



September 19, 2024

Crystal Kelly, Chair
c/o Shannon Palmer, Conservation Officer
Hingham Conservation Commission
210 Central Street
Hingham, MA 02043

Via: FedEx and Email to: palmers@hingham-ma.gov

Reference: Request for Certificate of Compliance
MassDEP File No. 034-1268
Hingham, Massachusetts
B+T Project No. 3154.02

Dear Chair Kelly and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Applicant, Boston Golf Club (the Club), Beals and Thomas, Inc. (B+T) respectfully requests a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for the Order of Conditions (OOC, MassDEP File No. 034-1268) issued for the construction of a golf cart path and bridge near Hole 9 and Cushing Street.

B+T notes that though the bridge permitted by the OOC was not undertaken, as the Club decided not to pursue that aspect of the work, the cart paths were constructed. Additionally, the project was modified through an approved field change in September 2018 with a revised site plan that illustrated additional site improvements near the existing cart path network. This change adjusted portions of the cart path network further from the adjacent resource area and created a vegetated putting surface.

When comparing the approved field change site plan with the as-built plan, aside from the elimination of the bridge, we note that there appears to be slightly more gravel but less pavement, a positive impact. The putting green area also appears smaller than on the approved plan. We have included several photographs below to help illustrate the area for the Commission's review.

As part of early construction, Boston Golf Club thoughtfully mitigated the previous use of the property as a gravel pit and enhanced hundreds of acres amongst its eighteen holes of golf. Though no work was done in the stream as part of this project, we note that this riparian zone, in particular, was drastically rehabilitated from its use as a dumping ground, where the Club removed hundreds of tires and truckloads of trash and debris. Further, the stream was actively supplemented by the addition of bank plantings, the addition of riffles and runs created by adding stones and rocks and the adoption of minimalist maintenance practices near resources. Decades later, the area is a thriving, high quality resource area providing diverse wildlife habitat, as depicted in the photograph below taken last fall.

Corporate Office

144 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA 01772

bealsandthomas.com T 508.366.0560 F 508.366.4391

Regional Office

32 Court Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

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Rehabilitated perennial stream along Cushing Street near 9th green



View of the completed putting green, gravel cart path and native plantings



View of the footpath and native plantings near the existing stream crossing



View of the completed green and surrounding area



View of the gravel cart parking area and small retaining wall



View of the completed green and surrounding area looking toward hole 9



View of cart path, small retaining wall looking toward Cushing Street with tunnel in rear

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In support of this request, please find enclosed WPA Form 8A, a signed copy of the Policy on Receipt of Information, and the applicable \$100 fee for a COC pursuant to the Hingham Wetlands Protection Filing Fee Schedule. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at sstearns@bealsandthomas.com or Club Superintendent Rodney Hine at RHine@bostongolfclub.org.

Sincerely,

BEALS AND THOMAS, INC.



Sarah W. Stearns, PWS
Principal



9/19/24

Jeffrey R. Murphy, PE
Civil Engineer

Enclosures: \$100 Filing Fee
WPA Form 8A - Request for Certificate of Compliance
Policy on Receipt of Information Form
As-Built Plan dated September 12, 2024

cc: MassDEP, Southeast Regional Office (via Email)
Boston Golf Club (via Email)

ERW/sws/jrm/mac/315402PT001



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
 Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands
WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance
 Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

DEP File Number:

034-1268
 Provided by DEP

A. Project Information

Important:
 When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



Upon completion of the work authorized in an Order of Conditions, the property owner must request a Certificate of Compliance from the issuing authority stating that the work or portion of the work has been satisfactorily completed.

1. This request is being made by:

Boston Golf Club Inc.
 Name
19 Old County Road
 Mailing Address
Hingham MA 02043
 City/Town State Zip Code

 Phone Number

2. This request is in reference to work regulated by a final Order of Conditions issued to:

New Boston Golf Club Inc.
 Applicant
August 24, 2016 034-1268
 Dated DEP File Number

3. The project site is located at:

289 Whiting Street Hingham
 Street Address City/Town
187 18
 Assessors Map/Plat Number Parcel/Lot Number

4. The final Order of Conditions was recorded at the Registry of Deeds for:

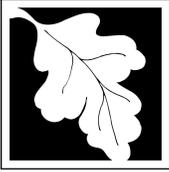
New Boston Golf Club Inc.
 Property Owner (if different)
Plymouth 41642 285
 County Book Page

 Certificate (if registered land)

5. This request is for certification that (check one):

- the work regulated by the above-referenced Order of Conditions has been satisfactorily completed.
 the following portions of the work regulated by the above-referenced Order of Conditions have been satisfactorily completed (use additional paper if necessary).

- the above-referenced Order of Conditions has lapsed and is therefore no longer valid, and the work regulated by it was never started.



WPA Form 8A – Request for Certificate of Compliance

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. Project Information (cont.)

6. Did the Order of Conditions for this project, or the portion of the project subject to this request, contain an approval of any plans stamped by a registered professional engineer, architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor?

Yes

If yes, attach a written statement by such a professional certifying substantial compliance with the plans and describing what deviation, if any, exists from the plans approved in the Order.

No

B. Submittal Requirements

Requests for Certificates of Compliance should be directed to the issuing authority that issued the final Order of Conditions (OOC). If the project received an OOC from the Conservation Commission, submit this request to that Commission. If the project was issued a Superseding Order of Conditions or was the subject of an Adjudicatory Hearing Final Decision, submit this request to the appropriate DEP Regional Office (see <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/about/contacts/find-the-massdep-regional-office-for-your-city-or-town.html>).

HINGHAM WETLAND REGULATIONS

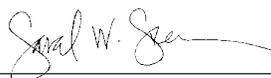
APPENDIX C

Policy on Receipt of Information

(Revised March 4, 2024)

1. New applications/filings must be submitted to the Conservation office (by certified mail or hand delivery) in accordance with the [Commission's Meeting Schedule and Deadlines](#) to facilitate the placement of the legal advertisement and to allow timely review by the Conservation Officer. Conservation staff will review the application for administrative completeness. Upon receipt of a complete application, a hearing or meeting will be scheduled in accordance with the 310 CMR 10.05(5) and the Wetland Regulations, Section 7.6.
2. If deemed necessary, based on the Commission's meeting schedule, Conservation staff may request the applicant *voluntarily* waive the 21 day statutory deadline for holding a public hearing or issuing a Determination of Applicability.
3. Requests for additional information may be made by the Commission members or their agent to clarify the scope of the project or determine compliance with the 310 CMR 10.00 and/or the Hingham Wetland Regulations. Such requests, if not made at the public hearing, will be communicated to the applicant or their representative as promptly as possible.
4. Additional information requested by the Commission or their agent in accordance with No.3, must be submitted to the Conservation office (hard copy and electronic copy) a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting date, on Monday by 4PM. If the office is closed on Monday due to a holiday, the information is due on the preceding Thursday by 4PM. *Revisions submitted after the established deadline may not receive a timely review, thereby resulting in a continuance to the next available meeting.*
5. The Commission may engage the peer review services of an outside consultant as provided by M.G.L. Ch. 44, § 53G, to be paid for by the applicant, for specific expert review deemed necessary to come to a final decision on a submitted application. Specific consultant services may include but are not limited to, review of a Notice of Intent, Wetland Resource Area Delineation, Stormwater/Drainage Reports, etc. The consultant shall be chosen by the Conservation Commission by vote at the public hearing, and report only to the Commission or its agent. *Requested additional information/revisions by the peer reviewer is required a minimum of two weeks prior to the hearing date.*
5. All supplemental documentation and revised plans must include a revision date and must be date stamped by the Conservation office upon receipt. If this information is not present, the documents may be considered incomplete and may not receive a timely review, thereby resulting in a continuance to the next available meeting.
6. Please note that all supplemental documentation and revised plans submitted to the Commission for a pending application, subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act, must also be sent to the DEP Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Dr., Lakeville, MA 02347

The Hingham Conservation Commission is committed to a thorough and timely review of each application and an efficient hearing process. Cooperation with this policy is appreciated to facilitate these efforts. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Conservation staff if deemed warranted. Please sign and include with your filing. Thank you.



Applicant or Applicant's Representative Signature

09/19/2024

Date



TOWN OF HINGHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

APPLICATION CHECKLIST REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE (COC)

Please submit the following when requesting a Certificate of Compliance under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law. Submit one (1) copy of the following to the Conservation Office and an electronic copy of the complete request to conservation@hingham-ma.gov.

- WPA Form 8A: [Request for Certificate of Compliance](#)
- A check payable to the town of Hingham for the [Town of Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw fee](#)
 - *\$50 for Residential*
 - *\$100 for Commercial*
 - *Please redact bank account information from photocopies*
- A letter from a registered professional engineer, surveyor, architect, or landscape architect, as applicable, certifying substantial compliance with the approved plans and describing what deviations, if any, exist from the plans approved in the Order of Conditions. The letter should also document compliance with any special conditions.
- Post construction site photos of the completed work including established vegetation where required.
- The Conservation Commission's [Policy on Receipt of Information](#)
- Optional – [Voluntary 21 Day Waiver \(COC\)](#)

If required pursuant to special conditions of Order of Conditions:

- Final As-built Plan signed and stamped by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer or Land Surveyor showing post-construction conditions within all areas under the jurisdiction of the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection By-Law. This plan shall include at a minimum:
 - All wetland resource area boundaries with associated buffer zones and regulatory setback areas taken from the plan(s) approved in this Order of Conditions;
 - Locations and elevations of all stormwater management conveyances, structures and best management designs, including foundation drains, constructed under this Order within any wetland resource area or buffer zone;
 - Distances from any structures constructed under this Order to wetland resource areas - "structures" include, but are not limited to, all buildings, septic system components, wells, utility lines, fences, retaining walls, and roads/driveways;
 - A line delineating the limit of work - "work" includes any filling, excavating and/or disturbance of soils or vegetation approved under this Order;
 - Mitigation planting areas constructed under this Order, as applicable.

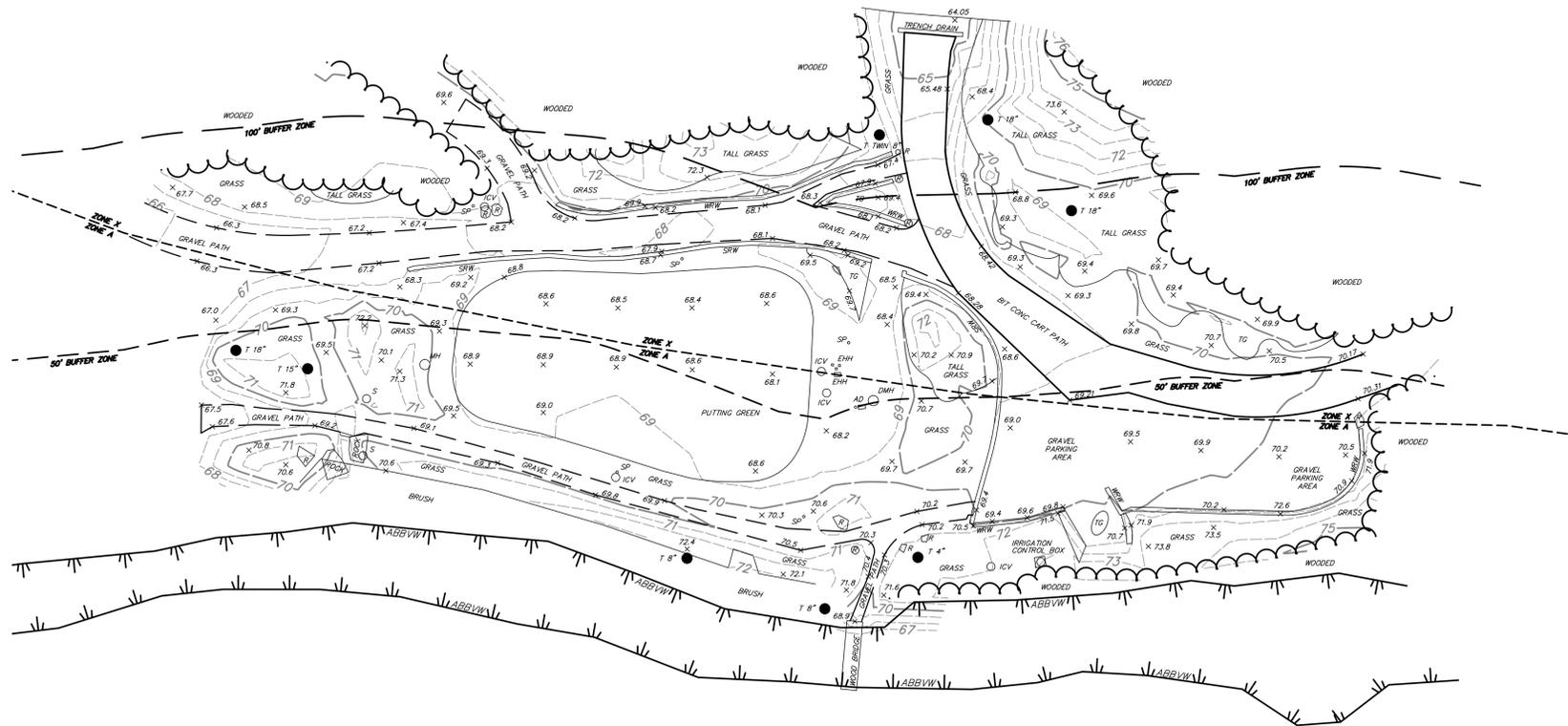
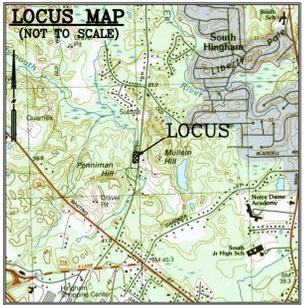
PREPARED FOR:
BOSTON GOLF CLUB
 19 OLD COUNTY ROAD
 HINGHAM, MA 02043

RECORD OWNER:
NEW BOSTON GOLF CLUB
 41642/0265

MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE (NAD83 2011) (EPOCH 2010)

NOTES

- 1) UNDERGROUND UTILITIES ARE NOT SHOWN.
- 2) THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED FROM AN ACTUAL SURVEY MADE ON THE GROUND USING TOTAL STATION METHODS ON AUGUST 23, 2024.
- 3) ALL ELEVATIONS REFER TO THE NORTH AMERICAN VERTICAL DATUM OF 1988 (NAVD88).
- 4) NAD83 HORIZONTAL COORDINATE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY GPS-VRS METHODS, NAD_83(2011)(EPOCH2010).
- 5) THIS PLAN IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR PROPERTY LINE PURPOSES.
- 6) THE PARCEL SHOWN IS PARTLY LOCATED IN ZONE A (SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREAS SUBJECT TO INUNDATION BY THE 1% ANNUAL CHANGE FLOOD; NO BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS DETERMINED), AND IS PARTLY LOCATED IN ZONE X (UNSHADED) (AREAS DETERMINED TO BE OUTSIDE THE 0.2% ANNUAL CHANGE FLOODPLAIN), AS SHOWN ON "FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP, PLYMOUTH COUNTY, MASSACHUSETTS (ALL JURISDICTIONS) PANEL 84 OF 650", MAP NUMBER 25023C0084K, EFFECTIVE DATE JULY 3, 2024.
- 7) EASEMENTS OF RECORD ARE NOT SHOWN.



LEGEND

	DRAIN LINE/MANHOLE SIGN
	HAND HOLE
	TREE
	TREE LINE
	STONE WALL
	MINOR CONTOUR
	MAJOR CONTOUR
	APPROXIMATE BOUNDARY OF BORDERING VEGETATED WETLAND
	100-YEAR FLOOD ELEVATION
	100' BUFFER ZONE
	50' BUFFER ZONE
	SPOT ELEVATION
	AREA DRAIN
	BITUMINOUS CONCRETE
	EDGE OF PAVEMENT
	ROCK
	SPRINKLER HEAD
	STONE RETAINING WALL
	TALL GRASS
	WOOD RETAINING WALL
	DISTANCE (BY RECORD)
	DISTANCE (BY SURVEY)
	ASSESSOR ID MAP/LOT

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0	09/12/2024	INITIAL ISSUE
	ISSUE DATE	DESCRIPTION
	SDR	KCC
	FLD	CHK'D



MASS DEP FILE #
034-1268
AS-BUILT PLAN

BOSTON GOLF CLUB
PUTTING GREEN
HINGHAM, MA
 (PLYMOUTH COUNTY)

PREPARED BY:
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DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 METERS
 0 5 10 15 20 30 40 50 60 FEET
 SCALE: 1"=20'

B+T JOB NO. 3154.02
 B+T PLAN NO. 315402P011A-001
 SHEET No. 1 OF 1

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