

Hi Ken,

Hope you had a great holiday season! I wanted to update you on the progress of the Redbrook Rd culvert situation. The towns of Falmouth and Mashpee were selected as co-recipients of the most recent round of the MA Division of Ecological Restoration's (DER) Culvert Replacement Grant. Specifically, DER has provided funding to pay for an evaluation and conceptual design study of the culvert at Redbrook Rd. DER has selected/hired the environmental consulting firm of Horsley Witten Group (HWG) to conduct this study.

The purpose of this study is essentially to investigate the existing conditions of the culvert and associated wetland areas to determine the cause of the culvert failure and to recommend conceptual approaches to address the failure for the long term. As you know, the safety of the road is of paramount importance to both towns and is thus the primary driver for assessing the culvert and determining appropriate actions moving forward.

In order for the consultant to effectively collect data and fully assess the existing conditions, it will be necessary to temporarily drain the bog as much as possible. Please see the attached press release. As stated, the draining is only temporary and is necessary in order to conduct a thorough investigation into the culvert failure and determine the most effective conceptual approaches. This work is anticipated to happen before the end of this month. Please let me know if anyone has any questions/concerns.

Sincerely,

-Drew

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"We in America do not have government by the majority, we have government by the majority who participate"

-Thomas Jefferson