



Date: January 16, 2025

To: Waterford Conservation Commission

From: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner 

Re: Proposed Timber Harvest –
140, 160R 238 & 240 Rope Ferry Rd
Consistency with Section 4.1a – Permitted Use as of Right

A review of the temporary wetland and stream crossing locations indicated on the site plan accompanying this application was conducted on January 15, 2025. The crossing locations over stream sections are perpendicular to the channel and in sections with gentle gradients and reduced slopes at the approaches. The temporary wetland crossing locations are at the upper reaches of forested wetlands without surface flow.

The notification of timber harvest was prepared by a certified forest practitioner. Wetland and stream crossings are proposed to be protected using wooden timber mats. The crossings are located on existing dirt trails and were employed in a prior timber harvest conducted in 2006. All crossing locations were noted to be in a stable, non-erosive condition.

At the time of inspection only a portion of the area had been marked for selective tree removal. I contacted the forester and he replied that the remainder of the 197 acre harvest area will be marked and harvested. The harvest plan is to remove 250,000 board feet and 330 cords of fire wood. This is similar in volume to the selective timber harvest permitted in 2006 which was 299,000 board feet.

Based on this site review, the proposed timber harvest and temporary stream crossing activity meet the criteria for an agricultural use permitted as of right in inland wetlands and watercourses under Section 4.1a of the Waterford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.