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Mr. Nathan Poore
Town Manager
Town of Falmouth
271 Falmouth Road
Falmouth, ME 04105

Dear Mr. Poore,

I write to request permission from the Town of Falmouth to erect a small poly covered greenhouse at Maine Audubon's Gilsland Farm property. We would like to utilize this greenhouse to grow a number of native plant transplants and seedlings.

Native plants are an important host at the base of the wildlife foodweb, providing habitat and food sources for numerous insects and caterpillars which are themselves an essential food source for native birds and other animals. Promoting and planting native plants is a natural outgrowth of Maine Audubon's mission to conserve wildlife and wildlife habitat by engaging people of all ages in education, conservation, and action.

The proposed greenhouse location is on a parcel of Maine Audubon's Gilsland Farm property on which the Town of Falmouth holds a conservation easement. A condition of the easement notes that "no dwellings or other structures shall be permitted upon said property without the prior written consent of the Town". For this reason, we are asking for the Town's permission to proceed with the erection of this greenhouse.

In addition to this letter I have attached the information that we submitted to the Board of Zoning Appeals. This information describes the size of the proposed greenhouse, and includes a photograph of its appearance. Also included are copies of the deed and easement.

We feel that this minor greenhouse structure is in keeping both with our mission as well as the agricultural nature of the site. We hope it will meet with the Town's approval.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the project. Please let me know if there is other information I can provide that would be helpful to you.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Baecher".

Peter Baecher, Properties Manager

cc: Andrew Beahm, Acting Executive Director