



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Resources - Wetlands

WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Municipality _____

A. General Information

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



1. Applicant:

Robert	Bates	
First Name	Last Name	
PO Box 1090		
Address		
Mattapoissett	MA	02739
City/Town	State	Zip Code
(774) 263-8333	tbates508@gmail.com	
Phone Number	Email Address	

2. Property Owner (if different from Applicant):

_____	_____	
First Name	Last Name	
_____	_____	
Address		
_____	_____	_____
City/Town	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	
Phone Number	Email Address (if known)	

3. Representative (if any)

_____	_____	
First Name	Last Name	
_____	_____	
Company Name		
_____	_____	
Address		
_____	_____	_____
City/Town	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	
Phone Number	Email Address (if known)	

B. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

4 Ruth St	Fairhaven
Street Address	City/Town
41.58364	-70.85577
Latitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. XX.XXXXX)	Longitude (Decimal Degrees Format with 5 digits after decimal e.g. -XX.XXXXX)
43	140-142
Assessors' Map Number	Assessors' Lot/Parcel Number

[How to find Latitude and Longitude](#)

[and how to convert to decimal degrees](#)

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):
Front Lawn

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): (use additional paper if necessary)

Ruth Street Site Plan	1-5-2015
Title	Date
_____	_____
Title	Date



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B. Project Description (cont.)

2. a. Activity/Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of Activity, if necessary):

Replace existing vinyl fence on north side (along Ruth St) with masonry wall.

- b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

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3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal project
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

- b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)



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C. Determinations

1. I request the _____ make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced above are accurately delineated.
- c. whether the **Activities** depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act and its regulations.
- d. whether the area and/or Activities depicted on plan(s) referenced above is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands' ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Fairhaven

Name of Municipality

- e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for Activities in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).
- _____

D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.08(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Signature of Applicant

1/8/2026

Date

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date



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Building



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