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Mr. Matt Johnson
11 Fife Court
Ivoryton, CT

RE: 11 Fife Court

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing to supplement my October 9, 2020 report. I have reviewed the 10/16/2020 revised drawing "PROPOSED SHED AND WETLAND BUFFER PLANTINGS" prepared by Rock Spring Design. The revised plan addresses the Cease and Desist Order and the recommendations of the Town's engineering consultant. While the recent tree-felling in the upland review area may have required approval by the Inland Wetlands Commission or town staff, there is no evidence that it has caused an adverse impact on the wetland or intermittent watercourse. My recommendations have been incorporated in the plans. The proposed work will improve site conditions by eliminating a Japanese Knotweed infestation, and controlling other invasive species in the upland review area. The proposed seed mix is appropriate for the site conditions and will expand the extent of native vegetation in the upland review area.

In my opinion, either leaving the cut trees in place or removing cut sections by hand is appropriate. If the latter, the work should be done while the ground is frozen, or during the dry season. If necessary, the area of foot traffic can be re-seeded with the same seed mix specified for the area of knotweed control.

In my professional opinion, the work shown on the plans will not have an adverse impact on the intermittent watercourse or wetlands.

Yours truly,

Michael S. Klein, Principal
Professional Soil Scientist
Professional Wetland Scientist