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**Re: Review of 'Supplemental Information and Responses to Environmental Questions' prepared by Epsilon Associates, Inc. (Epsilon; May 24, 2006); Comprehensive Permit (40B) Application for the Belmont Uplands – Belmont, MA**

Dear Steve:

This letter summarizes my review of the above-referenced materials relative to the *Comprehensive Permit (40B) Application for the Belmont Uplands*, filed with the Belmont Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) by AP Cambridge Partners (a/k/a O'Neil Properties).

My initial letter regarding the subject *Application*, dated 24 April 2006, focused on the compliance of the proposed project with the requirements and performance standards set forth in the State wetland regulations. Specific recommendations were noted with respect to the following wetland resources:

- Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW);
- Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF); and
- Riverfront Area (RFA).

Comments regarding potential vernal pools on and proximate to the site, and wildlife/wildlife habitat also were provided.

In summary, the Supplemental Information and Responses provided by Epsilon satisfactorily addresses my comments/recommendations regarding the project and its compliance with the State wetland regulations. Accordingly, I have no further comment regarding the subject *Application*. It should be noted, however, that the Epsilon letter makes several references to revised plans to be provided to the ZBA under separate cover by Rizzo Associates, Inc. If not done so already, it is recommended that the Applicant file these plans with the ZBA immediately upon their completion. To confirm my understanding of the proposed plan revisions vis-à-vis the State wetland regulations, I also would appreciate the opportunity to review the revised drawings upon their availability.

Please contact me with any questions/comments regarding this review.

Sincerely,

**Wetlands & Wildlife, Inc.**

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Principal