Special Meeting Minutes November 14, 2015

Members Present: Dan Duffy, Joe McGrath

Site Visit: Bill and Peg Hudson, 120 Nicholas Avenue

Possible work in a resource area.

The Site visit began at 9AM. Members of the commission met with the owners and walked to the backyard that abuts Sewall Pond. It was observed that a new layer of stone had been placed over an existing stone path that led out to a new dock. The owners indicated that the work had been done over the summer. All work had been done only on the previously established path, and the dock was placed over the remnants of an older dock. It did not appear that any vegetation had been removed, or that any work had been in any previously undisturbed areas.

The owners were informed that the work they had done was potentially in violation of the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act. Even though the previous owner had received a permit for the original work, that permit had expired. Both commissioners present felt that the recent work would have been allowed, as it constituted maintenance and replacement of an existing path and dock. The owners were advised to file a request for determination to cover the previous work and any additional maintenance activity.

The site visit ended at 10AM.