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Lynn Mills
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RE: Variance Permit for CMR 01-026, Chapters 29 for Phragmites Control on Chebeague Island

Dear Ms. Mills:

The Board adopted a policy in 2013 allowing for the issuance of multi-year variances for the control of invasive species. In determining this policy the Board emphasized the need for a long-term plan for re-vegetation of the site, and demonstration of knowledge of efficacy and appropriate practices—the goal being to ensure that the site is reverted to native species, and not made available for another invasive species.

The Board also emphasized the fact that there is a native species of phragmites (*Phragmites americanus*) and care should be taken to ensure proper identification.

This letter will serve as your Chapter 29 variance permit until December 31, 2017 for the treatment of phragmites (*Phragmites australis* subsp. *australis*) on the site on Chebeague Island. We understand that you have been working with the Department of Environmental Protection on a plan to control the phragmites *within* the wetland; this permit covers only the area *adjacent* to the wetland.

Please bear in mind that your permit is based upon adherence to the precautions listed in Sections V and X of your variance application. If it is determined that a different product needs to be used, you must contact the Board first and get a new variance.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me at 287-2731.

Sincerely,

Henry Jennings
Director
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