

Elizabeth and William Stine
14 Oyster River Road
Durham NH 03824

Planning Board
Town of Durham, NH
8 Newmarket Road
Durham, NH 03824

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Property reference: Tax Map 6/Lot 4-28

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

We are writing to apply for a conditional use permit to do landscape work on the area immediately surrounding our house at 14 Oyster River Road. Much of the house itself and the land around it falls within the Shoreland Protection Overlay District, so we are seeking your guidance and approval for our plan.

In August 2016 we moved in to the house after completing substantial renovation. At that time we did no landscape work on the site, most of which remains in a wild state that we do not wish to change. Now we would like to landscape the area around the house that was disturbed during construction. Our main structural aim is to improve surface drainage around the house, especially on the north and east sides, to ensure the stability of the site.

Terrence Parker of Terra Firma Landscape Architecture has drawn up a provisional landscape plan, which we attach, together with a copy of the survey of the entire plot which we had made in 2013 before purchasing.

We feel that the plan is faithful to the goals of the SPOD ordinance because it will improve drainage from the natural terrace around the house, preventing erosion detrimental to the river shore. The plan also addresses areas where existing changes in grade need retention, and areas where we need paths or other space where we can walk over the site without causing the surface to deteriorate. Finally, the plan includes planting native ground cover and shrubs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our application. Please let us know if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth and Bill Stine