



Town of Brookline

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Jesse Geller, Chairman Zoning Board of Appeals
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Dear Chairman Geller and members of the Board of Appeals:

I am writing on behalf of the Conservation Commission to relay comments and feedback from the Commission based on the plans which were included in the latest application package from Chestnut Hill Realty to MassDevelopment regarding Puddingstone at Chestnut Hill, a 226-unit Chapter 40B development on a portion of Hancock Village between Gerry and Sherman Roads.

Although schematic in nature and devoid of any information regarding any infrastructure associated with new development the general footprint and location of the new construction does raise some concerns for the Commission. The Commission is concerned that the extensive blasting required as a component of this construction may have an adverse impact on wildlife residing in the adjacent Conservation Sanctuary. The Commission requests further communication with respects to the intensity and duration of blasting and further technical review of any impacts said blasting may have on the adjacent Sanctuary.

Currently there is a large culvert which collects runoff from area streets and discharges this runoff into the stream within D. Blakely Hoar Sanctuary. This outlet has been the site of intermittent discharges of foreign material, i.e. petroleum or detergent, for at least the past ten years. Before additional flow is directed to this outlet, a permanent solution must be implemented which would address these discharges before they enter the Sanctuary.

The project must comply with the Massachusetts Stormwater Performance Standards, as prescribed by state regulations promulgated under the authority of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, MGL Ch. 21, ss 26-53 and the Wetlands Protection Act, Ch. 131, s. 40, and by reference the final Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for the upper Charles River Watershed (i.e., 65% reduction of phosphorus, and compliance with bacteria standards). Compliance with the TMDL was not mentioned or addressed under the Massachusetts Stormwater Performance Standard 4. The project must also comply with all requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP), and all relevant regulations promulgated under the federal Clean Water Act. Compliance under the NPDES CGP also requires compliance with any approved TMDLs. It is not clear from the information that has been provided that the project will comply with these requirements.

Sincerely,

Marcus Quigley, Chair