

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
 Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
 Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Office

Environmental Notification Form

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EEA#: 15776

MEPA Analyst: PAIGE CZEPIGA

The information requested on this form must be completed in order to submit a document electronically for review under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: New Salem West Street		
Street Address: West Street, New Salem Massachusetts		
Municipality: Franklin County	Watershed: Quabbin	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: Zone 18	Latitude: 42 degrees 24' 51.82 N	Longitude: 72 degrees 18' 37.93 W
Estimated commencement date:	Estimated completion date:	
Project Type: Property Transfer	Status of project design: %complete	
Proponent: David and Karyn Briand		
Street Address: 27 Lovers Lane, New Salem, MA. 01355		
Municipality:	State: MA	Zip Code: 01355
Name of Contact Person: David Briand		
Firm/Agency:	Street Address:	
Municipality:	State:	Zip Code:
Phone: 508-887-3720	Fax:	E-mail: dgbriand@aol.com

Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
 Yes No

If this is an Expanded Environmental Notification Form (ENF) (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) or a Notice of Project Change (NPC), are you requesting:

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8))	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

(Note: Greenhouse Gas Emissions analysis must be included in the Expanded ENF.)

Which MEPA review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03)?
This project meets the following two MEPA thresholds:
 301 CMR 11.03 (1)(b)(3)- conversion of land held for natural resources purposes in accordance with Article 97 of the Amendments to the Constitution of the commonwealth to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97, and
 301 CMR 11.03 (1)(b)(5) release of an interest in land held for conservation, preservation or agricultural or watershed preservation purposes.

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Which State Agency Permits will the project require? *The project does not appear to require any State Agency Permits.*

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an Agency of the Commonwealth, including the Agency name and the amount of funding or land area in acres: *The project requires a land transfer of 0.43 acres from the Commonwealth of MA that is under the control of the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR).*

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total
LAND			
Total site acreage	0.43 acres		
New acres of land altered			
Acres of impervious area	N/A		
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		N/A	
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		N/A	
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		N/A	
STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	Approx. 1,200		
Number of housing units	None		
Maximum height (feet)	Approximately 10 feet		
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	N/A		
Parking spaces	N/A		

WASTEWATER

Water Use (Gallons per day)	N/A		
Water withdrawal (GPD)	N/A		
Wastewater generation/treatment (GPD)	N/A		
Length of water mains (miles)	N/A		
Length of sewer mains (miles)	N/A		

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EEA # _____) No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EEA # _____) No

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION – all proponents must fill out this section

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Describe the existing conditions and land uses on the project site:

Abandoned building on 0.43 acres

Describe the proposed project and its programmatic and physical elements:

Stabilize building and add it 0.43 acres to family land.

This transaction between the state of Massachusetts and David and Karyn Briand was approved by the House and The Senate and was signed by Governor Baker, it is known as New Salem Land Transfer Chapter 238 of The Acts of 2016. The state land is 0.43 acres, on it sits an abandoned concrete block building approximately 1200 square feet. It is in a state of deterioration due to lack of maintenance. There is no electricity or plumbing on site. Our family owns 32 acres of land which surround this building (please see attached map). Our land is currently in Chapter 61 which prohibits development of our land- it is designated as a managed forest resource. The proposed transfer of this building would enable our family to stabilize and prevent ongoing vandalism to the current structure (graffiti and beer bottles currently litter this site). No negative environmental impact is expected or foreseen in this transaction as our family goal is to clean debris and negate vandalism and criminal activity to the deteriorating building and its 0.43 acre lot. Attached are several pictures of the building, a copy of the New Salem Land Transfer Chapter 238, and a copy of the survey showing our family land and the 0.43 acre lot within it.

NOTE: The project description should summarize both the project's direct and indirect impacts (including construction period impacts) in terms of their magnitude, geographic extent, duration and frequency, and reversibility, as applicable. It should also discuss the infrastructure requirements of the project and the capacity of the municipal and/or regional infrastructure to sustain these requirements into the future.

Describe the on-site project alternatives (and alternative off-site locations, if applicable), considered by the proponent, including at least one feasible alternative that is allowed under current zoning, and the reasons(s) that they were not selected as the preferred alternative:

No alternative possible. Our family owns 32 acres surrounding the state owned abandoned building on 0.43 acre site.

NOTE: The purpose of the alternatives analysis is to consider what effect changing the parameters and/or siting of a project, or components thereof, will have on the environment, keeping in mind that the objective of the MEPA review process is to avoid or minimize damage to the environment to the greatest extent feasible. Examples of alternative projects include alternative site locations, alternative site uses, and alternative site configurations.

Summarize the mitigation measures proposed to offset the impacts of the preferred alternative:

If the project is proposed to be constructed in phases, please describe each phase:

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN:

Is the project within or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____)
 No

If yes, does the ACEC have an approved Resource Management Plan? ___ Yes ___ No;
If yes, describe how the project complies with this plan.