

Notification to Abutters

Under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44)

In accordance with the second paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, you are hereby notified of the following:

Name of the Applicant:

The above has filed the following application with the Town of Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee:

- *A Notice of Intent*, seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge or alter an Area Subject to Protection (Wetland Resource Area and/or Buffer Zone) under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (General Laws Chapter 131, Sec.40) and/or the Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44)
- *A Notice of Resource Area Delineation*, seeking to determine the extent of areas subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Wellesley Wetlands Bylaw (Article 44)
- *A Request to Amend an existing Order of Conditions*

Address of the proposed activity:

Details of the proposed activity:

A Public Hearing regarding this application will be held remotely on Thursday, _____ at 6:30 PM.
Public participation will be via virtual means only *

To review and/or obtain a copy of the application:

- Find it online at the Wetlands Protection Committee Applications Under Review web page: <https://wellesleyma.gov/1608/Applications-Under-Review>,
- Request a copy via email from NRC Clerk Stephanie Tunnera at nrc@wellesleyma.gov
- Ask the Applicant (or the Applicant's Representative) at:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Days/hours of operation:

The Public Hearing Notice will be published at least 5 days in advance in the Wellesley Townsman (or MetroWest Daily if the Wellesley Townsman is not available), including its date, time, and place.

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Northeast Office about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act by emailing NERO_NOI@mass.gov or by leaving a message at the Helpline for a call-back within 48 hours at 978-694-3405.

*** Public Participation via Virtual Means**

The Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee values public participation. Every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time via technological means. You may watch the meeting on tv or the internet, register to attend on Zoom, or send written comments. If, despite our best efforts, our technological capabilities do not adequately support public access to virtual or remote meetings, the Town will ensure that an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings at the meeting is posted on the Town's website as soon as possible after the meeting. Access livestream and recorded meetings at Wellesley Media at <https://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/LGze1WqTsE8jwTKC--4xu4kSh8jPjdoJ/playlists/2794?autostart=false&showtabssearch=true>

Guidelines

Members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting should review these guidelines: <https://wellesleyma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/24129/Public-Meeting-Procedures> and on the Town of Wellesley's website at wellesleyma.gov

Watch

- **broadcast proceedings via local cable TV** Comcast channel 8 or 9/Verizon channel 39 or 40
- **livestream via Wellesley Media** at: <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>
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Comment

- **verbally** during the remote meeting: pre-register on Zoom to receive an attendee link to the meeting. Follow the instructions on the agenda posted 48 hours prior to the meeting at: <https://wellesleyma.gov/AgendaCenter/Wetlands-Protection-Committee-20>
- **by letter** to the Wetlands Protection Committee members by email. If time allows, the WPC will read a summary during the public meeting. In addition, unless you request otherwise, your letter will be posted to the Applications under Review web page and forwarded as a courtesy to the Applicant. To email the WPC, send your letter to the Wetlands Administrator at jmeyer@wellesleyma.gov

To learn about the March 29, 2023 bill that further extends temporary provisions pertaining to the Open Meeting Law to March 31, 2025 to allow public bodies to continue holding meetings remotely without a quorum of the public body or the chair be physically present at a meeting location, and to provide "adequate, alternative" access to remote meetings: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>

Since you are receiving this notice, you may also have jurisdictional wetland resource areas on your property (Riverfront Area, Land Subject to Flooding, Vernal Pool Habitat, Buffer Zones, etc.). Please be advised that *any* construction, cutting, clearing, or grading may require a permit if planning alterations of these areas. Before commencing any work, call the Natural Resources Commission office at 781-431-1019 x 2294 and/or visit wellesleyma.gov/421/Wetlands-Protection-Committee for how to receive an approval, determination, or permit.