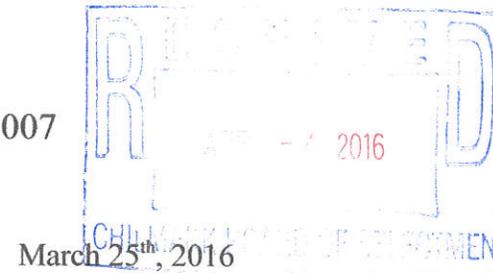


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March 25th, 2016

Secretary Matthew A. Beaton
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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Re: Mill Brook Headwaters Restoration Project
Old Farm Road, Chilmark, Massachusetts

Dear Secretary Beaton and Applicable Regulatory Agencies,

Further to my letter of March 15th, 2016, I continue to stand by my contention that the ENF filed with your office, on February 29th, 2016 for the above project, is based upon unfounded assertions and “junk science”.

I am therefore asking that a thorough EIR be prepared, and that data be collected and recorded as follows:

1. That actual (not estimated) volume of flow from the existing culverts under Old Farm Road be measured for as least a 12 months period, to determine average, low and peak flow levels,
2. That the level, temperature, depth, water quality and rate of flow in Mill Brook, within 150' downstream of the project site, be measured and recorded for at least a 12 month period,
3. That the sources of feed water to what now is the “Roth Woodlands Marsh” be identified, and mapped. The notion that Mill Brook extends into and through this marsh, is pure BUNK. There are at least three, and likely more, SEASONAL streams of minimal size feeding the marsh. They usually go dry part of every year. **There is no one single stream.**
4. That the depth, rate of flow, temperature and seasonality of these “feeder streams” be documented,
5. That you require serious data based (not just computer modeling) research be done on flood control measures to be employed, to protect the area immediately downstream of the project site. If water from Roth Woodlands Marsh is released too quickly during and following a severe storm, the area surrounding PWS # 4062007 (Mill Brook Springs) will become flooded. This will cause inundation of the well with surface water. Should that happen, there will likely be litigation.

6. That a competent hydrogeologist be employed to obtain actual data, as necessary, to predict how this project may affect the water table depth, and other hydrogeologic conditions of the region within 1,000', in all directions, of the project site. There may or may not be rare or endangered species actually at the project site, but they certainly are nearby. If the ecology of the property immediately downstream of the project site becomes altered in any way, there will likely be litigation.
7. That a comprehensive list be prepared of plants, animals, birds, reptiles, fish, amphibians turtles, frogs, insects and other organisms that may be resident in the Roth Woodlands Marsh, as well as those that may be resident and/or frequent visitors to the surrounding wetlands environment,
8. That data be collected on all of the shallow wells within 1,000 feet of the project site, to determine what impacts this project may have on those wells,
9. That the data requested in paragraph 7. above be used to demonstrate which species will disappear when the marsh dries up, which species will no longer survive in an altered environment, which species will "move off" because their habitat will have changed, which specific species this project will benefit, and how they will benefit,
10. That facts be documented to prove the proponents contention that this project will result in "habitat improvement". Most people who know the area will dispute this claim. They feel that there would be enormous losses and few, if any, gains from this project. Factual data is needed to prove who is right. It is easy to make bold assertions, but much more difficult to substantiate them.

Again I implore you, given the above, and realizing that far more than merely a "stream restoration project" is involved, won't you **please demand that a reliable and thorough EIR** be prepared to expose ALL the positive AND NEGATIVE impacts that this project may have on this precious area? If this does not happen, there could be a lot of negative publicity in the press and elsewhere. It will be much better to obtain reliable facts, and then to engage in unemotional, constructive dialog to sort the pro's and con's out.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,



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