



**Town of Wareham
Conservation Commission**

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TO: Planning Board

FROM: David D. Pichette, Conservation Administrator *D.P.*

DATE: March 8, 2021

RE: Site Plan Review - BE RE, LLC, c/o Beals & Thomas Inc. - 0 North Carver Road

As the review of the above referenced project moves forward, there are concerns regarding the placement of a commercial project within a wetland. As the solar array and battery storage areas are proposed within, or very near wetland resource areas, there is the potential for impacts to groundwater from the proposed structures. How is stormwater being addressed for a project that is proposed within the wetland? If fencing is required around the project, which has been required for all other solar projects in Town, then this will further fragment important wildlife habitat along wetlands and the Weweantic River, and interfere with the normal movement of wildlife through this area. The Conservation Commission will need additional information relative to impacts to wetland resource areas to be able to evaluate whether or not the project would meet the requirements of the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Wareham Wetland Protective By-law. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

cc: Conservation Commission