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June 17, 2021

Ms. Ashley Erisman, Chair
Nantucket Conservation Commission
2 Bathing Beach Road
Nantucket, MA 02554

Re: Extension Request for Order of Conditions DEP File #SE48-3092, Nantucket Harbor

Dear Commissioners,

The Nantucket Land Council (NLC) is requesting permission to extend Order of Conditions DEP File #SE48-3092 for a three-year period. Order #SE48-3092 was issued on August 8th, 2018 and will expire on August 8th, 2021. The project involves a pilot eelgrass restoration project just north of 2nd Pier (42 Shimmo Pond Road). In 2018, 2019 and 2020, donor eelgrass shoots were transplanted from locations on Hussey Shoal to the restoration site. This effort involved a collaborative community effort involving NLC, Boston University Research Assistant Professor Dr. Alyssa Novak, BU students, Town Natural Resource Department staff, local businesses, and volunteers. The project has been successful overall, with transplanted individuals surviving and reproducing at a rate greater than 50%. Although the restoration site has found success, it is a small first step for Nantucket to begin restoring its historic eelgrass meadows. NLC, Dr. Novak, and the Town's Natural Resources Department are exploring further restoration of Nantucket Harbor's eelgrass through new seeding methods which would accelerate restoration efforts at this site and elsewhere in Nantucket Harbor. We are finalizing seeding method plans for the restoration site, and will likely come before the Commission to request an Amended Order of Conditions this year.



Please find attached Dr. Novak's 2019 Nantucket Eelgrass Health Assessment and 2020 Restoration Progress Report. I will be in attendance at the July 8th meeting to address any questions the Commission may have. Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns via rj@nantucketlandcouncil.org or calling the NLC office at 508-228-2818.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RJ Turcotte', with a stylized flourish at the end.

RJ Turcotte
Nantucket Waterkeeper



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

DEP File Number:

WPA Form 7 – Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions

SE48-3092

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Provided by DEP

A. General Information

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



1. Applicant:
 Nantucket Land Council
 Name
 6 Ash Lane
 Mailing Address
 Nantucket
 City/Town
 Ma
 State
 02554
 Zip Code

2. Property Owner (if different):
 Same as Applicant
 Name
 Mailing Address
 City/Town
 State
 Zip Code

B. Authorization

The Order of Conditions (or Extension Permit) issued to the applicant or property owner listed above on:

_____ Issued by: _____
 Date Conservation Commission

for work at: _____
 Street Address Assessor's Map/Plat Number Parcel/Lot Number

recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

_____ Book _____ Page
 County

_____ Certificate (if registered land)

is hereby extended until: _____
 Date Date the Order was last extended (if applicable)

This date can be no more than 3 years from the expiration date of the Order of Conditions or the latest extension. Only unexpired Orders of Conditions or Extension may be extended.

This Extension Permit must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission and a copy sent to the applicant and the appropriate DEP Regional Office

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>).

Signatures: _____ Date _____

