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**Date:** February 20, 2025

**To:** Town of Reading Conservation Commission

**Cc:** Chuck Tirone, Conservation Administrator

**From:** Christopher A. Cole, Director of Public Works

**Re:** NOI for Water Fountain located at 0 Strout Ave. – DEP file number 270-0794

As a continuance from the Commission's last meeting on February 12, the Department of Public Works would ask that the Commission consider the following points regarding placement of the water fountain located at the end of Strout Avenue:

1. Public Works proposes to install a layer of crushed stone around the base of the water fountain, enclosed by a wood timber border, to capture any runoff and mitigate any potential erosion caused by overflow from the fountain. A copy of the plan showing this proposal is attached to this memo.
2. If erosion becomes an issue due to dogs walking in the area adjacent to the wetlands, while utilizing the water fountain, Public Works could install an earth berm along the edge of the fence to prevent any erosion from entering the wetland area.
3. While the Commission requested that the wetlands be re-delineated in this area, the Town will not be pursuing this request due to the significant cost it will be to have completed.
4. At a future date, if Public Works has a need to excavate the pavement adjacent to the location of the water fountain for other reasons, the fountain will be relocated and a new water line installed from the current location of the water fountain over to an area adjacent to the existing kiosk on the opposite side of the parking lot / roadway. When and if this work were to happen, the Conservation Commission would be notified as appropriate.

Thank you,

Christopher A. Cole

Director, Department of Public Works