



July 13, 2021  
BCE File: 21124

Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner  
Town of Cape Elizabeth  
320 Ocean House Road  
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

**RE: Greenbelt Improvements Project – Resource Protection Permit Review**

Dear Maureen:

We have received and reviewed a submission package for the subject project from Matthew Sturgis, Cape Elizabeth Town Manager. The package included a 98-page permit application and a five (5) sheet set of project drawings, both dated July 2, 2021, and generated by Sebago Technics Inc. Based on our review of the submitted material and the project's conformance with the technical requirements of Section 19-8-3, Resource Protection Performance Standards, we offer the following comments:

1. The Town of Cape Elizabeth is requesting a Resource Protection Permit to alter 3,180 SF of RP1 and RP2 wetlands. This is associated with the installation of 2,642 SF of boardwalks on Town trails which are located on the Gull Crest, Cross Hill, Winnick Woods, and Stonegate properties.
2. We understand that the Board will be conducting a completeness review for this project at their upcoming meeting. In our opinion, the submitted materials represent a completed package and the remainder of our comments are provided to facilitate the review process.
3. The applicant has provided topographic plans with 2' contour elevations on 1" = 200' scale plans. The permit standards require 1' contours within wetland areas and 1" = 100' scale plans. We would support the requested waivers from these standards due to the large geographic area of the project and since grading activities will not be required.
4. The proposed boardwalks will only disturb the ground where the supports are located and will allow for the free flow of stormwater to infiltrate into the ground. Therefore, we support the waiver from the requirement to provide a stormwater runoff plan. We also support the waiver from the high intensity soils map requirement due to the minimal ground alteration required for the boardwalk installations.
5. Permitting through the MDEP is required for this project. The applicant should contact the MDEP to ensure that all necessary permits have been obtained prior to construction.

We trust that the above comments will assist the Board during their review of the project. Please do not hesitate to contact us should there be any questions or comments regarding our review.

Sincerely,

BLAIS CIVIL ENGINEERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd J. Gammon".

Todd J. Gammon, P.E.

cc: Matthew Sturgis, CE Town Manager