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Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
Town of Cape Elizabeth
320 Ocean House Road
P.O. Box 6260
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

Subject: Robinson Woods III Bridge and Boardwalk Resource Protection Permit

Dear Maureen:

We have received and reviewed a submission package dated July 30, 2021 for the subject project. The package included a July 30, 2021 cover letter addressed to the Planning Board Members from Phillip Mathieu of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, along with supporting documentation and a site plan and topographic maps of the entire project area. We are familiar with the site through a past review of the Robinson Woods property. Based on our review of submitted material and the project's conformance to the technical requirements of Section 19-8-3, Resource Protection Permit Completeness and Public Hearing, we offer the following comments:

1. The applicant is proposing to install approximately 208 linear feet of an elevated boardwalk, a 16-foot long by 6-foot bridge, and create approximately 463 feet of new trail to replace an existing trail section to be abandoned within RP1 wetlands and RP1 buffer areas.
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 presented here are to facilitate future reviews of the project. It should be noted that additional submitted information may result in additional review comments.
3. The applicant is requesting waivers for the following items:
 - a. Providing 2-foot interval contours as opposed to a 1-foot contour interval
 - b. Formal description of the wetland vegetation and delineation of upland boundaries.
 - c. A high intensity soil survey
 - d. A formal stormwater runoff plan with flow arrows and supporting calculations.
 - e. Showing exact areas of proposed draining, filling, grading and vegetation removal.

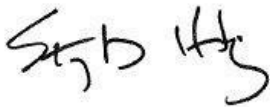
Due the relatively small scale of the proposed improvements, the lack of mechanical equipment used to construct the improvements, the lack of stormwater impacts, and the mitigating nature of the proposed scope of improvements; we are in support of the waivers listed above.

4. We do not believe that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers would exert jurisdiction for the construction of the boardwalk due to their current policy nor for the bridge construction as it will span the resource. The Maine DEP should be contacted as they would likely require a Natural Resource Protection Act Permit-by-Rule notification be filed for the proposed stream crossing.

We trust that these comments will assist the Board during their deliberations on this project. Should there be any questions or comments regarding our review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sebago Technics, Inc.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SDH" followed by a stylized flourish.

Stephen D. Harding, P.E.
Town Engineer

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cc: Phillip Mathieu, Cape Elizabeth Land Trust