



# Town of Sturbridge Conservation Commission

## Request for Determination of Applicability Application Coversheet/Checklist

CK # 1605  
\$25

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Date 6-7-22

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|-------------|---|----------------|--------------------------|
| Parcel      | 243 Big Alum<br>Fiskdale, MA 01518<br>155-01418-243 | Applicant name | Julie Peterson           |
| Address     |   | Address        | 243 Big Alum             |
| Assessors   |   | Email          | Julie.peterson@yahoo.com |
| Map/Plat    |   | Phone          | 508-709-8000             |
| Book & Page |   |                |                          |
| Owner name  | Julie Peterson                                      | Representative |                          |
| Address     | 243 Big Alum  | Address        |                          |
| Email       | Fiskdale, MA 01518                                  | Email          |                          |
| Phone       | 508-709-8000  | Phone          |                          |

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| Wetland type |  | sf/cf affected |  | Relevant Perf. Standards | 10. _____ |
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| Components of a Complete RDA            | State Form: WPA Form 1   | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Plan   | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Proof of Mailing to DEP  | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Narrative  | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Proof that all relevant perf. standards are met                    | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | TOPO Map identifying locus with scale                              | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Natural Heritage Map with WH, PH, & VP data                        | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Tax Form   | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Fees \$25  | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|   | Abutter Information  |  |
| ★ Certified abutters list (within 200') | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| ★ Abutter notification form             | Included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| ★ Affidavit & proof -- bring to hearing | Present them at the hearing  |  |
| Other Attachments, e.g.                 |  |  |



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### Notification to Abutters

under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaw Regulations  
(certificates of mailing, certified mail, or hand-delivery with abutter signature required as proof of notification)



In accordance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 131, § 40, as well as the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, you are hereby notified of the following permit application for work within a wetland resource area and/or within the 200-foot buffer zone to a resource area:

- A. The name of the applicant is: Julie Peterson
- B. The address of the lot(s) where the activity is proposed is: 243 Big Alum, Fishdale
- C. The nature of the activity proposed includes: Land Management
- D. The applicant has filed the following in accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act (MGL c. 131, § 40), and/or the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws.
- ☐ Notice of Intent seeking permission to conduct work within a wetland, water body or resource area
  - ☒ Request for Determination seeking permission to conduct work within a buffer zone to a wetland, waterbody or resource area
  - ☐ Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation seeking to confirm the wetland resource area boundaries.
  - ☐ Request to amend an existing Order of Conditions for DEP File #300-\_\_\_\_\_
- E. Copies of the application may be examined at the Sturbridge Conservation Department, 301 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA. Times are available by appointment. Please call (508) 347-2506 for availability.
- F. Copies of the application may be obtained from either ☒ the applicant: Julie Peterson@yahoo.com  
or ☐ the applicant's representative: \_\_\_\_\_, by calling telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ on the following days of the week: \_\_\_\_\_ between the hours of 8am and 6pm

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The Public Hearing for this application will be held in the Center Office Building, 301 Main Street, 2nd Floor on June 23, 2022 at 6:20 pm.

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Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided to the public, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if technological problems interrupt the virtual broadcast, unless otherwise required by law. Members of the public with particular interest in any specific item on this agenda should make plans for in-person vs. virtual attendance accordingly. Members of the public who wish to participate remotely may listen and or watch the meeting may do so either online via the Town's on demand video broadcast, on cable television on channel 191, or dial into the meeting at 774-304-1455, enter 1428# for the meeting number and 12345 for the access code. (This phone number is only active for the public during public meetings). Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation can be found on the Town's website at:

<https://www.sturbridge.gov/town-administrator/pages/how-access-virtual-meeting>.

**PLEASE NOTE: Notice of this Public Hearing will be published as follows:**

- In a local newspaper at least five days in advance of the hearing
- In the Town Hall at the Town Clerks office, not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing
- On the Town's Meeting Calendar not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing ([www.town.sturbridge.gov](http://www.town.sturbridge.gov))
- On the Conservation Commission webpage not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing

You may contact the Sturbridge Conservation Commission Office (508) 347-2506 or the Department of Environmental Protection Central Regional Office at 508-792-7650 with questions in regards to the Notice of Intent application process or the Wetlands Protection Act.

Town Hall  
308 Main Street  
Sturbridge, MA 01566

508-347-2506  
(f) 508-347-5886



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## Conservation Commission

### Request For Determination of Applicability (RDA) Packet

Packet for filing of applications  
under the Wetland Protection Act, MGL Ch. 131, sec 40,  
and the Sturbridge Wetland Bylaw

Enclosed in this packet are the forms needed for submitting a Request for Determination of Applicability to the Town of Sturbridge Conservation Commission. It contains the following forms needing completion:

- **Request for Determination of Applicability Application Coversheet/Check List**
- **Mass DEP WPA Form 1: Request for Determination of Applicability Instructions(4pp) and Application Form(4pp)**  
*RDA's can be used for minor projects where the applicant requests that the Commission determine if the work is subject to the Wetland Protections Act and or the Sturbridge Wetland Bylaw. It can also be used to request a ruling for the Commission if a particular site contains resource areas or jurisdictional buffer zone to resource areas.*
- **Sturbridge Conservation Commission Affidavit of Service:**  
*This document is your witness that abutters have been notified according to regulations.*
- **Town of Sturbridge Notification to Abutters**  
*Use this blank document to provide necessary information to abutters*
- **Town of Sturbridge Proof of Paid Tax**  
☐ *This document must be signed by the Finance Department*
- **Abutter List Request**

Please contact our office with any questions in regards to filing this application or process.



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**WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability**

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

**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:

*Julie Peterson*  
Name

*Julie Peterson*  
E-Mail Address

*243 Big Atom*  
Mailing Address

*Fiskdale*  
City/Town

*MA*  
State

*01518*  
Zip Code

*508-709-8000*  
Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Firm

Contact Name

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

**B. Determinations**

1. I request the *Sturbridge* Conservation Commission make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:

- ☒ a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☐ b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.
- ☐ c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☒ d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw** of:

Name of Municipality

- ☐ e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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**C. Project Description**

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

*243 Big Alum*  
Street Address

*Fiskdale*  
City/Town

Assessors Map/Plat Number

*155-01418-243*  
Parcel/Lot Number

- b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

- c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Title

Date

Title

Date

Title

Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):





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**C. Project Description (cont.)**

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- ☒ Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- ☐ Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- ☐ New agriculture or aquaculture project
- ☐ Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- ☐ Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- ☐ Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- ☐ Municipal project
- ☐ District, county, state, or federal government project
- ☐ Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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**D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements**

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

*Julie Peterson*  
Name  
*243 Big Alvin*  
Mailing Address  
*Fiskdale*  
City/Town  
*MA*  
State  
*01518*  
Zip Code

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

*Julie Peterson*  
Signature of Applicant  
*6-7-22*  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Representative (if any)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Town of Sturbridge

## Conservation Commission

### STURBRIDGE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws I, Yulie Peterson, hereby certify under the pains and penalties of perjury that on (date) 6-7-22, I gave notification to abutters in compliance with the second paragraph of the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, § 40, and the DEP Guide to Abutter Notification as well as the Town of Sturbridge Wetland Bylaws, in connection with the following matter:

☐ A Notice of Intent OR  
☒ A Request for Determination OR  
☐ An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation

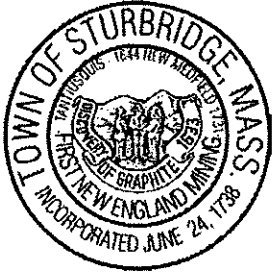
was filed under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Sturbridge Bylaws, by \_\_\_\_\_ with the Sturbridge Conservation Commission on (date) 6-7-22 for the property located at \_\_\_\_\_

The form of the Notification and a list of abutters to whom it was given and their addresses are included in the application file.

Yulie Peterson 6-7-22  
(signature of applicant) (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(name of applicant) printed





# Town of Sturbridge

Barbara A. Barry, Finance Director

Department/Board/Committee: Conservation

Please verify outstanding tax/fee status for the following property owner:

Property Owner: Yolie Peterson

Property Location: 243 Big Alum, Fiskdale, MA 01518

- ☒ The license/permit may be released.
- ☐ The license/permit may not be released.

*Barbara A. Barry*  
For Finance Director

2016.22  
Date

## **Narrative for 243 Big Alum, Fiskdale, Ma 01518**

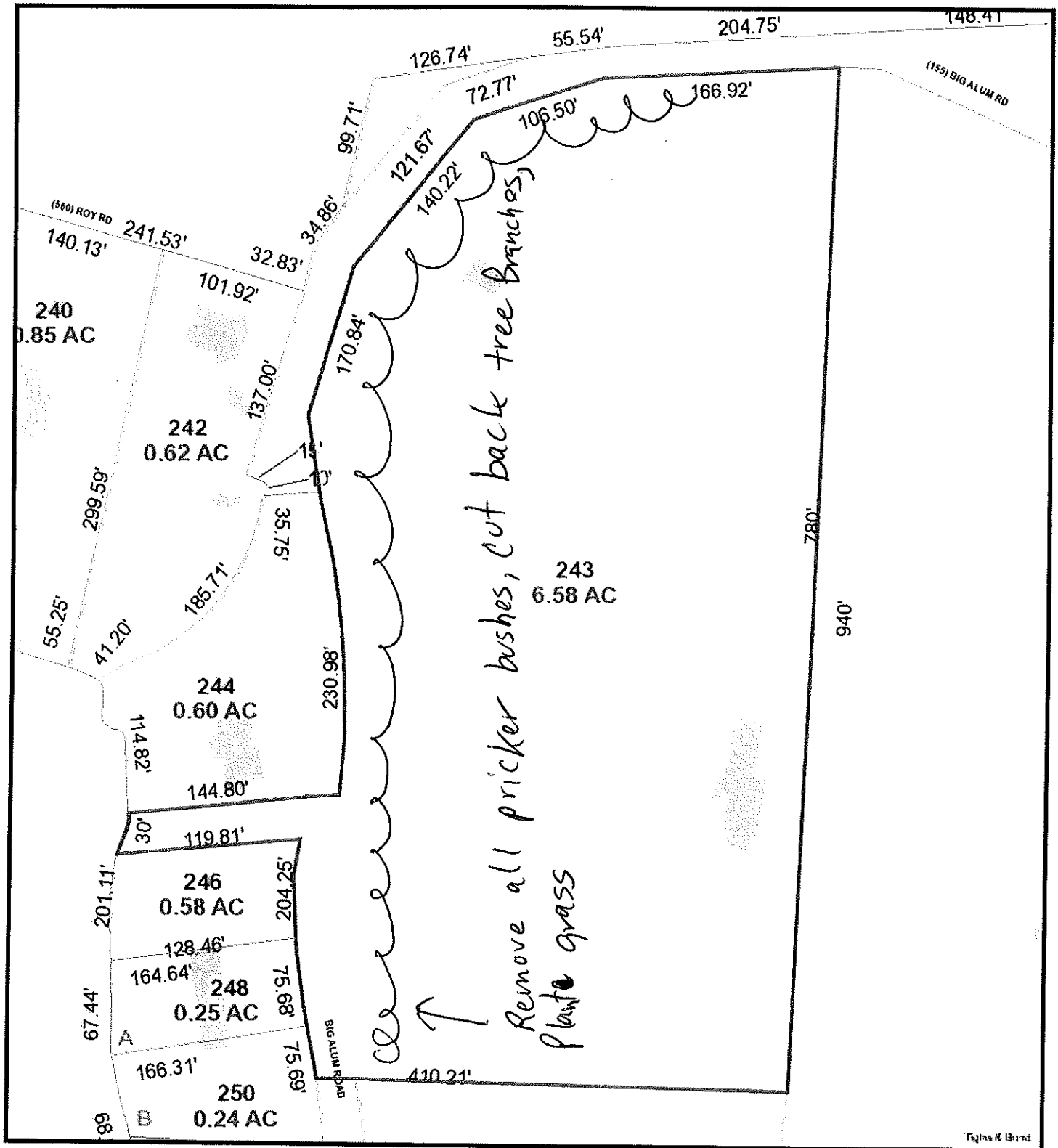
We bought 243 Big Alum November 2021. The property is a farm on a steep hill. The farm had not been maintained in approximately a decade. The property has become overgrown with small trees and pricker bushes that do not allow for grass to grow under them. There is bare dirt under all of the bushes and has caused dirt to run off into the culvert ditch next to Big Alum Rd. The dirt is overflowing onto the road and migrating into the lake. The culvert is now full of leaves and stilt from our property.

We are looking to manage the land, mow and mulch all the pricker bushes, cut back trees, seed the areas that are overgrown, and trim branches to allow sunlight in to grow grass. After grass is growing, we are looking to plant a row of arborvitaes at the bottom of the hill with a small berm to catch the water run off from the hill. After everything is growing, we are looking to clean out the culvert so the water can run off properly into the drain. The water is destroying the pavement and the road is eroding. The grass will be maintained by a mower that mulches the grass back into the grass and forms a better, stronger turf where the ground won't be exposed to erosion.

We are looking to add a vinyl fence down to the 30ft of lake frontage shown on the plot plan.

We will maintain the property and the culverts as long as we own the property to prevent further damage to the road. We have goats and alpacas on the property to help eat back the vegetation and fertilize. We will be making 4 pastures to move them around and be able to mow the areas they are not in.





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Scale: 1"=100'

Scale is approximate

The information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only.  
It is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory  
interpretation, or parcel-level analyses.

