EBC Professional Development Program Series
Wetlands Protection Act for the Ascending Professional – An Advanced Introduction

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

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AGENDA

6:00 p.m. Welcome: Jackson Bailey, Communications & Marketing Coordinator, EBC

Welcome to Nutter, Program Introduction & Overview
- Brian Beaulieu, Associate, Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP

6:10 p.m. The Wetlands Protection Act: An Advanced Introduction
- Nancy Lin, PWS, Manager, Outreach and Training Wetlands Circuit Rider Coordinator, Wetland and Waterways Programs Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Stacy Minihane, Senior Associate, Beals and Thomas, Inc. Secretary, Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists
- Scott Smyers, Vice President, Oxbow Associates, Inc. President, Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists

7:00 p.m. Open Discussion & Questions

7:30 p.m. Adjourn
PROGRAM CHAIR

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Valerie is an Associate in the Real Estate Department at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP. Valerie’s practice focuses on permitting, environmental compliance, and land use litigation on behalf of developers, individuals, and public entities. She assists clients in state and local permitting matters, enforcement proceedings, adjudicatory appeals, and in litigation throughout the Commonwealth. She has experience in title disputes, affordable housing projects, land use, zoning, wetlands, waterways and other land use matters. Valerie received a B.A. summa cum laude in Political Science & Economics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and a J.D. cum laude from Boston University School of Law.

SPEAKERS

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Nancy Lin is the Manager of Outreach and Training for MassDEP's Wetlands and Waterways Program. She also created and coordinates the Wetlands Circuit Rider Program. In her role at MassDEP and as a certified Professional Wetlands Scientist (PWS), Nancy has overseen all aspects of technical/regulatory outreach and training including presenting at statewide and regional conferences and development of policies and guidances. She also obtains and manages grants to forward wetlands/waterways programmatic goals. Prior to MassDEP, Nancy was the Director of the City of Cambridge's Conservation Commission; managed natural history and staff training for the New York City Park Ranger program; and was a naturalist/teacher at a national Environmental Education Landmark.

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Stacy is the leader of B+T's Planning and Environmental Services Discipline and Planning and Permitting Group. She has over 15 years of experience with local, state and federal permitting processes, wetland science and environmental research, and she is adept at the preparation and oversight of complex reports and permitting documentation. Stacy is also a member of her local Conservation Commission, provides project peer review services for various Conservation Commissions in Massachusetts, and is active in various wetland organizations, including as Secretary of the Association of Massachusetts Wetland Scientists.
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UPCOMING EBC PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 2018
October 18 – Energy Resources Program: Update on Energy Initiatives from MA State Agencies
October 19 – Connecticut Program: Update on Solid Waste Management Issues in Connecticut
October 24 – Program Series with MassDEP Regional Leadership: Northeast Region
October 26 – Climate Change Program: The Case for Putting a Price on Carbon
October 30 – Energy Program: Efficiency as a Grid Resource

NOVEMBER 2018
November 2 – Infrastructure Program: What is Blockchain and the Transactive Energy Platform?
November 5 – Water Resources Committee Program Planning Luncheon
November 8 – Program Series with MassDEP Regional Leadership: Western Region
November 9 – Ocean & Coastal Resources Program: 12th Annual Dredging Conference
November 14 – Evening Program: Briefing from Fred Laskey, Executive Director, MWRA
November 15 – Site Remediation and Redevelopment Program: Massachusetts MCP Amendments
November 16 – Climate Change Program: Climate Adaptation and Resiliency for Utilities
November 20 – New Hampshire Chapter Program Planning Meeting
November 26 – Connecticut Chapter Program Planning Meeting
November 28 – Ocean and Coastal Resources Committee Program Planning Luncheon
November 30 – Climate Adaptation Forum: Lessons from Puerto Rico and Local Preparation

DECEMBER 2018
December 6 – 20th Annual Winter Garden Party
December 11 – Annual New Hampshire Chapter Holiday Party
December 12 – Annual Rhode Island Chapter Holiday Party