

Drew and Krystle Humphreys

26 Merrimac Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

July 27th 2026

Amesbury Conservation Commission

c/o Office of Community and Economic Development
1 Market Street
Amesbury, MA 01913

Re: Request for Certificate of Compliance

26 Merrimac Street - MassDEP File No. 002-1343

Dear Chair and Members of the Conservation Commission:

We submit this letter with WPA Form 8A and the signed and stamped as-built plan to request a Certificate of Compliance for the completed work at 26 Merrimac Street. The information requested by the Order of Conditions is as follows:

Current landowners	Drew Humphreys and Krystle Humphreys, 26 Merrimac Street, Amesbury, MA 01913
Certificate to be issued to	Drew Humphreys and Krystle Humphreys, 26 Merrimac Street, Amesbury, MA 01913
Project address	26 Merrimac Street, Amesbury, MA 01913
Assessor lot / DEP file	Assessor Map 88; Lot No.6; MassDEP File No. 002-1343

Wall installation

The Shea concrete-block retaining wall was installed in the approved location, alignment, and general configuration shown on the approved site plan and wall design. The completed wall is therefore substantially consistent with the approved design.

Deviation from the proposed grading plan

As-built deviation concerns the location of the compensatory grading, not the location or configuration of the wall. The approved plan proposed lowering the landward grades in the backyard between the porch/deck slab and the new retaining wall to create compensatory flood-storage volume for the wall. As shown on the as-built plan, the final grades in this area remain at or near the original, pre-construction grades.

The completed condition includes substantial additional flood-storage volume on the river side of the new wall. Before construction, soil extended and sloped from the property toward the old timber wall. During construction, a significant amount of this material was removed to construct the wall and was not replaced. The area between the new retaining wall and the remaining portions of the old timber wall is open and unfilled, and water from the Merrimack River freely enters and exits this lower area.

Accordingly, a substantial portion of the compensatory storage that the approved plan proposed to create by lowering the landward backyard grades was instead created in the open river-side area. This difference in the location of the storage is depicted on the signed and stamped as-built plan and is also documented by photographs submitted with the Certificate of Compliance request.

Supporting volume comparison

The comparison below combines the as-built landward grade differences with the additional storage created in the river-side area. It is provided as a supporting estimate based on the approved plan and plotted as-built information.

Elevation	Approved Cut	Approved Fill	Net As-Built Adjustment	Estimated Balance
5.0-6.0	232 C.F.	100 C.F.	-176 C.F.	-44 C.F.
6.0-7.0	249 C.F.	135 C.F.	-125 C.F.	-11 C.F.
7.0-8.0	270 C.F.	159 C.F.	0 C.F.	+111 C.F.
Total	751 C.F.	394 C.F.	-301 C.F.	+56 C.F.

Note: The net adjustment for Elevation 5.0-6.0 includes approximately 106 cubic feet of additional storage created below Elevation 5.0 in the open river-side area. That lower volume remains available as floodwater rises through the higher elevations.

Request for acceptance

The wall itself was installed substantially in accordance with the approved design, and the completed condition is estimated to retain approximately 56 cubic feet of net compensatory flood-storage volume. We respectfully request that the Commission accept the completed wall and grading as substantially compliant with the approved plan and issue the Certificate of Compliance.

Sincerely,

Drew Humphreys and Krystle Humphreys

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