

March 22, 2021

Town of Fairhaven Conservation Commission
ATTN: Ms. Whitney McClees, Conservation Agent
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Re: **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**
Fairhaven High School Synthetic Turf Athletic Field
12 Huttleston Avenue
Fairhaven, Massachusetts
(Pare Project No. 20211.00)

Dear Ms. McClees:

On behalf of Lincoln High School and the Town of Fairhaven, Pare Corporation has prepared a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) application for the proposed Fairhaven High School Synthetic Turf Athletic Field project located at 12 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven, Massachusetts. Enclosed please find one (1) copy of the following:

- Application Checklist – Request for Determination of Applicability;
- Project Narrative included within this Cover Letter;
- WPA Form 1;
- 24”x36” Project Plan Set “Issued for Permitting” dated March 22, 2021;
- 11”x17” copy of the Project Plan Set “Issued for Permitting” dated March 22, 2021;
- Abutters List within 100-feet of the property;
- Notification to Abutters Form; and
- Check for Advertising Fee of \$75 made payable to the Town of Fairhaven.

Existing Conditions

The proposed synthetic turf athletic field project is located within the footprint of the existing natural turf athletic field in the eastern portion of the Fairhaven High School property. The project area is bordered by Huttleston Ave to the south, Green Street to the East, a school parking lot and Larch Ave to the north, and an access drive and the school building to the west. The existing project area is comprised of a grassed field that is surrounded by fencing, 3-ft high decorative brick walls, bleachers, and a concession stand.

There are no existing wetlands or natural water features onsite. The Acushnet River is located approximately 950± feet west of the project area. Based on FEMA mapping, Floodplain Zone AE with Elevation 6 feet is associated with the river. The floodplain is located southeast of the school property at the corner of Huttleston Avenue and Green Street; this floodplain is located outside of the proposed project limits. The floodplain according to the FEMA Mapping and Elevation 6.0 per the existing conditions survey are shown on the project

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Ms. Whitney McClees

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plans along with the 100-ft floodplain buffer.

Proposed Improvements

The proposed project includes replacement of the existing natural turf athletic field with synthetic turf, a new field drainage system, ADA accessible pedestrian walkways around the field, a 1,100 S.F.± restroom/storage building, replacement of existing field lighting, and other associated improvements. The limit of disturbance for the project is approximately 2.3 acres. Many of the existing site features are intended to remain, including the bleachers, concession stand, press box, and the decorative brick wall surrounding the field. The project will upgrade the existing athletic field and associated features but will not change the use. Grading revisions within the limit of disturbance are minor and designed to meet current athletic and accessibility slope requirements. Drainage features will utilize existing drainage lines located within public rights-of-way, and proposed features have been designed to provide no increase in drainage flows.

Resource Area Impacts

The project is not subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Town of Fairhaven Conservation Commission bylaw requires review of projects within 100-feet of FEMA delineated floodplains. While the entire property and limit of disturbance for the project are outside of the FEMA floodplain, the southeastern portion of the athletic field is located within 100-ft of Floodplain Zone AE. The project area within 100-ft of the floodplain is approximately 17,600± S.F. (0.4 acres) and is surrounded by an existing 3-ft± high decorative brick wall that will remain. The project is expected to have no impact on the floodplain.

The Notification to Abutters Form is simultaneously being mailed to the abutters with 100-ft of the property via certified mail and we will be providing proof of abutter notifications to the Town of Fairhaven Conservation Commission. Should you have any questions or require additional information in processing the application, please feel free to contact our office at (401) 334-4100.

Sincerely,

Lance Hill, P.E.
Managing Engineer

LH/JRR



TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town Hall · 40 Center Street · Fairhaven, MA 02719

APPLICATION CHECKLIST REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

Please submit the following to the Fairhaven Conservation Commission:

- A check for \$75.00, advertising fee
- N/A A check for the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw filing fee
 - \$100.00 for ancillary work on an existing single-family home **OR**
 - \$150.00 for all other requests
- ~~Two (2)~~ ^{One (1)} collated packets (1 original, 1 copy), each containing the following:
 - Completely filled out and signed copy of the most recent WPA Form 1, available at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/wpa-form-1-request-for-determination-of-applicability>
 - A brief narrative describing the proposed activity, including whether work will be done by hand or with equipment, location of storage of materials, how the site will be accessed by equipment, etc., and any other information that will help the Commission understand your project.
 - Complete copies of project plans that include the following information:
 - Locus map – i.e. USGS Quad topographic map
 - Location of all known resource areas
 - 50- and 100-foot buffer lines from resource areas
 - 200-foot Riverfront Area, if applicable
 - FEMA Flood Zone boundaries, if applicable
 - Location of existing structures and/or vegetation, including all trees 8" dbh or greater
 - Location of proposed structures and/or vegetation
 - Shortest distance from proposed disturbed areas to known resources
 - Erosion and sedimentation controls, if applicable
 - An 11" x 17" set of project plans if they are larger
 - Abutters List (a list of property owners that are within **100 feet** of the property where the project is taking place, see [Abutter List Request Form](#))
 - [Notification to Abutters Form](#) – filled out by applicant
 - Any other information that will help the Commission understand your project
- * Proof of abutter notification by certified mail or hand delivery. *Failure to present proof will result in the Conservation Commission NOT hearing your application.*
- N/A Proof that a **complete copy** of the above packet was sent to:
 - MA Department of Environmental Protection
 - Southeast Regional Office
 - 20 Riverside Drive
 - Lakeville, MA 02347
- An electronic copy of the entire application packet, thumb drive or emailed to conservation@fairhaven-ma.gov

***TO BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY**



WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. General Information

Important:
When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.



1. Applicant:

Town of Fairhaven	rbaldwin@fairhavenps.net	
Name	E-Mail Address	
40 Center St		
Mailing Address		
Fairhaven	MA	02719
City/Town	State	Zip Code
508-979-4052	508-979-4140	
Phone Number	Fax Number (if applicable)	

2. Representative (if any):

Pare Corporation		
Firm		
Lance Hill, P.E.	lhill@parecorp.com	
Contact Name	E-Mail Address	
10 Lincoln Rd, Suite 210		
Mailing Address		
Foxboro	MA	02035
City/Town	State	Zip Code
1-401-334-4100	401-334-4108	
Phone Number	Fax Number (if applicable)	

B. Determinations

1. I request the Town of Fairhaven make the following determination(s). Check any that apply:
Conservation Commission

- a. whether the **area** depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act.
- b. whether the **boundaries** of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated.
- c. whether the **work** depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.
- d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any **municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw** of:

Town of Fairhaven Conservation Commission
Name of Municipality

- e. whether the following **scope of alternatives** is adequate for work in the Riverfront Area as depicted on referenced plan(s).



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C. Project Description

1. a. Project Location (use maps and plans to identify the location of the area subject to this request):

12 Huttleston Ave	Fairhaven
Street Address	City/Town
Map 12	236
Assessors Map/Plat Number	Parcel/Lot Number

b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary):

The proposed synthetic turf athletic field project is located within the existing natural turf athletic field in the eastern portion of the Fairhaven High School property. The project area is bordered by Huttleston Ave to the south, Green Street to the East, a school parking lot and Larch Ave to the north, and an access drive and the school building to the west. The southeastern portion of the athletic field is within 100-ft of Floodplain Zone AE.

c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s):

Fairhaven High School Athletic Field Improvements Plan Set	3/22/2021
Title	Date
FEMA Floodplain Mapping	3/22/2021
Title	Date
_____	_____
Title	Date

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

The proposed work includes replacement of the existing natural turf athletic field with synthetic turf, a new field drainage system, ADA accessible pedestrian walkways around the field, a 1,100 S.F.± restroom/storage building, replacement of existing field lighting, and other associated improvements. The limit of disturbance for the project is approximately 2.3 acres. Many of the existing site features are intended to remain, including the bleachers, concession stand, press box, and the decorative brick wall surrounding the field.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

The proposed work is not subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The Town of Fairhaven Conservation Commission bylaw requires review of projects within 100-feet of FEMA delineated floodplains. The proposed project is outside of the floodplain but the southeastern corner of the field is within 100-ft of it. The project will upgrade the existing athletic field and associated features but will not change the use. Grading revisions within the limit of disturbance are minor and designed to meet current athletic and accessibility slope requirements. The corner of the athletic field within 100-ft of the floodplain is surrounded by an existing 3-ft± high decorative brick wall that will remain. The project is expected to have no impact on the floodplain.

3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project.

- Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96
- Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96
- Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96
- New agriculture or aquaculture project
- Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96
- Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision
- Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project
- Municipal project
- District, county, state, or federal government project
- Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection.

b. Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification above (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.)

N/A



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D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

Name and address of the property owner:

Town of Fairhaven
Name

40 Center St
Mailing Address


Fairhaven
City/Town

MA
State


02719
Zip Code

Signatures:

I also understand that notification of this Request will be placed in a local newspaper at my expense in accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetlands Protection Act regulations.


Signature of Applicant

03.19.2021
Date


Signature of Representative (if any)

03.21.2021
Date

**12 HUTTLESTON AVE
MAP 12, LOT 236
100 FT ABUTTERS**

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>SITE ADDRESS</u>	<u>OWNER ON RECORD</u>	<u>MAILING ADDRESS</u>			
12-012	146 MAIN STREET	MACEDO EDWARD JR.	146 MAIN ST	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-013	142 MAIN STREET	CORREIRA MATTHEW J & HOLLY M	29 EMMETT AVENUE	N DARTMOUTH	MA	02747
12-015	0 MAIN STREET	FAIRHAVEN TOWN OF	40 CENTER STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-015A	0 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN TOWN OF	40 CENTER STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-057	147 MAIN STREET	SOBRAL DAVID R & TAMMY S	147 MAIN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-060	6 ACADEMY AVENUE	STEFANINI DENNIS	6 ACADEMY AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-062	2 ACADEMY AVENUE	PROVENCHER ROLAND J & ARRUDA JOSEPH	2 ACADEMY AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-066	3 ACADEMY AVENUE	PACHECO WENDY A	3 ACADEMY AVE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-068	24 LARCH AVENUE	CHAGNON DANIEL R	24 LARCH AVE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-071	26 LARCH AVENUE	SPINNEY WILLIAM F JR & TERRI R	26 LARCH AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-074	30 LARCH AVENUE	CUNHA EDUARDO & PIEDADE	30 LARCH AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-075	38 LARCH AVENUE	GAUTHIER RACHEL C	38 LARCH AVE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-083	229 GREEN STREET	CLEVELAND MAGGIE & HASSON JACOB W	229 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-085	225 GREEN STREET	MARK ANTHONY M & JUDY F, TRUSTEES OF	225 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
		THE MARK FAMILY 2004 REALTY TRUST				
12-086	30 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	SCHAEFFER STEVEN T & MOLLY S	30 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-116	28 LARCH AVENUE	SILVA HUMBERTO	28 LARCH AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719

**12 HUTTLESTON AVE
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100 FT ABUTTERS**

12-117	40 LARCH AVENUE	ROBERTS MICHELLE JD	40 LARCH AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-118	230 GREEN STREET	VAZ ALFRED J & CHERYL A	230 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-119	228 GREEN STREET	BUSSIERE MATTHEW L & HEIDI M	228 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-137	221 GREEN STREET	VANDAL BENJAMIN A	221 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-138	217 GREEN STREET	DENAULT RHET H C & CYNTHIA K	217 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-139	215 GREEN STREET	HART WILTON T & DAWN C	215 GREEN STREET	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-180	7 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	VIEIRA STEPHEN A & LINDA A	7 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-186	9 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	RODRIGUES LEE M	9 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-187	11 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	CABRAL JESSICA L	11 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-188	13 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FENNELLY JOCELYNE M	13 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-189	17 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	DEVOE HELEN E	17 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-199	19 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	COSTA ARTHUR M	19 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-200	21 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	CURRIN CHRISTOPHER C	21 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-201	23 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	WOTTON JUSTIN J & CORREIA JULIE L	23 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-202	27 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	LOMP JO ANN SULLIVAN	1879 BUCCANEER CIRCLE	SARASOTA	FL	34231
12-210	29 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FUMO JOSHUA R & ESPINOLA CHELSEY M	29 HUTTLESTON AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
12-239	227 GREEN STREET	ROCHE RONALD P	227 GREEN ST	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-001	138 MAIN STREET U-1	MILLETTE CLAIRE	138 MAIN STREET APT#1	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719

**12 HUTTLESTON AVE
MAP 12, LOT 236
100 FT ABUTTERS**

HUAP-002	138 MAIN STREET U-2	RAZOOK LEONA & BRICKLEY ROBERT J	P O BOX 224	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-003	138 MAIN STREET U-3	KUBISKI JAMES	138 MAIN STREET APT#3	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-004	138 MAIN STREET U-4	POLLITT LESLIE V	1381 TUCKER ROAD APT 2	N DARTMOUTH	MA	02747
HUAP-005	138 MAIN STREET U-5	MEREDITH TERRENCE P & LINDA	127 COTTONWOOD ST	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-006	138 MAIN STREET U-6	KRAUSE CHRISTINE T	19345 WATER OAK DRIVE UNIT 104	PORT CHARLOTTE	FL	33948
HUAP-007	138 MAIN STREET U-7	DEMORANVILLE JASON	4200 MINNEHAHA AVENUE APT 20	MINNEAPOLIS	MN	55406
HUAP-008	138 MAIN STREET U-8	LEBLANC LINDSEY	25 LINDEN AVENUE	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-009	138 MAIN STREET U-9	DEAN JANICE L	138 MAIN STREET APT#9	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-010	138 MAIN STREET U-10	NILSEN MARK	400 LOG PLAIN ROAD	GREENFIELD	MA	01301
HUAP-011	138 MAIN STREET U-11	PERRY CURTIS M	138 MAIN STREET APT#11	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-012	138 MAIN STREET U-12	ALVES ABEL	138 MAIN STREET UNIT #12	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719
HUAP-013	138 MAIN STREET U-13	JONES ANDREW B & WELCH ANNE M	48 PARK AVENUE	CAMBRIDGE	MA	02138
HUAP-014	138 MAIN STREET U-14	MCCARRICK PROPERTIES LLC	11 CLEARWATER DR	BOSTON	MA	02126
HUAP-015	138 MAIN STREET U-15	BURMOOD KAREN K L	1224 EAST STANFORD ST	SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804
MSFC-001	149 MAIN STREET, U-1	SWEENEY BRIAN & ANGELA	47 NEWFANE ROAD	BEDFORD	NH	03110
MSFC-002	149 MAIN STREET, U-2	MARTIN PHILIP J	149 MAIN STREET, UNIT 2	FAIRHAVEN	MA	02719

**Notification to Abutters Under the
Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act
and the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw**

*(this form must be completed and copies sent by certified mail
to all abutters within 100 feet of the site of the project)*

In accordance with the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40 (the Wetlands Protection Act) and the Fairhaven Wetlands Bylaw (Chapter 192), you are hereby notified of the following:

1. The applicant's name is Town of Fairhaven
2. The applicant has filed the following type of permit application with the Fairhaven Conservation Commission:
 - Request for Determination of Applicability
 - Notice of Intent
 - Request to Amend an existing Order of Conditions
 - Notice of Resource Area Delineation
3. The address or location of the site where the activity, project, or delineation is proposed is: 12 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven, MA.
4. The proposed work includes installation of a synthetic turf athletic field to replace the existing natural turf grassed athletic field at Fairhaven High School. The project includes a new field drainage system, ADA accessible pedestrian walkways around the field, a 1,100 S.F.± restroom/storage building, replacement of existing field lighting, and other associated improvements. Many of the existing site features are intended to remain, including the bleachers, concession stand, press box, and the decorative brick wall surrounding the field.
5. Copies of the above application may be examined at the Conservation Office, located in Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Copies may be obtained at the office if notified in advance or from the applicant.
6. Applications will also be uploaded to www.fairhaven-ma.gov/conservation-commission/pages/current-filings. If you are unable to access or view the application electronically, please contact the Conservation Office at 508-979-4023, ext. 128.
7. Notice of the public hearing including its date, time, and place will be published at least five business days in advance in the Fairhaven Neighborhood News, and will be posted on the Fairhaven Town Website and at the Fairhaven Town Hall not less than 48 hours in advance.

PLEASE NOTE:

Since you are receiving this notice, you may have wetland resource areas or wetland buffers on your property. Therefore, construction, cutting, clearing, or grading may require a permit. For clarification or for more information, call the Conservation Agent at 508-979-4082 or visit our website.