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Subject: Public Comment for 97 & 99 Mill Rd Site Application
Attachments: Beaver Brook Trout Fishing Area.pptx

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Maren/Cooper – I just saw that this subject was on the docket for tonight. I will be there if there is a public comment period.

I presented the attached brief to Light and Water Commissioners last week and they were cool to the subject of allowing public fishing access along Beaver Brook at that site.

1. Request the planning board suggest this Trout Fishing Area would be a reasonable consideration for any special zoning permits they are requesting.
2. I have a copy of the last Mill Pond Dam safety inspection and the inspectors missed that at least two bolts have rusted off the sluiceway gate that holds back Mill Pond . (See last Slide) Despite missing that finding, the inspectors recommended upgrading the Dam Hazard classification from low to medium due to its proximity to Rt 495. I would suggest if electrical equipment is going into 97&99 Mill Road that the town request a hazard classification of "High" which would require the state to have an emergency action plan and an O&M manual and more frequent inspections..... and of course replace the sluiceway gate.

Thanks -Gerry Cavallo

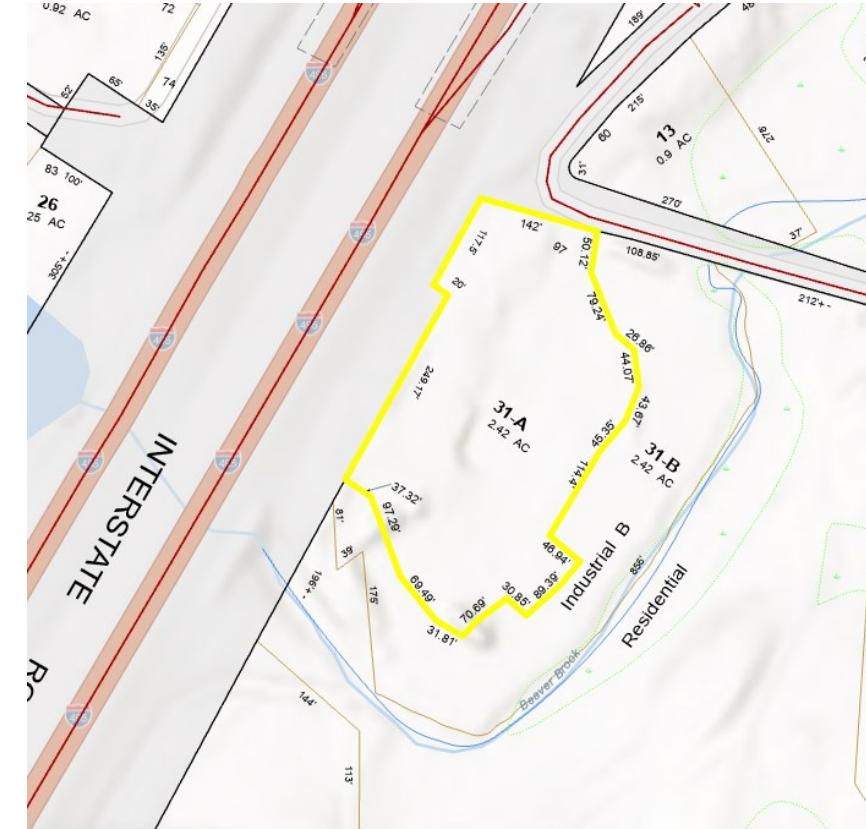
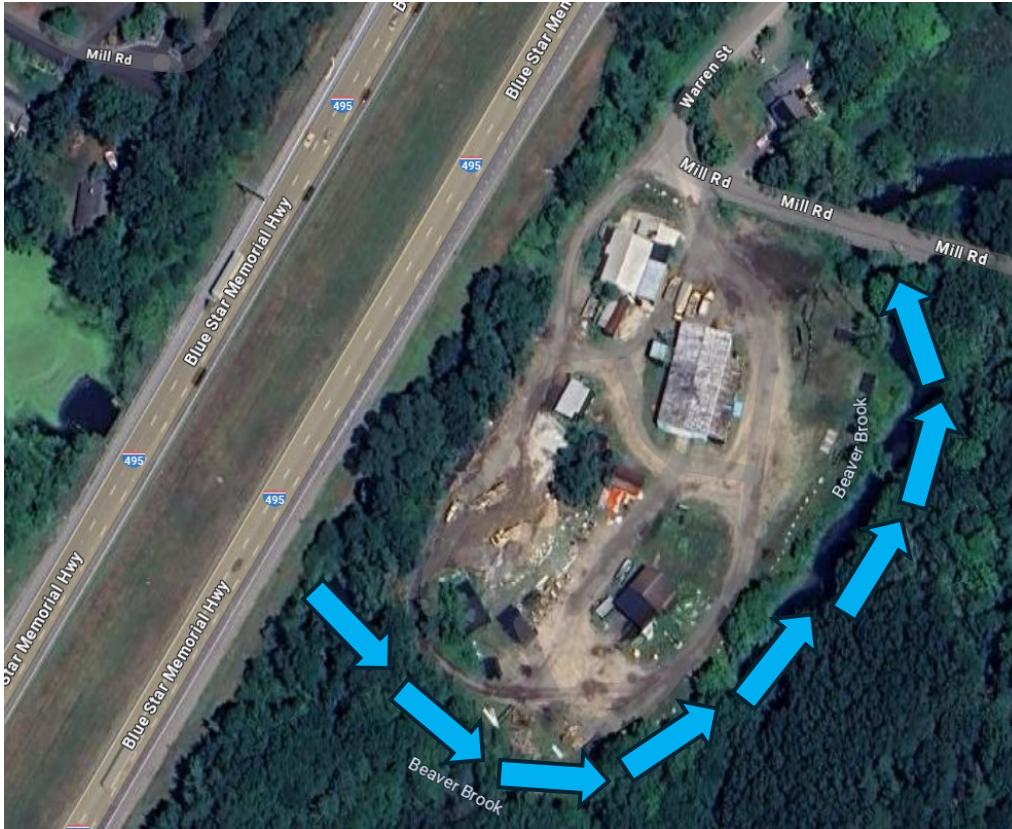
Mentioned "attached brief" below:

Beaver Brook Trout Fishing Area



Objective

- Create a trout fishing area at 97 Mill Rd (Parlee Property) Lot 31B that achieves the MA Fisheries preferences for trout stocking



MA Fisheries Preferences for Trout Stocking

- Parking Signs for Fishing Access
- Access to Brook
 - Remove trash and equipment remaining from mill operation
 - Cut invasive species, specifically oriental bittersweet and other vegetation the blocks access to brook and inhibits fishing activity
- Adequate Trout Habitat
 - Water Quality – Improve year-round water flow and lower temps
 - Stabilize Stream bank to reduce silt
 - Add logs, branches, and other large woody debris to the stream to create pools, riffles, and cover for trout.

Other Benefits

- Safety – Alternative to fishing of the state highway bridges (King Street and Rt 119)
- Watershed Education – Provide alternate view of the Beaver Brook watershed vs Harwood Ave and Rt 119 crossings.
- Enhances Image of Littleton Water Quality – Trout are known to only live in high quality water habitat.

Next Steps

- Joint Assessment between volunteers and LELWD on cleanup and bank stabilization improvements for 97 Mill Road Lot 31B.
- LELWD provide 3 signs for “Beaver Brook Trout Fishing Area Parking” and a bicycle rack.
- Volunteer committee will work with Littleton Conservation agent to document project parking improvements, access to stream and habitat improvements.
- Volunteer committee will implement CONSCOM approved plan
- Notify MA state fisheries of improvements and request Beaver Brook trout stocking be focused on The Beaver Brook Trout Fishing Area.

Back up



2023 Inspection

Recommended Hazard Classification of 2 vs current 3

Requires Emergency Action Plan and O&M Manual

Inspector stated unable to observe sluice gate due to debris and sediment