

Karon Catrone

From: Buckley <gwbuckley@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:04 PM
To: Brian Donahoe; Kerry Snyder
Cc: A Y; Todd DeMelle; Karon Catrone
Subject: Re: Baker's Pond

I'm including Kerry Snyder on this, since she is a very knowledgeable person regarding the area as a member of the Neponset River Watershed Association.

On May 25, 2021, at 11:52 AM, Brian Donahoe <bdonahoe@goldmanenvironmental.com> wrote:

I was able to see the videos as well/ I saw them earlier from when Karon sent them to me. The bottom line for my perspectives is the plan prepared for submittal does not reflect the previous filing that DEP concurred with my report and the impoundment behind the dam does not stop the riverfront boundary and therefore it is an improper/incorrect depiction of the resource areas. The 100 and 200 foot riverfront boundary overlap the entire house location and beyond. It can therefore not meet the performance standards.

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From: A Y <ayudzinsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Todd DeMelle <tdemelle@gmail.com>
Cc: Greg Buckley <gwbuckley@verizon.net>; Karon Catrone <kcatrone@townhall.westwood.ma.us>; Brian Donahoe <bdonahoe@goldmanenvironmental.com>
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Hi Todd, I can see the attachments now.

Karon, could town counsel advise on the nuclear option of pursuing Eminent Domain Action? The property owner would not have a very good case, land is undeveloped and serves the public good. A fair price could be offered for the land as it is unimproved with no built structures...offer could be based on the taxed value of the land. Property is on a path for water resources, ecological habitat, unsuitable for construction, fraught with legal issues...etc and makes the best case if any to use Eminent Domain.

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 10:16 PM Todd DeMelle <tdemelle@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Brian and Artur,

My name is Todd DeMelle and my family and I live at 1355 High St which overlooks Bakers Pond. Artur, Greg passed on your email address. Brian, I got your info from the westwood conservation commission meeting. Nice to meet you both.

Greg asked me today if I would be available for the meeting coming up on June 9th, but I will be out of town and unable to attend. So I wanted to reach out and offer any assistance that might be helpful in preparing for the meeting.

I sent the below email to Karon prior to the last meeting which I thought would be of interest. If there's anything more I can do with reference photos or video or image editing/preparation, I'd be happy to do so.

Just let me know... thank you!

Todd

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From: **Todd DeMelle** <tdemelle@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, May 2, 2021 at 11:34 PM

Subject: Baker's Pond

To: Greg Buckley <gwbuckley@verizon.net>, Karon Catrone <kcatrone@townhall.westwood.ma.us>

Hi Karon,

I was talking with Greg this afternoon about the Conservation Committee meeting coming up Wednesday when the proposal for construction on the lot by Baker's Pond off Mill St will be discussed.

The pond is as high this year as we've seen it in the 17 years that we've lived in the house. I thought I'd take some video and pictures for the meeting and then it occurred to me, I should dig up some pictures from before we got the Purple Loosestrife under control to show the before and after.

Looking at those old pictures now, it was even worse than I remember! We were able to regain a lot of open water! I also came across some shots from the Summers the beetles were released (can't believe that was 13? 14? years ago now...)

I put everything in a folder on Google Drive (linked below) along with some images showing the lot and the proposed construction plan superimposed onto the lot. (I was trying to get a better sense of where the proposed construction would go)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/K6Unm29vK9vhhPuDA>

Please let me know if there's anything more I can provide that would be helpful for the meeting.

I hope all's well!

Sincerely,
Todd