JOINT REOPENING OF A PUBLIC NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD NOTICING THE TOWN OF DUXBURY AS A CO-PERMITTEE TO A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE “ACT”), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: June 3, 2014

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0101737

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-014-14

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Marshfield
Department of Public Works
870 Moraine Street
Marshfield, MA 02050

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CO-PERMITTEE:

Town of Duxbury
Department of Public Works
878 Tremont Street
Duxbury, MA 02332

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Marshfield Wastewater Treatment Facility
P.O. Box 268
200 Joseph Driebeek Way
Marshfield, MA 02050

RECEIVING WATER: Massachusetts Bay - (South Coastal Watershed, Segment MA94)

PREPARATION OF THE PARTIALLY REVISED DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the Marshfield WWTF, which discharges treated domestic wastewater. Sludge from this facility is shipped off-site by Waste Water Services of Wareham, MA which uses more than one disposal
The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53, 314 CMR 3.00, and State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. EPA has requested that the State certify this draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

The Draft Permit was initially public noticed on February 13, 2014 for a 30 day period ending on March 13, 2014. EPA and MassDEP decided to re-public notice the Draft Permit to include listing the Town of Duxbury in the public notice document. There have been no changes to the previously noticed Draft Permit and any comments submitted between February 13, 2014 and March 14, 2014 are considered to be valid and part of the official record. There is no need to resubmit any comments submitted during the initial public comment period.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (describing the basis for the revised draft permit conditions and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html or by contacting EPA’s contact person named below:

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1
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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit including all data submitted by the applicant may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the partially revised draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by July 2, 2014, to the address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and MassDEP for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on this draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA’s Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.
DAVID FERRIS, DIRECTOR
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