

Responses to Comments & Questions Received from Loni Fournier on 3/15/2021

1. Chris mentioned and sent along an electronic copy of a PVLA Master Plan dated 3/4/21, which includes the relocated AC units and solid fencing. Please provide two full-sized, stamped hard copies of this plan for the project file. **Paper copies were mailed to the office.**
2. The Grady Plot Plan indicates a 72sqft increase in impervious area within the 100ft buffer. Is this the gravel turnaround? If so, the Commission considers gravel to be pervious. **This increase is in reference to the turnaround. This area has been removed from the impervious coverage table.**
3. The Grady Plot Plan also indicates a 32sqft decrease in impervious area within the 50ft buffer. Please confirm this includes the removal of all existing patio (not driveway) material in the 50ft buffer and the installation of the new brick/bluestone patio, as well as a few larger bluestone stepping stones. **This decrease is for the removal and replacement of the patio.**
4. Was a pervious paver considered as an alternative to the proposed brick and bluestone material? **Pervious pavers were considered. We are proposing bluestone for aesthetic value and have reduced the impervious coverage to mitigate this.**
5. Will the AC units require a stone or concrete pad? If so, have these been included in the impervious area calculation? **These units are placed on plastic pads and have been included in the impervious area calculation.**
6. Why is gravel proposed behind the garage as compared to a natural/vegetated groundcover? **The gravel is proposed for both storage and to provide a space for the dogs to go to the bathroom.**
7. The Commission prefers the use of native species, particularly within the 50ft buffer. Can the hosta and hydrangea be substituted with a native species? Please consider substitutions in the 100ft buffer as well. We recently added a few native planting resources to our website, about halfway down on this page: <https://www.hingham-ma.gov/294/By-Laws-Regulations-Permitting>. **We have revised the plan to propose native plantings within the 50-foot buffer. These changes are shown on the Plot Plan and Native Plant List**
8. If possible, please specify the common and scientific names for all of the proposed plant material. Please also provide a description of the seed mix. **The New England Showy Wildflower Mix and Native Plant List are attached.**
9. Our regulations prohibit new lawn within the 50ft buffer. It appears as though the proposed lawn within the 50ft buffer would be new, as the areas are currently maintained as patio and/or landscaping. Have you considered an alternative to lawn? **The applicant is requesting a waiver from this requirement. The impervious coverage within the 50-foot buffer has been reduced and an 875 square foot area of native vegetation is proposed for mitigation.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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NATIVE PLANT LIST

BACK YARD PLANTING

COMMON NAME BOTANICAL NAME QUANTITY SIZE

SHRUBS:

Summersweet	Clethra alnifolia	18	#5
Potentilla	Potentilla fruticosa	16	#3
Leucothoe Fontanesiana	Coast Leucothoe	5	#3
Virginia Rose	Rosa virginiana	3	#5

MEADOWMIX:

New England Showy Wildflower Mix			seed
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New England Showy Wildflower Mix

Botanical Name	Common Name	Indicator
<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>	Little Bluestem	FACU
<i>Chamaecrista fasciculata</i>	Partridge Pea	FACU
<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>	Indian Grass	UPL
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	Red Fescue	FACU
<i>Elymus canadensis</i>	Canada Wild Rye	FACU+
<i>Elymus riparius</i>	Riverbank Wild Rye	FACW
<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>	Ox Eye Sunflower	UPL
<i>Coreopsis lanceolata</i>	Lance Leaved Coreopsis	FACU
<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>	Black Eyed Susan	FACU-
<i>Liatris spicata</i>	Spiked Gayfeather/Marsh Blazing Star	FAC+
<i>Asclepias syriaca</i>	Common Milkweed	FACU-
<i>Vernonia noveboracensis</i>	New York Ironweed	FACW+
<i>Aster novae-angliae (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae)</i>	New England Aster	FACW-
<i>Eupatorium purpureum (Eutrochium maculatum)</i>	Purple Joe Pye Weed	FAC
<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>	Butterfly Milkweed	NI
<i>Solidago juncea</i>	Early Goldenrod	
<i>Eupatorium perfoliatum</i>	Boneset	FACW

PRICE PER LB. \$86.00 MIN. QUANTITY 1 LBS. TOTAL: \$86.00

APPLY: 23 LBS/ACRE :1900 sq ft/lb

The New England Showy Wildflower mix includes a selection of native wildflowers and grasses that will mature into a colorful and vibrant native meadow. It is appropriate seed mix for roadsides, commercial landscaping, parks, golf courses, and industrial sites. Always apply on clean bare soil. The mix may be applied by mechanical spreader, or on small sites it can be spread by hand. Lightly rake, or roll to ensure proper seed to soil contact. Best results are obtained with a Spring or late Fall dormant seeding. Late Spring and early Summer seeding will benefit with a light mulching of weed-free straw to conserve moisture. If conditions are drier than usual, watering may be required. Late Fall and Winter dormant seeding require an increase in the seeding rate. Fertilization is not required unless the soils are particularly infertile. Preparation of a clean weed free seed bed is necessary for optimal results.

New England Wetland Plants, Inc. may modify seed mixes at any time depending upon seed availability. The design criteria and ecological function of the mix will remain unchanged. Price is \$/bulk pound, FOB warehouse, Plus SH and applicable taxes.