**Cornwall Conservation Commission**

**Review Form for Subdivision and Variance Applications**

Name of Applicant: **Alex Carver for John Dehn & Ann Boeckman**

Location/Address: **Sperry Road**

Date of Preliminary Hearing: **May 1, 2024**

Date of Conservation Commission Review: **April 18, 2024**

Recommended Request for additional natural resources information to be provided by applicant: (describe type of information and why it is requested)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_**X**\_\_ No

Request for site visit:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_**X**\_\_ No

Request to question applicant or applicant’s representative:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_**X**\_\_ No

Request to have a review of the application completed by a natural resources professional: (if yes, provide rationale for this request)

\_\_\_**X\_\_** Conservation Commission has no concerns with the project as proposed

\_\_\_ Conservation Commission has the following concerns with the project \_\_\_\_as proposed:

Determination of whether the property has natural resources of importance, including but not limited to:

* Rare, threatened, endangered, uncommon species
* Natural communities
* Historic forest cover (mature forest in 1942 photos)
* Wildlife habitat
* Wildlife connectivity
* Wetlands
* Surface waters
* Vernal pools
* Prime or Statewide agricultural soils

(describe resources and sources of information relied upon)

**The house and garage are located on the northeastern edge of the property. As such, the construction area is well removed from the forest and intermittent stream to its west. This placement is important because these natural features are described as “Highest Priority” areas by Fish & Wildlife’s Vermont Conservation Design mapping. (See attached map and descriptors.)**

**Application and supporting documents submitted to the DRB were reviewed by , who**

 Assessment of whether the application proposal would likely have negative impacts on natural resources of importance, including but not limited to those bulleted above:

(describe possible impact and sources of information relied upon for analysis)

**The proposed side yard setback waiver likely will not have negative impacts to natural resources of importance.**

Recommendation of Cornwall Conservation Commission:

**The CCC applauds the applicants for reaching out to the CCC and Vermont Fish & Wildlife for guidance in the responsible development of the building site in terms of natural resource conservation.**

**The clear cutting of trees and shrubs has left a large open area between the homestead location and the nearby riparian corridor that provides connectivity habitat for wildlife. We encourage the landowners to make landscaping choices in this area with wildlife and other conservation values in mind.**