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# CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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Newton Conservation Commission  
1000 Commonwealth Ave  
Newton, MA 02459

**Subject: #2 Wells Ave Wetland Filing – Notice of Intent**

Dear Commission, on behalf of the City's Department of Public Works, I am submitting a Notice of Intent for your review of the proposed work at #2 Wells Avenue.

It should be noted that I have been visiting the site for the past 5 weeks and there have been no signs of beaver activity. The remains of the beaver dam are unchanged, with no apparent effort to repair the dam.

The attached Notice of Intent is being submitted for proposed activities to raise a city sewer manhole cover and frame. Access to this, and all sewer covers throughout the city, is necessary in the event of a sewer system backup. Unfortunately, the existing vacated beaver lodge which is located within a City Sewer/Drain Easement is situated above the sewer manhole. As such, the sewer manhole cannot be adjusted until the vacated beaver lodge is removed. The sewer manhole frame and cover will be raised to an approximate grade of 94.0 to ensure that it remains accessible. The exact elevation will be determined in the field.

In addition to the beaver lodge removal there is a submerged catch basin which needs to be inspected, cleaned and possibly repaired.

Please note that as this site is not readily accessible it will require that all activities described above be completed by hand.

Sincerely,

Frank Nichols, P.E.  
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