

MEMORANDUM

**FORMAL ACTION: AGENDA ITEM#1
MEETING OF December 8, 2022**

To: Conservation Commission/**Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency**

From: Suzanne Simone, Environmental Planner 

Date: November 30, 2022

**Re: Declaratory Ruling: Permitted Use, Forestry
275 and 295A Dayton Road**

Attachments:

Notification of Timber Harvest and Map, Dated November 28, 2022

Proposal

The forester seeks a declaratory ruling that the proposed timber harvest on 275 and 295A Dayton Road is permitted as a right/nonregulated and will not require an application to the inland wetlands and watercourses commission for permit. The private forestry project is described as selective cutting, not a clear cutting operation. Two properties are involved, one with a single family home (295A Dayton Road) and an abutting unimproved lot (275 Dayton Road).

Review

The western portion of 275 Dayton Road may be within the CT DEEP NDDDB area of a known species of concern. A timber harvest in winter is a preferable as it would be less disruptive to known species of concern located in Glastonbury, including timber rattlesnake and box turtle.

I will be visiting the site with the forester next week and will provide commission members with photos prior to the December 8 meeting.

A portion of both lots are located within the Grindle Brook watershed. The town gis mapping locates a wetland soil in the upper reaches of the northeast corner of 275 Dayton Road and a watercourse connected to the wetland soil, flowing in a north/south arrangement in the northeast interior portion of the lot. The mapping does not locate watercourses or wetland soils at 295A Dayton Road.

No conservation easement agreements are recorded on the two lots.

The existing skid roads run parallel with the watercourse and a water crossing is not identified in the forestry proposal. Erosion controls such as waterbars and corduroy crossings will be on hand and incorporated as needed. Only marked trees will be removed by utilizing a chainsaw, reducing the impact to soil with additional tracked vehicles.



Wetland soils (shown in red) located in northeast corner of unimproved lot 275 Dayton Road. Watercourse connects to wetland soils off site, and runs north/south.

**DRAFT DECLARATORY RULING
PERMITTED USES AS OF RIGHT/NONREGULATED USES**

MOVED, that the Conservation Commission reviewed the forestry proposal for 275 and 295A Dayton Road and finds the following:

1. Existing skid roads will be utilized.
2. Only those trees marked for cutting shall be harvested.
3. The timber harvest will be conducted during winter months and on days with no forecasted rain.
4. Appropriate sediment and erosion controls shall be employed when required by site conditions.

Based on these findings, recent staff site walk, the information provided, the assumed use of proper harvesting techniques and interpretation of Section 4.2 of the Glastonbury Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations, the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetland and Watercourses Agency declares that the proposed timber harvest activity is a permitted use as of right/nonregulated and therefore does not require a permit.

NOTIFICATION OF TIMBER HARVEST

Town: Glastonbury Date: 11/28/22
 Property Location: Dayton Rd

List all parcels:

Assessor's Info:

Map	Block	Lot

OR:

Unique ID
<u>16800009B (275 Dayton Rd)</u>
<u>16800295A (295A Dayton Rd)</u>

Total acreage of property(s): 34

Total acreage of harvest area: 25

Landowner(s) of Record: Patricia S. Beckett
 Mailing Address: 295A Dayton Rd
 Town: S Glastonbury, CT Zip 06073
 Phone () _____
 E-mail: _____

Primary Contact: Chp Beckett
 Mailing Address: _____
 Town: Glastonbury Zip _____
 Phone (860) 841-1661
 E-mail: _____

Note: Timber harvesting is a *Permitted as of Right Activity* pursuant to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act, except for those practices regulated under Section 22a-36 through 22a-45 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Is there a current forest management/stewardship plan for this property? Yes No

This timber harvest has been prepared by a State of Connecticut certified:

(Check one): Forester OR Supervising Forest Products Harvester

Forest Practitioner Certificate #: 1081

Name: Joshua Miller

Address: 28 School House Ln, Durham, CT 06422

E-mail: jmdrmct@gmail.com

Phone #: (Business) _____ (Cell) (860) 398-1776

Property Boundaries:

Bounds are marked: Yes No

Timber Harvest Boundaries:

Have been marked or flagged: Yes No

Property boundary w/in timber harvest is marked w/ pink flagging/tape.

Have owners of all lands within 100 feet of the harvest area been notified via first-class mail prior to filing this "Notification of Timber Harvest"? Yes No

Estimated starting date of timber harvesting operations: 12/12/2022

Description of Timber Harvest:

Objective: Remove older damaged/degrading black oaks. Promote growth of desired trees such as better formed oaks for future stock.

Treatment: Improvement harvest. Removing much of the stocking of large sawtimber size classes. Remove poor grade small/mid size sawtimber, favoring best small/mid size (2"-20" DBH) for future stocking w/in forest stand.

Amount of forest products to be harvested:

60,000 Board feet _____ Cords _____ Cubic feet _____ Tons

How have the trees to be harvested been designated?

They have been marked with paint at eye level and at ground level. Paint color(s): Blue

They have not been marked

SOIL, WATER AND INLAND WETLANDS RESOURCES

Actions Being Performed On This Land

(Check all that apply and locate on attached Timber Harvest Area map -- see information below on maps.)

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Crossings / Clearing</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Temporary stream/drainage crossing</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Temporary wetlands crossing</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal of trees in wetlands</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Removal of trees in upland review area</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Erosion and Sedimentation Control Measures:</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Installation of water bars</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Grading</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Seeding</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Log landing area:</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> anti-tracking pad</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> curb cut</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roads</u></p> <p>Are new roads, other than skid trails, to be constructed for transport of logs or other activities associated with this harvest?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Describe in further detail as necessary:

Water bars may be necessary on skid road grading uphill to the southeast from southern section of harvest. Waterbars or other stabilization measures are not anticipated in northern section. ALL WORK TO BE PERFORMED WITH CABLE SKIDDER AND TREES WILL BE HAND FELLED BY CHAINSAW.

The following maps are attached to this "Notification" (Check all that apply)

- Copy of USGS topographic map with property outlined
- Copy of Assessor's map with property outlined
- Timber Harvest Area map showing outline of harvest area, main skid road locations, log landing area, truck access roads, inland wetlands, watercourses and any crossings

The undersigned hereby swear that the information contained in this application is true, accurate and complete to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief and that the timber harvest will be conducted in accordance with the specifications outlined in this "Notification of Timber Harvest."

Signature of Landowner(s): _____ Date: _____

Print/Type Name: _____

Signature of Landowner(s): _____ Date: _____

Print/Type Name: _____

Signature of Certified Forest Practitioner: Josh Miller Date: 11/28/2022

Print Name: Joshua Miller

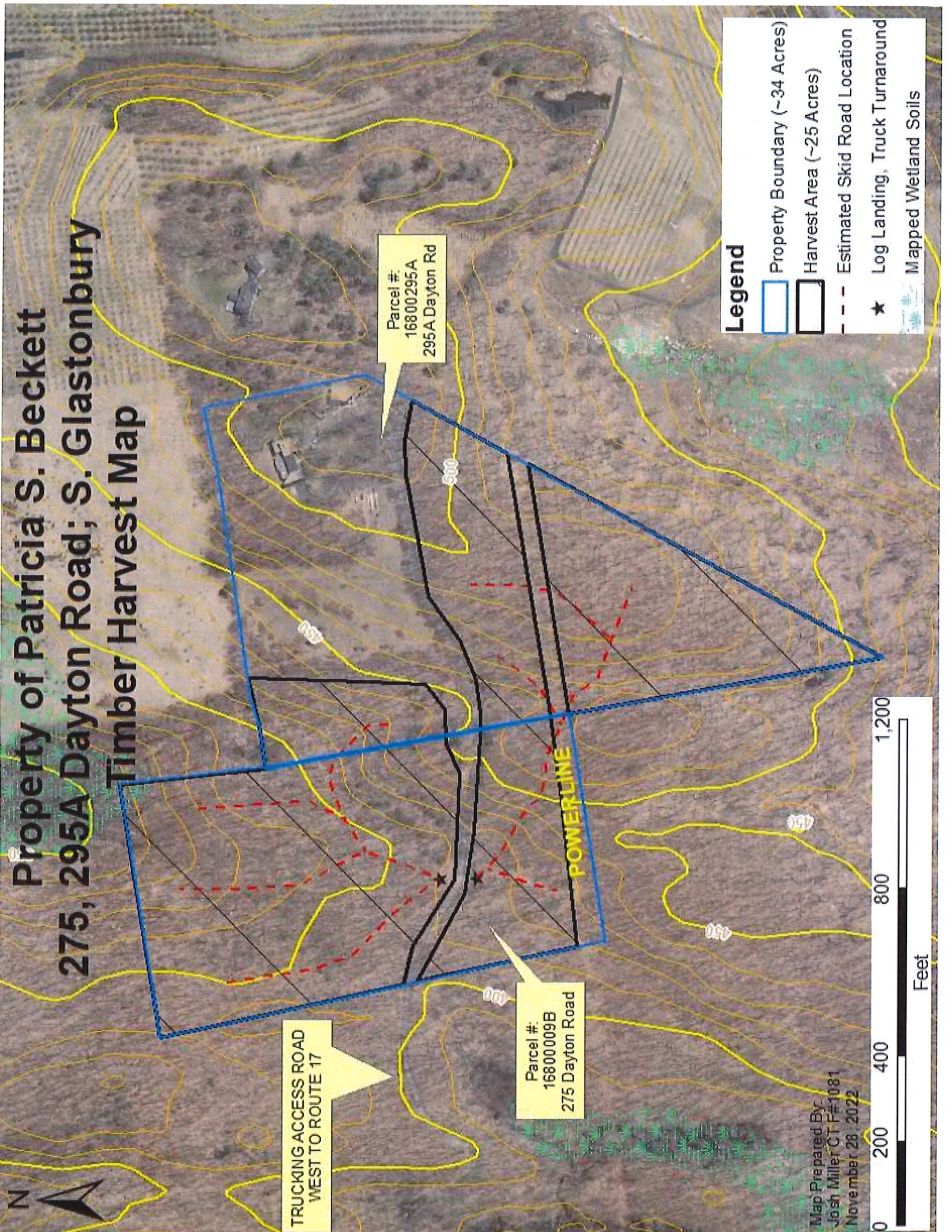
Certificate #: 1081 Expiration Date: 11/1/2025

Complete and Submit to:

- The Municipal Inland Wetlands Agency/ies in which the property is located, and
- A courtesy copy of this Notification Form should also be sent to The Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Forestry 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT, Tel: (860) 424-3630

This is not an official CT DEP form but it has been endorsed for town usage by: CT Farm Bureau Assoc., CT Forest & Park Assoc., CT Professional Timber Producers, Society of American Foresters - CT Chapter, and others.

Property of Patricia S. Beckett 275, 295A Dayton Road; S. Glastonbury Timber Harvest Map



TRUCKING ACCESS ROAD
WEST TO ROUTE 17

Parcel #:
16800295A
295A Dayton Rd

Parcel #:
1680009B
275 Dayton Road

Legend

- Property Boundary (~34 Acres)
- Harvest Area (~25 Acres)
- Estimated Skid Road Location
- Log Landing, Truck Turnaround
- Mapped Wetland Soils

Map Prepared By:
Josh Miller CT F#1081
November 28, 2022



