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Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
Town of Cape Elizabeth
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P.O. Box 6260
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SUBJECT: Town Farm Boardwalk Resource Protection Permit Review

Dear Maureen:

We have received and reviewed an April 27, 2021 submission package for the subject project. The package included a letter from yourself addressed to the Planning Board Chair, James Huebener along with supporting documentation. The supporting materials were from a Greenbelt Trail Assessment report completed by FB Environmental which was conducted in 2020. The Town of Cape Elizabeth is applying for a Resource Protection Permit per Section 19-8-3. During our review of the submitted material, the following items were noted:

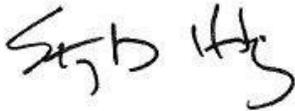
1. The Town is proposing to install five boardwalks totaling a surface area of 1,100 square feet for trail crossings at the Town Farm property located on the west side Spurwink Avenue.
2. The Town is requesting a waiver for the submission of a stormwater runoff plan. As the proposed boardwalks will allow for water the flow underneath the structures and overall site stormwater runoff patterns will remain relatively unaltered, we support this waiver request.
3. The Town is requesting a waiver for the submission of 1-foot contours and is instead proposing to utilize 2-foot contours. As the proposed boardwalks will not impact adjacent areas and do not require fill or excavation to construct, we support this waiver request.
4. Sebago Technics is currently assisting the Town on similar boardwalk construction projects on four additional Town properties. During our permitting assessment process for these boardwalks, we have confirmed that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers do not take jurisdiction over these "bog bridge" project so no Corps permit will not be required for the project.
5. We understand that the Town has applied for a Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) review for the proposed wetland impacts as a Tier 1 level of their

National Resource Protection Act (NRPA). Again, this situation is consistent with our coordination with the DEP on other Town proposed boardwalks and the Town will to receive the required DEP permit prior to starting construction work.

Based on our review of the submitted material, we believe that the submitted application materials for the proposed project improvements are in conformance with the technical requirements to meet the Resource Protection Permit Completeness standards. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Sebago Technics, Inc.

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Stephen D. Harding, P.E.
Town Engineer

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