



Second Public Meeting for Allen Site Dam Rehabilitation Project, Walpole, MA, set for November 17, 2020

(October 16, 2020) The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS-MA) and the Town of Walpole are co-sponsoring the second of two public informational meetings to discuss proposed rehabilitation alternatives for the **Allen Site Dam rehabilitation project in Walpole, Mass. You are invited to this second Public Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 5:30 PM.** This is an on-line meeting and meeting details, including a link and call-in phone number will be provided on the Town's website and can be accessed in accordance with established Town's Board of Selectmen on-line meeting protocols.

The Allen Site Dam is a multi-purpose flood control and recreation structure located in the Diamond Brook Watershed in Walpole, which offers flood protection to residents and businesses located downstream. The preparation of a Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Document, including the evaluation of alternatives to address deficiencies and rehabilitate the dam to meet current dam safety regulations and design standards has been underway since the first public information meeting held at the town on January 14, 2020.

The purpose of this meeting is to present the alternative rehabilitation plans to the public. Alternatives that have been considered include decommissioning (dam removal), structural rehabilitation, nonstructural measures, and no action. The presentation will also include the Preferred Alternative that has resulted from the alternative plan evaluation process and selected by the Town. The Town will also answer questions, address concerns and seek public input about the Preferred Alternative.

Planning is scheduled to be completed in March 2021. Federal funding has been received to assist the local sponsors in developing the plan but has not yet been secured for the design or construction of this project.

For further information on the meeting, contact Mr. Carl Balduf, Walpole Town Engineer at cbalduf@walpole-ma.gov or at (508) 660-7211. If you require special accommodation in order to participate fully in this online meeting, please contact Mr. Balduf by October 31, 2020. Should you be unable to attend, please provide your concerns, questions, comments, and other pertinent information related to the dam by December 1, 2020 to Mr. Balduf.