



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Resources - Wetlands

WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

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

Municipality _____

A. General Information

Important:

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



1. Applicant:

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

2. Property Owner (if different from Applicant):

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address (if known) _____

3. Representative (if any)

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address (if known) _____

B. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

Street Address _____ City/Town _____

Latitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. XX.XXXXX) _____ Longitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. -XX.XXXXX) _____

Assessors' Map Number _____ Assessors' Lot/Parcel Number _____

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): (use additional paper if necessary)

Title _____ Date _____

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[How to find Latitude and Longitude](#)

[and how to convert to decimal degrees](#)



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B. Project Description (cont.)

2. a. Activity/Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of Activity, if necessary):

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal project
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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C. Determinations

1. I request the _____ make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above are accurately delineated.
- c. whether the **Activities** depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations.
- d. whether the area and/or Activities depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands' ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Name of Municipality

- e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for Activities in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).
- _____

D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Jonny Beale

Signature of Applicant

Date

Kristy Powers

Signature of Representative (if any)

11/5/2025

Date

Jonathan and Emily Beale

4 Accord Lane

Hingham, MA 02043

339-236-0637

bealejj@gmail.com

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Narrative

We are proposing a deck expansion project at our home, 4 Accord Lane, Hingham, MA 02043. The proposed activity will be an expansion of an existing deck which will be attached to the back of the garage, on the side of the backyard between the garage and the pool. The existing deck has a stairwell that we propose to be moved 5 feet further from the pool side of the backyard. The proposed dimensions and building activity includes:

Composite decking

3 footings with 6 x 6 posts and 10 inch sonotubes

A 2 x 10 triple beam to support under the deck

(11) 4x4 posts on the deck with cable rails

8' x 10' deck connecting to a 10' x 25' deck

Regarding the redirection of water (when it rains), we plan to use the same system that currently exists with the downspout system attached to the existing garage structure. Additionally, the drainage system that was put into place in 1986 when the pool was built will stay in place to assist with drainage. That drain starts at the bottom of the existing stairs, at the bottom of the existing deck, and drains (underground) to the north side of the house, toward Whiting St. We are open to suggestions for directing water away from the house.



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02043



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Southeast Regional Office
20 Riverside Dr.
Lakeville, MA 02347



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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) two weeks prior to the meeting date, on Monday by noon, to facilitate the placement of the legal ad and to allow timely review by the Conservation Officer (if the office is closed on Monday due to a holiday, then the information is due on the preceding Friday by noon). 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 a minimum of 7 days prior to the meeting date, on Monday by noon. If the office is closed on Monday due to a holiday, the information is due on the preceding Friday by noon. *Revisions submitted after the established deadline may not receive a 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

11/5/2025
Date



TOWN OF HINGHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

VOLUNTARY 21 DAY WAIVER
(Public Hearing or Meeting)

As set forth under the MA Wetlands Protection Act Regulations, 310 CMR 10.05(5), and the Town of Hingham Wetland Regulations, Section 7.6, the Conservation Commission is required to hold a public hearing or public meeting within 21 days of receipt of the minimum submittal requirements for a Notice of Intent, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, or Request for Determination for Applicability.

Due to the Commission's established meeting schedule, the Conservation Commission is unable meet the statutory deadline for holding a meeting or hearing and hereby requests the applicant waive the aforementioned 21 day requirement. This is a voluntary option and if you choose to waive this deadline, your application will still be heard and decided upon in a timely manner.

The undersigned hereby waives the 21 day time period for the Commission to hold a public hearing or meeting and agrees to a hearing date no later than December 12, 2025 (date) for the following application:
4 Accord Lane, Hingham, MA 02043 (address).


Applicant Signature

Jonathan Beale
Print

11/5/2025
Date



TOWN OF HINGHAM
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERMISSION FOR SITE ACCESS

Project location: 4 Accord Lane, Hingham, MA 02043

I hereby grant permission to the individual members of the Hingham Conservation Commission and its staff to enter upon the property at reasonable times for the purpose of gathering information, measurements, photographs, observations, and other information necessary to evaluate the application and compliance with any subsequently issued Determination of Applicability or Order of Conditions.


Owner Signature

Jonathan Beale
Print

11/5/2025
Date