

**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:

**The name of the Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Applicant has filed the following permit application with the 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 Request to Amend an existing Order of Conditions
- A Notice of Resource Area Delineation, seeking to determine the extent of areas subject to protection under the Wetlands Protection Act and/or Bylaw

**The address or location of the proposed activity:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The intended activity or activities:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**A Public Hearing regarding this application will be held remotely on Thursday, \_\_\_\_\_ at 6:30 PM.**

**Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only.** See page 2. There are 3 options for participation:

- view live via local cable TV by tuning to Comcast channel 9/Verizon channel 39 OR Comcast 8/Verizon 40, or watch live online at: <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>.
- call in during the meeting on the Conference Line on the number listed, according to the procedures posted on the agenda at <https://wellesleyma.gov/AgendaCenter/Wetlands-Protection-Committee-20>.
- email comments to be forwarded to the Wetlands Protection Committee at [jmeyer@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:jmeyer@wellesleyma.gov).

**Request electronic copies of the application** by emailing [nrc@wellesleyma.gov](mailto:nrc@wellesleyma.gov).

You may also request it from 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, including its date, time, and place.

**You also may contact the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Northeast office** for more information about this application or the Wetlands Protection Act by emailing [NERO\\_NOI@mass.gov](mailto:NERO_NOI@mass.gov) or by leaving a message at the Helpline for a call-back within 48 hours at 978-694-3405.

**COVID-19 Emergency Response:  
Implementation of Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law**

In light of the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak, Governor Baker issued an emergency Order on March 12, 2020, allowing public bodies greater flexibility in utilizing technology in the conduct of meetings under the Open Meeting Law. The Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee greatly values the participation of its citizens in the public process, but given the current circumstances and recommendations at both the state and federal levels to limit or avoid public gatherings, including Governor Baker's ban on gatherings, together with the present closure of Wellesley's Town Hall and other public buildings to the public, Wellesley has implemented the "remote participation" procedures allowed under Governor Baker's emergency Order for all boards, committees, and commissions. This means that:

1. All or any of the members of the public body may choose to participate in a public meeting via remote access. Meetings may be virtual, in their entirety.
2. The public will be provided with alternative access through which they can watch or listen to meetings "in real time," and meeting notices will specify the manner in which members of the public may access audio or video of the meeting as it is occurring.
3. If, despite our best efforts, our technological capabilities do not adequately support public access to virtual or remote meetings, the Town of Wellesley 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.
4. Notices for public hearings will contain additional information about how the public may participate via electronic/technological means.
5. Where individuals have a right, or are required, to attend a public meeting or hearing, they will be provided with information about how to participate in the meeting/hearing remotely.
6. Meeting notices will still be posted at least 48 hours in advance (not counting Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays), unless it is an emergency meeting as defined under the Open Meeting Law (in which event the meeting notice will be posted with as much advanced notice as is possible). Minutes will still be taken.

Please check individual meeting agendas on the calendar on the Town's website, located at <https://wellesleyma.gov/AgendaCenter/Wetlands-Protection-Committee-20> for the latest information regarding meetings. Each meeting may experience unique circumstances that may require last minute changes in protocol, including cancellation or rescheduling. We appreciate your patience as we undergo this shift in a significant aspect of how the Town of Wellesley conducts business.

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Wellesley Wetlands Protection Committee will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Wellesley's website, at [wellesleyma.gov](https://wellesleyma.gov).

For this meeting, members of the public who wish to listen or watch the meeting may do so by following the directions on the agenda posted 48 hours prior to the meeting at <https://wellesleyma.gov/AgendaCenter/Wetlands-Protection-Committee-20>. No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on the Town of Wellesley's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other comprehensive record of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

You may access meetings at Wellesley Media at <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/wetlands-protection-comm.html>. Meetings are broadcast live on local cable TV Comcast channel 9/Verizon channel 39 OR Comcast 8/Verizon 40, and available online at: <https://www.wellesleymedia.org/live-streaming.html>.