

Date: August 11, 2020

To: Melrose Conservation Commission

Dear Commissioners

My name is Michael Turner and I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and my wife, Cheryl Turner. I am 70 years old and Cheryl is 65 years old.

I was born and raised in Melrose and have lived here all my life. Cheryl and I have resided and owned property in Melrose since 1980.

We have resided at 125 Sycamore Road for 26 years, having purchased it in 1994.

As I write this letter to you, 125 Sycamore Road is under agreement for sale.

The buyers' title exam shows an Order of Conditions on record issued to the prior owner. That OOC was issued and recorded in 1982, 38 years ago. Apparently, the prior owner never requested for a Certificate of Compliance.

At the time of our 1994 purchase and mortgage, and in connection with several refinances since then, we were never advised nor aware of this old OOC. Our current buyers' title exam is the first time we learned of that OOC and, in fact, the first time we learned that 125 Sycamore Road is near any wetlands area at all.

The back yard, the fence, the shed and the house (including the addition and deck in the back), all as presently constituted, were there when we purchased in 1994. We have not changed anything, we have not made any structural/physical additions and we have not made any changes in the back yard other than planting, many years ago, 4 non-fruit bearing trees along the back yard fence area.

Given all of the above, it is our hope and we are respectfully requesting that the Commission issue its Certificate of Compliance so that we can receive the required paperwork to be recorded in the Registry of Deeds, which will enable us to finalize our sale and be able to move on with the rest of our lives

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Michael Turner & Cheryl Turner