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Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
Town of Cape Elizabeth
320 Ocean House Road
P.O. Box 6260
Cape Elizabeth, Maine 04107

SUBJECT: Winnick Woods Connection Trail Resource Protection Permit Review

Dear Maureen:

We have received and reviewed a submission package dated April 3, 2015 for the subject project. The package included an April 3, 2015 cover letter addressed to Planning Board Chair Peter Curry from Town Manager Michael McGovern along with supporting documentation which consisted of a January 23, 2015 Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Permit application as prepared by AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc. and a detail exhibit of the proposed boardwalk construction. Based on our review of submitted material and the project's conformance to the technical requirements of Section 19-8-3, Resource Protection Regulations Completeness of the Zoning Ordinance, we offer the following comments:

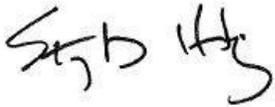
1. The Town of Cape Elizabeth as the applicant is proposing through its Conservation Commission to construct a trail/boardwalk in an RP1, RP 1 buffer and RP2 wetland at its 71-acre Winnock Woods property off Sawyer Road. As stated in the Resource Protection Permit project narrative, no more than 2,700 square feet of wetland will be impacted under the proposed improvements.
2. We understand that the Planning Board will be conducting a completeness review of the submitted package at its upcoming meeting. In our opinion, the application package is complete and the following comments are included to support that observation and add clarification.
3. The applicant is requesting waivers of the requirements for supplying 1-foot contours and submission of a formal Stormwater Plan. Due to the minimal impact to existing surface conditions and the linear nature of the project, we support these waiver requests. We believe that the stormwater and erosion/sediment control aspects of the project area will actually be enhanced by the creation of a defined and stable walkway. Given that the existing area is now being used informally and impacts are currently being generated by uncontrolled foot traffic which would actually increase if the situation was not improved, the presence of a defined and stable trail/boardwalk will eliminate these current and future unintended adverse impacts created by the casual use of the area.

4. It should be noted that the DEP approval was received to be sure that State environmental protection regulations were followed and that this process was undertaken in concert with the DEP's field staff who visited the site twice prior to the submittal and approval of the Permit-by-Rule application.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SDH" followed by a stylized flourish.

Stephen D. Harding, P.E.
Town Engineer

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cc: Caitlyn Abbott, Sebago Technics, Inc.