## "Preserving public trust and providing professional services"

Rodney C. Collins Town Manager 508-539-1401 rccollins@mashpeema.gov



Office of the Town Manager Mashpee Town Hall 16 Great Neck Road North Mashpee, MA 02649

November 20, 2024

Seabrook Village Association, Inc. 203 Surf Drive Mashpee, MA 02649

RE:

NOAA Transformation Habitat Restoration Project – Red Brook

Dear Association Board Members:

As you may be aware from conversations with Drew McManus, Conservation Agent, the Town of Mashpee, together with the Town of Falmouth, the Association for the Preservation of Cape Cod (APCC), the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), are in the process of undertaking a project to restore Red Brook from its headwaters to the outlet at Jehu Pond (the "River Restoration Project"). The goals of the River Restoration Project are to improve water quality in the river and embayment, improve fish passage/habitat, restore native wetlands, and increase resiliency to climate change. As part of the River Restoration Project, the Town is undertaking the design and engineering required to remove the water control structure and replace the culvert at the Town Line on Red Brook Road.

In order for the Town to undertake the Project, work on which is scheduled to begin in late Fall 2024, the Town needs to acquire the land and/or easements in the common areas serve the Seabrook Village for access to Red Brook. Specifically, the Town wishes to acquire the parcel of land owned by the Association that has an address of 0 Surf Drive and is identified on Assessor's Map 102 as Parcel 20 (the "Property"). The Property is approximately 14.35 acres in size and includes Red Brook itself as well as the adjacent inland wetlands. The Town understands that there is a conservation restriction in place, as the Property is part of the required open space for the Seabrook Village subdivision, and, in any event, the Property is unbuildable because of the wetlands and other resource areas on the Property. The Town intends to use the Property for the River Restoration Project and otherwise keep the Property in its natural condition.

Catherine Laurent, DPW Director, will be reaching out to you directly to discuss acquisition of the Property, including a possible donation. Please feel free to contact Catherine at 508-539-1420 or claurent@mashpeema.gov with any questions, concerns, or comments.

Sincerely,

cc:

术odney C. Colfins Town Manager

Catherine Laurent, DPW Director

## ArcGIS Web Map





MassGIS, MassGIS, Esri, HERE, Garmin, INCREMENT P, USGS, METI/ NASA, EPA, USDA