

Hi Mary Ann,

Thank you for all your hard work - we understand how difficult it is to please everyone especially under current budget constraints but we applaud you for undertaking this monumental task.

The Town of Bristol has a comprehensive wetland ordinance which allows us oversight in addition to that of the DES permitting process and we hope that we can continue to work together to ensure the preservation of our wetlands. We like the idea of having a pre-application process for some projects, we always recommend our applicants meet with both the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board prior to project planning and we hope that you can advise all applicants to do this with their local town boards.

Our main areas of concern are as follows:

1. We would prefer not to be removed from the PBN process but understand the need to simplify work flow, however, we would appreciate that DES require the Town Clerk to sign all applications and that this is checked as part of your permitting process.
2. We are concerned going forward abutters will not be notified of PBN projects. We are hoping that together we can find a solution which allows us to be kept informed so we can provide information locally.
3. We would prefer that the following projects remain as minimum impact projects to allow us a complete review:
 - Aquatic Vegetation Removal
 - Bank Stabilization
 - BoardWalk Construction
 - Residential Access
 - Commercial Access
4. Expedited Permits should have a review period of 30 days – 15 days is difficult for boards that meet once a month.

Thank you again,

Sandra Heaney – on behalf of the Town of Bristol Conservation Commission.