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Subject: Response to Commission Site Walk Observations – 7 Old Redding Road

Dear Mr. Failla,

Thank you for forwarding the Commission's site walk notes and for the opportunity to clarify the observations related to the Old Grist Mill water wheel restoration at 7 Old Redding Road. Our responses to each item are provided below, in the order they were raised.

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION OBSERVATIONS – 7 OLD REDDING ROAD

Thank you for the Commission's site walk notes and the opportunity to clarify the items identified during the inspection of the Old Grist Mill water wheel restoration project. The following responses address each question in order.

1. Construction Access Stakes vs. 11/12/2025 Staking Plan

The access stakes observed in the field (201 and 202) were improperly positioned and did not reflect the 11/12/2025 Proposed Layout Staking Plan included in the application. The intent—as shown on the survey and architectural/engineering plans—is for construction access to use the existing gated opening, not to bypass the gate or traverse the stone wall or tree.

Corrective Actions:

- No disturbance to the stone wall, maple tree, or traffic sign will occur.
- We can address any additional concerns during the mandatory preconstruction meeting which will be held prior to starting construction.

2. LOCATION OF FILTRATION AND OUTLET FOR DEWATERING PIT 48 WITH COFFER DAM

The discharge from the dewatering pit will be directed to a dewatering filter bag located along the northern bank.

3. SILT FENCE LOCATIONS FOR STREAM PROTECTION

Silt fence will be provided on the northern bank downgradient of the dewatering filter bag and along the downgradient edge of the construction entrance.

4. ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND DURATION

The project involves repairing the deteriorated foundation of the previous water wheel, followed by placement of the new water wheel.

Schedule:

- Preferred seasonal window: Late summer—early fall (low-flow period).
- Total duration: Approximately 5 weeks including foundation demolition, formwork, concrete curing, and installation of the decorative wheel.

5. RESTORATION OF ACCESS ROUTE AND STAGING AREA

Upon completion, all temporarily disturbed areas will be restored in accordance with Weston's restoration standards:

- Removal of construction mats (if used) and temporary gravel.
- Repair of any depressions or ruts and regrading to pre-construction contours.
- Placement of 4–6 inches of topsoil and permanent seed mix (New England Conservation/Wildlife Mix or as approved by staff).
- No changes to the stone wall, tree line, or adjacent lawn areas.

A restoration note will be added to the revised plan set.