PUBLIC NOTICE

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Division of Wetlands and Water ways Boston Region One Winter Street Boston, MA 02108

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 M.G.L. c. 21 S 43, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for the replacement of the Vinton Pond Road (Bridge No. T-07-011) over Pearl Hill Brook in Townsend, MA by the Massachusetts Highway Department, Ten Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116. The project includes the replacement of the existing single span bridge with a new structure in the same general location. The installation of coffer dams and dewatering will be required when replacing the existing abutments and installing riprap. The project also includes reconstructing the bridge approaches and minor realignment of the approaches in order to improve safety. Straw bales and silt fencing and dewatering basins will be used during construction to avoid and minimize impacts to adjacent resource areas. Additional information may be obtained from the Massachusetts Highway Department by contacting Lori Macdonald at 617-973-7764. Written comments should be sent to DEP, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, Attn. Derek Standish, One Winter Street, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02108 within 21 days of this notice. Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment that submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.

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