
TOWN OF WINCHENDON
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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

109 Front Street
Winchendon, MA 01475



DATE: November 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mathew Marro, Conservation Agent
CC: Nicole Roberts, Land Use & Planning Coordinator
CC: Brian Croteau, Department of Public Works Director
FROM: Patrick Wood, Town Engineer
SUBJECT: Request for Determination of Applicability – North Central Pathway Extension Project

The Engineering Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW) is submitting for your review and filing the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for the proposed work on the North Central Pathway Extension. The RDA has been completed with the attached plan.

The DWP is scheduled for the Conservation Commission hearing on December 14, 2023.

If you have any questions please contact Patrick Wood at 508-210-5549.



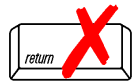
WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

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

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:

Patrick Wood
Name

pwood@winchendon-ma.gov
E-Mail Address

109 Front St
Mailing Address

Winchendon
City/Town

MA
State

01473
Zip Code

978-297-5402
Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

2. Representative (if any):

Firm

Contact Name

E-Mail Address

Mailing Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Phone Number

Fax Number (if applicable)

B. Determinations

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

- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below 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 below are accurately delineated.
- c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance** or **bylaw** of:

Town of Winchendon
Name of Municipality
- e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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C. Project Description

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

North Central Pathway Extension	Winchendon
Street Address	City/Town
5A3	185
Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number

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

The work will take place along the existing pathway from cleared area off of Maple St. to the parcel frontage on Jackson Ave. The area is currently described as primarily wooded, with a defined cleared pathway of varying widths and no dwellings. The path extends from Maple St to Jackson Ave, approximately 1100 feet. Minimal disturbance off the edges of the path may be needed to provide the necessary 10' wide Shared Use Path requirements for the grant funding the project.

Wetlands mapped on the Town GIS map indicate wetlands may be present to the east of the trail of varying distances. The project has not been surveyed or wetlands flagged at this time. No part of the path will be within any wetlands.

- c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

North Central Pathway Extension Concept Plan	1/16/2023
Title	Date
Title	Date
Title	Date

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

The expected scope of work relative to this RDA includes installing a 10' wide paved path located on the existing grass trail associated with the Rail Trail in Winchendon, from Webster St. to Jackson Ave. The path is being developed to improve and connect this section to the existing trail to the south and north. The improvements to this section will promote multi modal use for pedestrians and bikes. The entire project encompasses a 10' wide paved shared use path from the existing trail located off Summer Dr. to the train north of Jackson Ave.

Conceptual plans for the project have been developed through the Town's consulting engineers and are attached to this RDA. Conceptual plans will be advanced to preliminary design, cost estimates and bid documents will be prepared. The Town is expecting construction to begin in Spring of 2024.

The project has been awarded a MassTrails grant through the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and a Notice to Proceed was authorized on July 1, 2023 to perform the work.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

- 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).
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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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.

Name and address of the property owner:

Town of Winchendon

Name

109 Front St

Mailing Address

Winchendon

City/Town

MA

State

01473

Zip Code

Signatures:

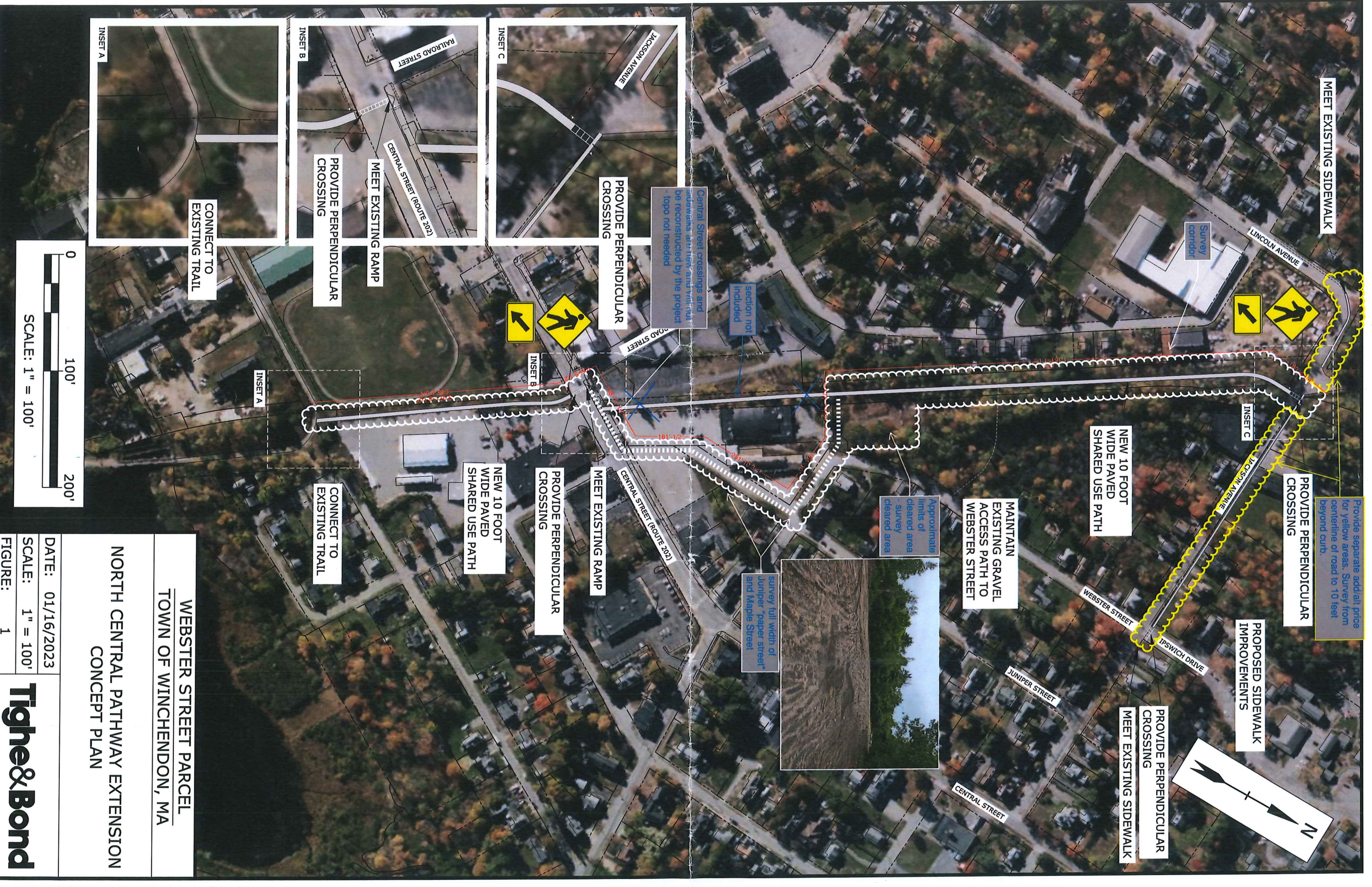
I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Representative (if any)

Date



MEET EXISTING SIDEWALK

PROVIDE PERPENDICULAR CROSSING

PROPOSED SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS

PROVIDE PERPENDICULAR CROSSING
MEET EXISTING SIDEWALK

NEW 10 FOOT WIDE PAVED SHARED USE PATH

MAINTAIN EXISTING GRAVEL ACCESS PATH TO WEBSTER STREET

Central Street crossings and sidewalks are to be reconstructed by the project - topo not needed

survey full width of Juniper "paper street" and Maple Street

Approximate limits of cleared area - survey - cleared area



PROVIDE PERPENDICULAR CROSSING

MEET EXISTING RAMP

PROVIDE PERPENDICULAR CROSSING

NEW 10 FOOT WIDE PAVED SHARED USE PATH

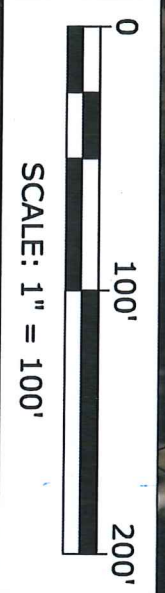
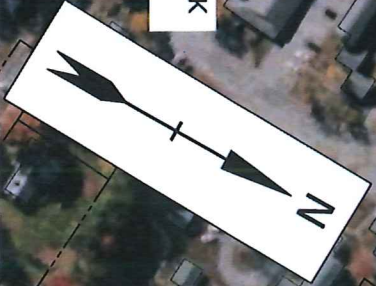
CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAIL

PROVIDE PERPENDICULAR CROSSING

MEET EXISTING RAMP

CONNECT TO EXISTING TRAIL

Provide separate address price for yellow areas. Survey from centerline of road to 10 feet beyond curb.



WEBSTER STREET PARCEL
TOWN OF WINCHENDON, MA

NORTH CENTRAL PATHWAY EXTENSION
CONCEPT PLAN

DATE: 01/16/2023
SCALE: 1" = 100'
FIGURE: 1

Tighe&Bond