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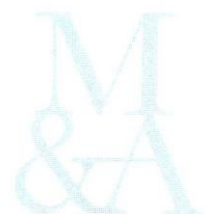
**RE: 72 Bishop Street Apartments**

Dear Nell:

The following request is to allow clearing of trees for the 72 Bishop Street apartment project as previously discussed. As a result of recent U.S. Fish & Wildlife Regulations concerning the threatened Northern Long Eared Bat, removal of trees in areas of potential habitat has to occur between October 12<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>, during the hibernation period. Projects that have Federal funding or permits are required to follow this process; in this case there is HUD funding.

Avesta is requesting to permit removal of trees as shown on the approval drawings. There will be no earth disturbance associated with tree removal. Stump removal shall not occur until issuance of a building permit. Clearing must occur within this time frame to avoid a significant delay in the project. Construction of the project is not expected to start before May 2016.

To establish limit of clearing required for construction of site improvements, Avesta will have the project surveyor locate limits of tree removal and provide fixed markers to clarify limits of removal. Once limits are established, trees to be removed will be painted to further clarify tree removal.



Enclosed are the following plan sheets:

- L 1 Existing Conditions and Demolition Plan
- L 1.1 Construction Management Plan
- L 2 Layout & Lighting Plan
- L3 Grading, Drainage and Utilities Plan

Coordination with Jeff Tarling will occur prior to clearing activity. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,  
Mitchell & Associates

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. B. Metcalf", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

Robert B. Metcalf  
Maine Licensed Landscape Architect

Enclosure

cc: Greg Payne  
Ben Walter