

November 1, 2023

Chilmark Conservation Commission P.O. Box 119 Chilmark, MA 02535

RE: Hancock, #490 North Road, AP 27.1-213

VLS&E Job No. 1596

Dear Commission Members,

On behalf of our client, Deb Hancock, we would like to request a minor modification to the approved plan on the above referenced lot. We have reviewed the approved project with contractors and have determined that our method of construction could be improved to limit disruption to the building and difficulty of installation. The approved plan included the construction of a "form wall" below the existing slab at the building face. Holes would then be drilled into the slab and "flowable" fill would be placed in lifts. Due to the difficulty in constructing an adequate form wall below the slab as well as the necessity for multiple "pours" of the fill lifts, we are requesting a change to the plan. We propose to now remove the slab and place preconstructed concrete retaining blocks at the location of the "form wall". Structural, sandy fill would then be placed and compacted in the remaining void and a new concrete slab would then be poured as is currently in place.

We believe the proposed changes are minor in nature, do not change any of the approved activities and could be viewed as *di minimus*. Please consider approving this requested change, and let me know if there are any questions or you need additional information.

Sincerely,

Reid G. Silva, PE PLS Professional Engineer Professional Land Surveyor

