

Belchertown Wetland Regulations, BWR 10:00 - Revisions Summary

The Commission has added 2 new Policies

1. Stormwater Management Standards
2. Consultants Guidelines

Areas of Jurisdiction

Riverfront Area language and definition has been included to be consistent with State Regulations

Fees - No additional fees are proposed

Definitions - Additional language and definitions have been added and clarified

Procedures

Filing an RDA have been revised

1. Work up to 2,500 sq. ft. in buffer zone now allowed
2. Not allowed for any work in the buffer zone of critical areas

NOI application procedures and requirements have been clarified

ANRAD application procedures and requirements have been added

Wildlife Habitat Evaluation requirements has been added

Stream Crossing Standards have been added to comply with DEP

Coordination with other Boards

Language has been added for better communication with Town Boards

General Provisions

New language and requirements have been added

1. Agricultural activity – consistent with State
2. Forestry provisions – consistent with State

Isolated Wetlands

Definition has been revised and clarified

Ephemeral Pools

Definition has been revised and clarified

Buffer Zone - No Disturb Area

New language, requirements and incentives have been added to encourage applicants to stay out of the 50 ft. Buffer Zone