



TOWN OF ARLINGTON

MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

May 10, 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Arlington
730 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

**RE: 1165R Mass Ave – Application for Comprehensive Permit
Second Set of Comments from Conservation Commission**

Dear Chairman Klein and Members of the Board:

The Arlington Conservation Commission (ACC) provides this second set of comments to the ZBA to consider the wetlands and stormwater components of the 1165R Mass Ave Comprehensive Permit Application. The Conservation Commission is providing this comment letter to assist the ZBA as it moves forward with its review of the permit application, including under the Town of Arlington Wetlands Protection Bylaw (the Bylaw) and local Wetlands Regulations.

At its May 6, 2021 meeting, the Conservation Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the ZBA that the Board approve the Bylaw / local Wetlands Regulations waiver requested by the Applicant for 1165R Mass Ave (Mirak 40B) for Ryder Brook, as described in their proposed plan. The Conservation Commission recommends that the ZBA issue this waiver because the proposal to move this feature, overall, improves resource area values, enhances flood control, and provides for stormwater damage protection on the property.

We hope the ZBA finds the above recommendation helpful in our common goal to protect the Wetland Resource Areas on this site while acknowledging the current site conditions. Please contact us should you have questions.

Very truly yours,

Susan

Susan Chapnick, Chair
Arlington Conservation Commission