

August 17, 2017 from Michael Newman to Bonnie Davis

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<http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/government/oca-agencies/dpl-lp/opsi/consumer-prot-and-bus-lic/license-type/lumber-producers/native-lumber-producers.html>

On this page it says:

Native Lumber Registration Application  Not required for personal use.

The lumber is for personal use in my own barn. Does this mean that I can self-certify and mark the lumber in some way that satisfies 780 CMR 2302.1 as stated on this page:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/docs/dps/8th-edition/23-wood.pdf>

If not how can I go about getting the required credential to use my own lumber.

August 18, 2017 From Patty Barry

Michael,

Bonnie Davis sent this to me. I am inquiring here in my office. I am hoping to hear back on Monday. I have the Chief, Rob Anderson into this for me. He is not available now but should get back to me Monday.

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August 18, 2017 From Bonnie Davis

From: Davis, Bonnie (DPS)
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Barry, Patty (DPS) <Patty.Barry@MassMail.State.MA.US>
Subject: FW: Native Lumber

From: dragonnorth@gmail.com [<mailto:dragonnorth@gmail.com>] **On Behalf Of** Michael Newman
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:25 PM

To: Davis, Bonnie (DPS) <Bonnie.Davis@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Subject: Native Lumber

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August 18, 2017 from Michael Newman

Thanks for looking into it. I greatly appreciate getting a quick note telling me you are looking into things. Our timeline allows for much more delay than you seem to think this will take.

If you are interested in what we are building you can see some renderings at:

<http://www.dragonnorth.com/horseproperty/16nasonhill/architecture.php>

Scroll down to see the photos. We want to use 8 by 8 oak timbers cut on our land as support columns.

August 21, 2017 From Robert Anderson

Hey Patty –

I took a look at the message and I think that Mr. Newman would need to become certified as a native lumber producer in order to use the product, even if this is a one-time event (*see screen shot below*).

I have attached a copy of the *Native Lumber Producer Regulations* to this message as well as a link to the on-line registration portal below. Additionally, I have provided a link to PS 20, *The American Softwood Lumber Standard*, which is referenced in the regulations, for his convenience.

I hope this is helpful.

Robert Anderson

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<https://massdpsportal.secure.force.com/home/home.jsp>

<http://www.alsc.org/greenbook%20collection/ps20.pdf>

NATIVE LUMBER. Native lumber is wood processed in Massachusetts by a mill registered in accordance with the regulations (780 CMR) of the BBRS. Such wood is ungraded but is stamped or certified in accordance with Chapter 23 of the *International Building Code 2009* with the Massachusetts Amendments (780 CMR 23.00). Native lumber shall be restricted to use in one-and two-story dwellings, barns, sheds, agricultural and accessory buildings and structures and other uses as permitted by Chapter 23 of the *International Building Code 2009* with the Massachusetts Amendments (780 CMR 23.00).

NATIVE LUMBER PRODUCERS. Persons or corporations in the business of milling wood into native lumber within Massachusetts.

August 21, 2017 from Michael Newman to Robert Anderson and Patty Barry

As best I can tell for the purpose of using lumber cut on my land I can simply become a registered "mill" for this purpose by application for identifying numbers. For the purpose of Native Lumber the rules seem to provide for identification of the source of the lumber and have no special other requirements. I have initiated the application process and we will see where it goes. I intend to have the boards cut at Crossroads Farm Sawmill in Uxbridge.

August 21, 2017 from Patty Barry to Robert Anderson and Michael Newman

Michael,

Crossroads Farm Sawmill in Uxbridge is not licensed with us just so you know.

Patricia Barry

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From: Anderson, Robert (DPS)

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 12:45 PM

To: Barry, Patty (DPS) <Patty.Barry@MassMail.State.MA.US>

Subject: FW: Native Lumber

Hey Patty –

Is Crossroads Farm Sawmill in Uxbridge approved as a Native Lumber Producer?

Thanks,

Robert Anderson

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August 21, 2017 from Michael Newman to Patty Barry

That is why I need to be able to certify this lumber myself.

September 20, 2017 from Michael Newman to Robert Anderson after several phone calls

Based on Robert's email for several weeks now I have been trying to become registered as a Native Lumber mill for my "one time event".

I have tried to initiate the registration on the web site he suggested. I filled in the forms to become an IPS user and have been waiting for the response which has not come.

<https://massdpsportal.secure.force.com/CPUserRegistration>

I tried to find the contact information on that web site to report the issue and found that the contact information link on that page:

<http://www.mass.gov/eopss/agencies/dps/>

gives a 404 not found error.

I called Robert several times. One time last week we spoke briefly and he said he would call back. Other times messages I left have not gotten a return phone call. I left an additional message a few minutes ago.

I am happy to register and pay the appropriate fee, please just enable that process so I can do it successfully.

I am a little guy trying to do things right. You are a big state agency. Please find a way to make it possible for the little guy to follow the rules and still be able to do what he is allowed to do under the law.

Sept 22, 2017 From Michael Newman

I have never got any email. I looked in spam folders and other places.

Giuliano change my email address to one that does not need to forward (dragonnorth@gmail.com) and I was able to get the confirmation email and could log in.

Perhaps this email failure was the source of the problem.

I was able to complete the registration. The fee payment would not accept any of several credit cards. Is it possible that it only accepts MasterCard (I don't happen to have one I tried Visa and AMEX cards). I was able to pay with a bank account debit. The fee charged was \$100. This is inconsistent with what is stated elsewhere on the web sites (they say \$50).

The fee paying process used the initial email mnewman@dragonnorth.com. I did not get any confirmation emails.

The application process asked several questions about my corporate entity. Since I am applying as a person rather than a corporation the answers I gave did not quite fit the questions (my state of incorporation for example I said MA which is both where I was born and where I live).

Hopefully the rest of this process will go smoothly.

Sept 24, 2107 From Robert Anderson
Hey Patty –

Can you follow-up with Mr. Newman when you get back to make sure he is all set?

Thank you!

Robert Anderson

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Sept 24, 2017 from Michael Newman

I found the original problem. I must have typed incorrectly when I set the account up. It is set up as mnewman@dragonnorth.com note the incorrect extra N in the middle.

Unfortunately the site still insists on using that original name as an email address in some interactions (even though Giuliano since changed the email address to dragonnorth@gmail.com). This explains why I have not gotten any confirmation emails on the fee payment. That is one of the fields that gets filled in with the incorrect email address from the account name.

I would start over and create a correctly named account except now I have paid the \$100 fee and don't really want to pay it again.

Giuliano: is there any way to correct the mess I created?

Sept 25, 2017 from Patty Barry

Michael,

I see you application online, Is your Mill named Michael Newman and the address where the inspection will take place is [16 Nason Hill Road Sherborn](#) correct? I have contacted State Inspector Adelle Reynolds who will follow up with you to do an inspection of your mill. Please keep me posted if you don't hear back by the end of the week. Thanks, Patty

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Sept 26, 2017 from Michael Newman

16 Nason Hill Lane is our farm. It is where my office is. It is also the site where the lumber was harvested.

What is the purpose of the inspection, I need to understand this so I can organize it correctly.

You may recall from our earlier emails that we cut trees on our land and want to use the lumber in building our barn.

Review of the web pages suggested that we could do this without any other action. Given my scenario Robert then said I would still have to register as a sawmill to do so. Per my Aug 21 email It is my intent to subcontract the actual board sawing to [Crossroads Farm Sawmill in Uxbridge](#).