



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Resources - Wetlands

WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability Amesbury

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Municipality

A. General Information

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



1. Applicant:
 Shay Elementary Educators
 First Name
 193 R Lions Mouth Road
 Address
 Amesbury
 City/Town
 978-388-3659
 Phone Number
 Reese, Tanzella, Hawryciw, Sullivan, Tingle
 Last Name
 MA
 State
 01913
 Zip Code
 rebecca.reese@amesburyma.org
 Email Address
2. Property Owner (if different from Applicant):
 City of Amesbury
 First Name
 62 Friend Street
 Address
 Amesbury
 City/Town
 978-388-8100
 Phone Number
 Last Name
 MA
 State
 01913
 Zip Code
 Email Address (if known)
3. Representative (if any)
 Rebecca
 First Name
 Shay Elementary
 Company Name
 193 R Lions Mouth Road
 Address
 Amesbury
 City/Town
 978-388-3659
 Phone Number
 Reese
 Last Name
 MA
 State
 01913
 Zip Code
 rebecca.reese@amesburyma.org
 Email Address (if known)

B. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):
 193 R Lions Mouth Road
 Street Address
 42.85839
 Latitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. XX.XXXXX)
 Map 50
 Assessors' Map Number
 Amesbury
 City/Town
 -70.95018
 Longitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. -XX.XXXXX)
 Lot 6
 Assessors' Lot/Parcel Number
- b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):
 The site is a grassy lawn with a slight slope. See attachments (below).
- c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): (use additional paper if necessary)
 Original Grading Plan - Shay Elementary School
 Title
 Existing Path Photographs
 Title
 3/10/2021
 Date
 10/18/2023
 Date

How to find Latitude and Longitude

and how to convert to decimal degrees



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B. Project Description (cont.)

2. a. Activity/Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of Activity, if necessary):

The teachers at Shay Elementary would like to submit this proposal for the development of a bridge between the Shay Memorial Lower Elementary School and the adjacent fields of Woodsom Farm. The site currently has a pathway, but our intent is to improve it through the installation of a universally accessible bridge (UAB). As the proposed improved path will connect school property, Shay Elementary School with city property, Woodsom Farm, we are seeking a request for determination of applicability, which will allow us to proceed with our proposed bridge. Our goal is to take what is a rough, pre-existing path and provide a smooth accessible bridge for students to explore the nature area of Woodsom Farm. The design of the UAB will meet the requirements of the Massachusetts Agricultural Access Board (MAAB) regulations (SMR Title 521) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 as amended (42 USC 12101). Trail grading, materials and amenities must be designed to accommodate universal access including wheelchair access and use by those who are visually impaired. Design and construction will meet current MAAB requirements, connecting existing features and accessible routes on site to the extent practical but will not be required to renovate or replace features outside the intended scope.

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

We are a school building abutting the Woodsom Farm location.

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- ☐ Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- ☐ Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- ☐ Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- ☐ New agriculture or aquaculture project
- ☐ Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- ☐ Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- ☐ Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- ☐ Municipal project
- ☐ District, county, state, or federal government project
- ☐ Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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C. Determinations

1. I request the Amesbury Conservation Commission make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:

- ☒ a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- ☒ b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above are accurately delineated.
- ☒ c. whether the **Activities** depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations.
- ☒ d. whether the area and/or Activities depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands' ordinance or bylaw** of:

Amesbury

Name of Municipality

- ☐ e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for Activities in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).

D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Rebecca M. Reese

Signature of Applicant

2/12/24

Date

for Shay Elementary Educators

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date