



Buzzards Bay Project
National Estuary Program

Eric McLaughlin
Chairman, Falmouth Conservation Commission
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Falmouth, MA 02540

August 23, 2004

RE: meeting with DPW for Gifford Street roadwork

Mr. McLaughlin:

On Thursday August 19, I met with the Bill Owen, Director of the Falmouth DPW, and Steve Pisch, Assistant Town Engineer regarding the Falmouth Department of Public Works' roadwork on Gifford Street.

At that meeting, I offered the assistance of the Buzzards Bay Project to the DPW in their development of the site plan for the after-the-fact Notice of Intent.

Specifically, I indicated that the Buzzards Bay Project could delineate the wetlands related to the roadwork, namely, the BVW near the road along Sols Pond and the isolated wetland and certified vernal pool at the corner of the DPW property across the street, which also appears to receive stormwater from Gifford Street. This service, provided for free, would save the Town about \$500.

The Buzzards Bay Project could also assist the DPW in the development and review of their stormwater BMPs and design calculations.

However, on Friday, Mr. Pisch called me to say that the DPW would prepare a Notice of Intent, only if the Conservation Commission issued a Positive Determination to our RDA.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Costa, PhD
Executive Director

cc. Falmouth Board of Selectmen
Bill Owen, Falmouth DPW
Steve Pisch, Falmouth Engineering Department

