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Subject: RE: 42 Mill Street

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Here are my thoughts as we had discussed last week. I would attach the original DEP SOC and any other pertinent correspondence.

To your point, the proof of submittal of all of the correspondence from DEP and the applicant to the Westwood Conservation Commission regarding their appeal to an adjudicatory hearing.. That would go back to 2016 or so.

The Commission has no records of receipt as far as you know and you have checked. Curious as to why the re-application was delayed for 4 years.

Where is the acknowledgment/explanation of the significant change to the original SOC written by the DEP, Gary Bogue as the environmental scientist assigned by DEP. The change apparently reversed the clear finding that the pond was not a pond for the purposes of the Riverfront regulations and therefore the riverfront boundaries continued through the impoundment.

The new plan does not flag and extend the riverfront boundaries upstream of the roadway as required by DEP.

There is no discussion that the Town has determined the lot is not buildable.

Flood plain elevation has been recently questioned again by DEP as well as the Commission based on mapping in the Oliver system and apparently changes made by FEMA recently. I would point out their own plans show, for example, a spot shot water level under normal conditions is a half foot higher than the floodplain elevation they show at the same location.

I would also point out the changed condition so the impoundment elevation and the discharge is only via the swale closest to the proposed house, and that there is an active beaver dam at the dam spillway. The changed condition is a valid point to the environmental and regulatory aspect of the projects impact. Should MEPA be asked to review?

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Hi Brian,
Just a reminder, can you email the outline we discussed Thursday?
Thank you,
Karon

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