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Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
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Subject: Robinson Woods Boardwalk RPP

Dear Maureen:

We have received and reviewed a submission package dated August 3, 2015 for the subject project. The package included a July 28, 2015 cover letter addressed to the Planning Board Members from Christopher Franklin of Cape Elizabeth Land Trust, along with supporting documentation and a site plan and topographic maps of the entire project area. We are familiar with the site through a past review of this project and based on our review of submitted material and the project's conformance to the technical requirements of Section 19-8-3, Resource Protection Permit Completeness and Public Hearing, we offer the following comments:

1. The applicant is proposing to install up to 250 linear feet of elevated walkway within an RP1 setback, and 60-feet of fencing along two vernal pool locations to protect the environmentally sensitive area from primarily dogs entering the pools.
2. We understand that the Board will be conducting a completeness review for this project at their upcoming meeting. In our opinion, the submitted materials represent a completed package and the remainder of our comments presented here are to facilitate future reviews of the project. It should be noted that additional submitted information may result in additional review comments.
3. The applicant is requesting waivers for the following items:
 - a. Formally mapping the wetland vegetation.
 - b. A detailed soils analysis of each of the impact areas.
 - c. A stormwater runoff plan.
 - d. Showing areas of proposed draining, filling, grading and vegetation removal.

Due to the detailed information submitted by the applicant and the relatively small scale of the proposed improvements, we are in support of the waivers listed above.

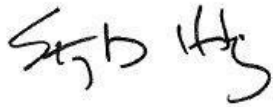
4. Although not specifically an engineering related comment, the Land Trust may want to consider placing signage near the proposed fencing or provide educational pamphlet material to ensure users of the path, understand that the vernal pools are environmentally sensitive areas and the need to protect these important resources from impacts. In past instances, we have seen that

additional information that informs the public allows these physical barriers to be much more effective in limiting unwanted access to sensitive areas.

We trust that these comments will assist the Board during their deliberations on this project. Should there be any questions or comments regarding our review, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Sebago Technics, Inc.

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Stephen D. Harding, P.E.
Town Engineer

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cc: Caitlyn Abbott, Sebago Technics