

Winter Wetland Delineation Policy

Policy adopted by unanimous vote of the Billerica Conservation Commission at a public hearing conducted on January 13, 2010

Wetland resource area identifications and delineations shall be field reviewed between April 1st and December 1st within any given calendar year. No wetland boundary reviews shall occur outside this review season other than by exception granted by the approving authority as specified below.

Exception to this policy may be granted upon a written request stating the reasons for the exception sought. Each request shall be evaluated on its own merits, on a case-by-case basis. Grant of an exception on any given property or for any particular application, when warranted, shall be for that one instance only.

Exception may be granted by the Billerica Director of Environmental Affairs and/or the Billerica Conservation Commission at their sole discretion when it is determined that accurate review of a wetland boundary between Dec. 1st and April 1st is not compromised by lack of relevant resource indicators such as, but not limited to, hydric soil features, wetland vegetation, topography, and hydrology.

If the applicant does not agree to a meeting or hearing continuance in order to complete an adequate field review of the wetland resource boundaries affecting a particular application, the Commission shall close the hearing and make a determination based on the information available.