seane Ivers

Phone Number: 617-710-8254 Email Address: Seane.Ivers@gmail.com

Proposed Project: Level a 16'x12' area of our back yard that's roughly 25' from Grave Pond. Install a short landscape retaining wall on the uphill side. Line with pea gravel.

- 1. Do wetlands, streams, ponds, or buffer zone exist on or near your property? Yes No
- 2. Does your proposed project involve digging any holes or placing soil on the ground? Yes No
- 3. Does your proposed project include tree removal in the wetlands or in the buffer zone? Yes No
- 4. Does your proposed project include building stone walls, decks, or patios? Yes No
- 5. Does your proposed project include building a shed? Yes No
- 6. Will you do the work yourself or hire an outside company (contractor, landscaper, etc)? Outside.
 - a. If using an outside company, who are you using? USAVE - Recommendations would be welcome! I intend to call Pruitt's and Pruitt's for advice.

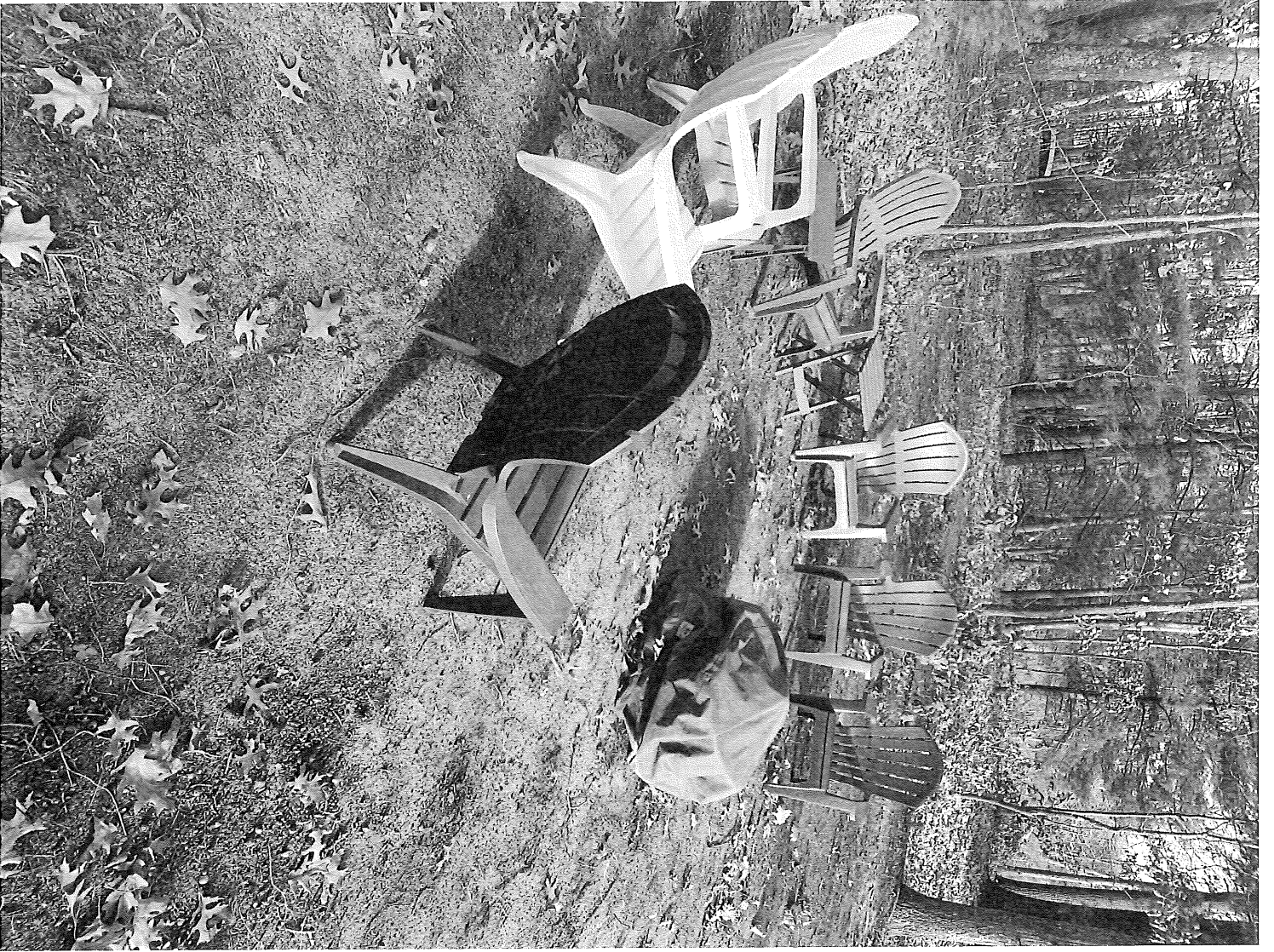
Please draw a sketch of your proposed project:



Elevation between point A and B is 21".
Elevation between Grave Pond and point A is ~6".

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that proper erosion controls are installed prior to and during construction and are properly disposed of after the project is finished.







On Thu, Nov 4, 2021 at 11:33 AM Ayer Conservation Commission <concom@ayer.ma.us> wrote:

Hi Seann-

Attached is the Administrative Approval form for you to complete and return to me. Please let me know if it is alright to view your proposed project in person.

Thank you,

Jo-Anne

Jo-Anne Crystoff
Conservation Administrator