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John Radcliffe, Chairman
Conservation Commission
City of New Bedford
133 William St. Room 304
New Bedford, Ma 02740

Dear Mr. Radcliffe,

We are requesting that the Conservation Committee review the following request per item #50 of the Orders of Condition for Cardinal Place.

Currently, Hopps Construction has cleared the roadway per the approved plan in preparation of the development. During the clearing, large trees were cut and removed from the site. Item #50 of the Orders of Condition specify that "*All activities associated with the development of the individual lots including but not limited to land clearing, earthwork, grading, etc is outside the scope of this Order and will be subject to further review by the Conservation Commission.*" We are requesting that the Conservation Commission consider our request to remove trees on the future lots prior to other associated activities on the lots in order for the development to proceed in a timely and safe manner.

The reasons for this request are as follows:

1. The lots may or may not have building permits submitted at the same time due to the housing market and removal of very large trees could present a safety hazard if there is associated activity on the lots.
2. Felling of the large trees might damage the existing infrastructure of the development when hydrants, transformers, street lights, recently planted development trees, pavement and curbs are in place.
3. Bringing in heavy equipment after development of the street would be more difficult and could cause damage to the development.
4. The time line of the development would be improved, as it is in the best interest of all parties.

We are aware of the responsibility of all parties to prevent any activities that might cause erosion. Therefore, we would take all measures to prevent erosion on the property after the removal of the trees.

We are also aware that other developments have executed all land clearing activities in the early stages of development work, and would ask the Conservation Commission to allow our development the same consideration.

Finally, we are committed to operating a safe and clean job site and work with the City to complete a successful project.

Respectfully Submitted,

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