

Marina Lent

From: Charles Parker [charles.f.parker@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 11, 2014 8:12 AM
To: Jim Malkin; Marina Lent
Cc: Wendy Jeffers; Tony Orphanos; Doug Liman
Subject: Request to NHESP

Members of the Squibnocket Committee,

As requested, attached is a copy of the e-mail correspondence with the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program to cancel our request.

I didn't think it was the time or place on Tuesday to try to discuss this request with the Committee. However, I do want to take some time now clarify the nature of the request and why we sent it. First, this is a simple request for information. It does not trigger reviews of any plans, nor does it kick-off any field work by the Commonwealth. It is simply a request for existing public data on the protected species that may be in that area. Submitting requests like these by groups like ours is very common.

Second, we are not asking for a review of any existing plans or proposals. We provided material in the public record (parking lots, bridge plans, and dune ridge) because it indicates that planning and/or discussions are under way. They will not provide a listing of protected species without some indication that planning activity is underway.

Last and perhaps most important, we made this request because we were told on several occasions that we did not have a complete proposal that could be permitted. As it is the burden of the one who is developing the proposal to prove that the proposed activity (dune, road, parking lot, bridge, etc) isn't harming any of the protected species that may be in the area, having these data are critical to the development of any plan. (We developed a planning and engineering process that follows all of the steps and best practices to develop a 'permissible' application that *could* be approved by the various regulatory groups.)

We are certainly fine with an application to NHESP that comes from the Committee or from some other organization in the Town but we wanted you know that this information is needed at the start of a wetlands planning process (it takes 30 days for the Commonwealth to respond to these NHESP requests).

I hope this helps to explain the situation.

Thank you,

Charlie Parker
Friends of Squibnocket

From: Brian Madden
Sent: Tuesday, July 08, 2014 3:02 PM
To: Glorioso, Lauren (FWE) (lauren.glorioso@state.ma.us)
Cc: Stanley Humphries
Subject: Squibnocket Road and Beach, Chilmark

Hi Lauren,

7/15/2014

LEC respectfully requests to withdraw the MESA Information Request filed on June 27th.

Our taxpayer ID # is _____

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,

Brian

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