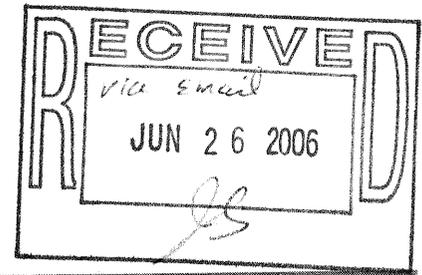


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Re: Review of Supplemental Information and Project Plans (Revised June 8, 2006) prepared by Rizzo Associates, Inc.; Comprehensive Permit (40B) Application for the Belmont Uplands – Belmont, MA

Dear Steve:

As previously discussed, project-related materials provided by Epsilon Associates, Inc. (Epsilon) prior to the May 31st public hearing with the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) indicated that revised plans were to be provided to the ZBA under separate cover by Rizzo Associates, Inc. (RAI). Accordingly, to confirm my understanding of the proposed plan revisions vis-à-vis the State wetland regulations, I requested the opportunity to review the revised drawings upon their availability. This letter summarizes my review of these revised plans, as well as the accompanying supplemental information provided by RAI relative to the *Comprehensive Permit (40B) Application for the Belmont Uplands*, filed with the ZBA by AP Cambridge Partners (a/k/a O'Neil Properties).

Based on my review of the above-referenced materials, certain site plan features and assumptions regarding site conditions and have been added or modified. Such assumptions/features primarily include the reduction in the 100-year flood elevation from 9.8 feet to 8.0 feet NGVD (based on information provided by FEMA), the addition of an emergency access drive, and the replacement of aboveground detention basins with infiltration chambers and underground basins. Presumably due to the revised floodplain elevation, the flood storage volumes have been revised, the northernmost flood storage compensation area has been deleted, modifications have been made to the layout/design of the southernmost flood storage compensation area, and a portion of the new emergency access drive also has been designed to function as a compensatory flood storage area.

Consistent with the MA Wetlands Protection Act regulations (310 CMR 10.00 et. seq.), the revised compensatory flood storage volumes have been provided on a foot-for-foot elevation basis. Overall, the 19,741 cubic feet of flood storage to be affected by the development is proposed to be replaced with 30,608 cubic feet of flood storage at two locations.

As stated in my letter of 31 May 2006, the Supplemental Information and Responses previously provided by Epsilon addressed my concerns/recommendations regarding the project and its compliance with the State wetland regulations. In as much as the information and plans recently submitted by RAI continue to support the project's compliance with these regulations, I have no further comment regarding the subject *Application*.

Sincerely,

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