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**INLAND WETLANDS COMMISSION
SITE INSPECTION REPORT**

APPLICATION: IW-21-16

TIME: 4:00-4:40 p.m.

APPLICANT: Crouch for Santa Cruz

Date: 3/17/2021

ADDRESS: 200 Church Hill Road

REASON FOR APPLICATION: Invasive Clearing, Restack Stone Wall, Added Plantings

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Branson, Larry Gendron, Charles LaMuniere

STAFF PRESENT: --

OTHERS PRESENT: Richard Crouch, Project Manager

OBSERVATIONS:

Site inspection participants met at the point where the intermittent stream that flows down slope on the west side of the house crosses the driveway. They walked upslope along the stream viewing the narrow band of vegetation, mostly invasive, which grows on each of its banks. Mr. Crouch confirmed that the removal of invasives would be done by hand without the use of any heavy machinery, cutting stems at ground level to allow for subsequent maintenance mowing. Red twig, spice bush, willows would not be removed during this process.

The same approach is to be used on the much larger area comprising the southeastern and the west side of the property where dense invasive vegetation has grown over a stone wall that runs parallel approximately 30 feet from the property's western boundary. No healthy trees will be cut down within these areas.

Participants also checked the stone wall on the north side of the driveway which is to be restacked, noting that it currently was mostly stones of various shapes and sizes, loosely piled on the edge of the bordering field. Mr. Crouch agreed that additional stone may be needed to complete the restacking of the wall and that these would be brought in as needed as the work progressed. A large, healthy pine tree that currently grows within the piled stones is not to be removed. There is, however, on the lower part of the driveway a

large maple tree that grows between its edge and the stone wall that is a potential access risk that may need pruning or removal.

Participants then checked the delineated areas on the north and east sides of the house where native shrubs and perennials are to be planted, primarily to screen the house's outdoor standing mechanics.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles LaMunier
3/19/2021