



TOWN OF TOPSFIELD

Conservation Commission

8 West Common Street, Topsfield, Massachusetts 01983

MEMO

TO: Zoning Board of Appeals

FROM: Heidi Gaffney, Conservation Administrator

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DATE: April 26, 2021

RE: Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit – Perkins Landing

Below please find initial, general comments regarding the Conservation Department aspects of the submitted Comprehensive Permit. Additional comments will be provided as review continues.

- The proposed project as submitted requires review and approval under the Wetlands Protection Act. This requires a Notice of Intent to be submitted to the Conservation Commission.
- Areas Subject to Protection under M.G.L. c. 131 § 40 (Wetland Resource Areas) have not been fully identified and/or reviewed, particularly Riverfront Area under the Wetlands Protection Act. An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) should be filed with the Conservation Commission under the Wetlands Protection Act to review and confirm the boundaries of resource areas.
- The blanket waiver request from the Topsfield General Wetlands Bylaw should be carefully considered and proper time to review the impacts of granting such waivers should be allowed (ie. including it in peer review).
- Waiving the Stormwater Bylaw, I believe, may violate the Town's MS4 Permit from the US EPA.