

## Debra Shettlesworth

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**Subject:** FW: Comments to the proposed Shighlemill project

**From:** Bob Galvin Jr. <rwgalvin@galvin-legal.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 8:01 PM  
**To:** Mary Parsons <maryaparsons@verizon.net>; Zoning Rockland <Zoning@rockland-ma.gov>  
**Cc:** Debra Shettlesworth <DShettlesworth@rockland-ma.gov>; Robert Galvin <rwgalvin@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Re: Comments to the proposed Shighlemill project

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Thank you for your letter Ms. Parsons. The ZBA will have this letter for their hearing and for their deliberations. Bob Galvin

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**From:** Mary Parsons <maryaparsons@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 5, 2023 7:28:56 PM  
**To:** ZBA <Zoning@rockland-ma.gov>  
**Cc:** Debra Shettlesworth <DShettlesworth@rockland-ma.gov>; Robert Galvin esq. <rwgalvin@comcast.net>  
**Subject:** Comments to the proposed Shighlemill project

Hi Ms. Shettlesworth, Robert Galvin, esq.

Please give my comments to the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**I am asking the Zoning Board of Appeals to please deny the permit to build the proposed 40B Shinglemill project due to the fact the project cannot safely discharge stormwater, tie into sewer and water without adverse impacts to our ORW (outstanding Resource Water) the Hannigan Treatment Plant Reservoir on Hingham Street in Rockland, MA. I have attached the MADEP letter from Richard Friend, MADEP Drinking water Program. There are numerous documents and letters written to the ZBA stating the negative environmental impacts to this area.**

The 1st waiver Shinglemill wants is section 407, 5C Wetlands Protection. This 1st waiver talks about the 25' no-disturb and refers to 'The Commission and NOT the ZBA. I take this to mean the Conservation Commission can deny the waiver too.

BOB GALVIN Wetland 'F' Impact memorandum MEMO sent to the Rockland Conservation Commission February 23, 2021. From Lori MacDonald, MS, certified wildlife Biologist sr. Environmental Scientist.

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"After pretreatment of 1", stormwater will be discharged to an underground infiltration system located within the parking lot." Stormwater during high flows will discharge to a lined stormwater wetland where water will be stored in the vegetation and soils and discharge to Wetland F."

These structures and discharges are not permitted in a Zone A. Wetland F is part of the Zone A. Richard Friend states what is prohibited in his letter to me.

Richard Friend and Bruce Bouck are Mass DEP Drinking water program hydrologists/ environmental scientists( I have their exact qualifications) and have physically been to the Shinglemill site 3 times. You can read those letters in the ARJWW letter to the ZBA from Stephen Olsen on the document site. I have been in touch with both from early 2021.

Bruce Bouck credentials are:( Bruce Bouck  
Technical Services Section Chief/Sr. Hydrogeologist  
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Also, I never received answers to these questions This project will use 64,600 cubic feet of fill which equates to almost 2,600 trucks/ truckloads of materials on Hingham St. and other roads in Rockland. A certain Hanover excavation /trucking firm likes to use Pond Street and may do so if hired by the proponent. Why does the footprint of the development need to be elevated 8 – 13 feet? What is the depth to groundwater in the Zone A ORW?

Mary Parsons

Former Rockland Selectman

Former Executive Director ARAWH

MEPA Citizen Advisory Committee member for the Redevelopment of the former NAS south Weymouth 11085R ( 6 ½ yrs.)

read Richard Friend letter/email below to Mary Parsons:

**From:** Friend, Richard (DEP) [<mailto:richard.friend@state.ma.us>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 11:28 AM  
**To:** Mary Parsons; Bouck, Bruce (DEP)  
**Subject:** RE: Rockland Zone A

Dear Ms. Parsons-

MassDEP was contacted by Coneco to review the locations of Zone A protection areas for the Hingham Street reservoir. Zone A is a 200-foot buffer around tributaries to public water system (PWS) reservoirs in Massachusetts. Zone A is determined only by MassDEP, not by the U.S. EPA. Within a Zone A septic systems, stormwater recharge structures, and permitted groundwater discharge structures are prohibited, as are the pipes, tanks, etc. associated with them. A proponent can request a variance from the local board of health to build these structures from 100 to 200 feet from the tributary, but they are never allowed within 100 feet of the tributary.

Zone A tributaries are located using aerial photographs to locate stream channels. Near basin boundaries, such as at the Shingle Mill project property in Rockland, determining channel locations from aerial photographs can sometimes be inaccurate because the channels are small, streams can be intermittent, and tree canopy can obscure hydrologic features. In some cases, what looks like a stream channel on an aerial photo may be a shadow or old roadway. PWSs and property owners can ask for a field visit by MassDEP to confirm if mapped Zone A tributaries are correct, or if adjustments should be made to the location and extent of the tributaries.

In the case of the Shingle Mill property, MassDEP has made three site visits. Municipal officials and/or their representatives were present at the field visits. Based on MassDEP staff observations at the site, there are a few small changes to the locations of the tributaries and to the associated Zone A. Attached is a map prepared by Coneco depicting these changes. The solid red line indicates a previously mapped stream where no channel was observed by MassDEP and therefore will be deleted. The dashed green line represents a channel not previously mapped, and therefore will be added. The remaining mapped Zone A tributaries will remain as they are, as will the associated Zone A areas.

The history and potential contamination at the former Boston Whaler facility was not a part of MassDEP's review of the Zone A.

Thank you for contacting the MassDEP Drinking Water Program. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

-Richard Friend

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