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In the Matter of
Mary Rahal and Pathways
Association, Inc.

Docket No. WET-2017-009
DEP File No. SE 16-2237
Dennis, MA

FINAL DECISION

I adopt the Recommended Final Decision (“RFD”) in the above-captioned matter. As such, I affirm the Superseding Order of Conditions (“SOC”) with the modifications to the proposed Project to which the Applicant has agreed, and an additional modification to the proposed Project recommended by the Presiding Officer. Specifically, as set forth on page 22 of RFD, the Applicant shall (1) reduce the size of the railings to 2 inches by 4 inches.; (2) reduce the number of benches from four to two by removing, first, the bench on the eastern side of the landing at the top of the stairway and, second, the bench on the bottom landing; and (3) include a monitoring and maintenance plan that addresses gullying and erosion. The Presiding Officer also recommended modifying the proposed Project to eliminate the bottom landing and replace it with stairs, a recommendation to which no party objected (see page 29 of the RFD). The Department shall prepare a Final Order of Conditions for my signature approving the proposed Project with the modifications set forth above.

The parties to this proceeding are notified of their right to file a motion for reconsideration of this decision, pursuant to 310 CMR 1.01(14)(d). Any such motion must be filed with the Case Administrator and served on all parties within seven business days of the postmark date of this decision. A person who has the right to seek judicial review may appeal this decision to the Superior Court pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §14(1). Any such complaint must be filed with the Court within thirty days of receipt of this decision.



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