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Mr. Lucas Mercier

Island Timber

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Re: Tree work/Sutula

 235 Lambert’s Cove Road

Dear Lucas,

The purpose of this letter is to follow up on tree work your company performed at the above

address on January 26, 2021.

The Conservation Commission would like to remind you that **all landscape improvement projects and landscape maintenance activities must be done in compliance with the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and its implementing Regulations and the West Tisbury Wetlands Protection Bylaw and Regulations.**

In short, the Act, Bylaw and implementing Regulations defines areas subject to protection as “Wetland Resource Areas”. Wetland Resource Areas include wetlands, ponds, streams, marshes, and the 100-year flood zone.

No cutting of trees, limbs or brush within 100 feet of the edge of a wetland or pond, or within 200 feet of a stream or brook is allowed without an Order of Conditions or Determination that the work is outside the Commission’s jurisdiction. For example, topping of trees in never allowed. Also, dumping or blowing of leaves and/or brush into a Resource Area is not allowed.

When you are dealing with a property in the vicinity of a pond, stream or wetland, and a client indicates the desire to make changes in the land or landscape or to have you perform maintenance, I urge you to contact the Commission office to determine if such work can be allowed even if the property owner tells you it is fine. Ask to see their permit. In that way there will be fewer unhappy

surprises and more happy endings for your clients, and you both will know that you have are acted in a most responsible manner.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the office. Your anticipated cooperation as you grow your business and work in West Tisbury is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Maria McFarland

Board Administrator