

**From:** [Ryan, Gary](#)  
**To:** [Cameron, Doug \(FWE\)](#)  
**Cc:** [Cohen, Paul](#); [Christine Clancy](#); [Sherry, Bret \(FWE \)](#); [Spinney, Jim](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 9:05:51 AM

Good morning Director Cameron,

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Thanks for providing the update on the signage.

Take care,

Gary

## **Gary Ryan**

Chief

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**From:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <doug.cameron@state.ma.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 21, 2023 8:55 AM  
**To:** Ryan, Gary <gryan@chelmsfordma.gov>  
**Cc:** Cohen, Paul <pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov>; Christine Clancy <cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov>; Sherry, Bret (FWE ) <bret.sherry@state.ma.us>; Spinney, Jim <jspinney@chelmsfordma.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford

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Hi Gary:

I have been off for a couple of days. I will work with OFBA staff to post signs indicating car-top boat use only and will also post the same on our website, including mention of alternative trailed boat access at our Pawtucket Blvd. boat ramp located across the river in Lowell.

Regards,

Douglas H. Cameron  
Director/Chief Engineer  
Department of Fish and Game  
Office of Fishing and Boating Access  
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**From:** Ryan, Gary <[gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, March 20, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cohen, Paul <[pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov)>; Christine Clancy <[cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov)>;  
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Good afternoon Director Cameron,

I'm just following up on my email from Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> notifying you that the Town erected barrier devices at the Wotton boat ramp. Emergency access is available to both Police and Fire. Recreational users can convey canoes/kayaks by carrying the crafts down along the side of the ramp. For clarification, will you be adding signage to the site?

Thanks,

Gary

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**From:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@state.ma.us](mailto:doug.cameron@state.ma.us)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:27 AM  
**To:** Ryan, Gary <[gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Cc:** Cohen, Paul <[pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford

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Thanks for the response. I made two attempts and they both came back as “undeliverable”.

Regards,

Doug C.  
OFBA

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**From:** Ryan, Gary <[gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:23 AM  
**To:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)>  
**Cc:** [rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov](mailto:rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov)  
**Subject:** Re: [External] Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford

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Good morning Director Cameron,  
I received the email. Thanks for providing the project updates. I appreciate all the support for this safety issue.  
Kind regards

Sent from my iPhone-Gary



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On Mar 15, 2023, at 7:10 AM, Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)> wrote:

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The original email below came back as undelivered. Hopefully, this works.

Regards,

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Director/Chief Engineer  
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**From:** Cameron, Doug (FWE)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023 7:02 AM  
**To:** Cohen, Paul <[pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Cc:** Christine Clancy <[cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov)>; [gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov); Amidon, Ronald (FWE) <[ronald.amidon@mass.gov](mailto:ronald.amidon@mass.gov)>; Greco, Bob (FWE) <[bob.greco@mass.gov](mailto:bob.greco@mass.gov)>; McClanan, Noah (FWE) <[Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov](mailto:Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov)>; Sherry, Bret (FWE) <[Bret.Sherry@mass.gov](mailto:Bret.Sherry@mass.gov)>; [rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov](mailto:rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov); Ryan, Gary <[gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I will begin the process of hiring and engineering consultant next week. It will take approximately 6-8 weeks to award a contract.

- Task 1: Research, wetland delineation, borings, and topographic survey  
4 weeks
- Task 2: Preparation of preliminary and development plan  
4 weeks
- Task 3: Preparation and filing of a Notice of Intent  
8 weeks
- Task 4: Preparation and filing of a DEP Ch. 91 license and U.S. Army Corps Permit  
6 months – 1 year\*
- Task 5: Preparation of construction of bid documents  
4 weeks
- Task 6: Advertise, bid opening, contract award, and Notice to Proceed  
8 weeks\*\*
- Task 7: Contractor site mobilization  
4 weeks
- Task 8: Construction Phase  
3-4 months

\* The amount of review/approval time can vary significantly due to workload, especially as it relates to the Army Corps process

\*\* This phase is subject to available funding

Please keep me posted regarding the installation of signage and the gate. I will post the change in use to car-top watercraft canoes and kayaks etc.) on our website and provide information about an alternate launching location.

Regards,

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**From:** Cohen, Paul <[pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 14, 2023 4:33 PM

**To:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)>

**Cc:** Christine Clancy <[cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov)>; [gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov); Amidon, Ronald (FWE) <[ronald.amidon@mass.gov](mailto:ronald.amidon@mass.gov)>; Greco, Bob (FWE) <[bob.greco@mass.gov](mailto:bob.greco@mass.gov)>; McClanan, Noah (FWE) <[Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov](mailto:Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov)>; Sherry, Bret (FWE) <[Bret.Sherry@mass.gov](mailto:Bret.Sherry@mass.gov)>; [rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov](mailto:rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov); Ryan, Gary

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Dear Douglas Cameron,

I am following-up on my email message below requesting an estimate of the amount of time that will be required for the Southwell boat ramp procurement, design, permitting, and construction process.

The Town of Chelmsford is preparing for the installation of signage, as well as the purchase and installation of a gate, to temporarily restrict the boat ramp access to canoes and kayaks.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Cohen  
Town Manager  
Town of Chelmsford  
50 Billerica Road  
Chelmsford, MA 01824  
978-250-5202

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**From:** Cohen, Paul

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 4:44 PM

**To:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)>

**Cc:** Christine Clancy <[cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov)>; [gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov); Amidon, Ronald (FWE) <[ronald.amidon@mass.gov](mailto:ronald.amidon@mass.gov)>; Greco, Bob (FWE) <[bob.greco@mass.gov](mailto:bob.greco@mass.gov)>; McClanan, Noah (FWE) <[Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov](mailto:Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov)>; Sherry, Bret (FWE) <[Bret.Sherry@mass.gov](mailto:Bret.Sherry@mass.gov)>; [rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov](mailto:rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov)

**Subject:** RE: Southwell Field Boat Ramp, Merrimack River, Chelmsford

Dear Douglas Cameron,

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the Merrimack River boat ramp at Southwell Field.

Please provide the Town of Chelmsford with an estimate of the time required for the boat ramp procurement, design, permitting, and construction process.

Although, you wrote that the suggested alternate boat ramp for vehicles with boat trailers and car-top boats is located approximately ½ mile as the cross flies across the river off of Pawtucket Boulevard in Lowell, the traveling distance by vehicle is over 2.5 miles.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cameron, Doug (FWE) <[doug.cameron@mass.gov](mailto:doug.cameron@mass.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2023 1:10 PM

**To:** Cohen, Paul <[pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:pcohen@chelmsfordma.gov)>; [rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov](mailto:rodney.elliott@mahouse.gov)

**Cc:** Christine Clancy <[cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:cclancy@chelmsfordma.gov)>; [gryan@chelmsfordma.gov](mailto:gryan@chelmsfordma.gov); Amidon, Ronald (FWE) <[ronald.amidon@mass.gov](mailto:ronald.amidon@mass.gov)>; Greco, Bob (FWE) <[bob.greco@mass.gov](mailto:bob.greco@mass.gov)>; McClanan, Noah (FWE) <[Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov](mailto:Noah.McClanan2@mass.gov)>; Sherry, Bret (FWE) <[Bret.Sherry@mass.gov](mailto:Bret.Sherry@mass.gov)>

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Dear Mr. Cohen:

It has been brought to my attention that you reached out to Representative Elliot about concerns regarding the condition of the boat ramp located at Southwell Field. Attached please find the 2-28-2023 letter addressed to you outlining the approach needed to make the necessary improvements to the boat ramp along with a copy of the Land Management Agreement, existing condition photos of the boat ramp and an aerial showing the closest OFBA boat ramp to Southwell Field. OFBA will start the procurement process required to hire an engineering consultant to design and permit the needed reconstruction. We will work closely with the designated town officials as we work the planning, design and permitting phases.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any further questions.

Regards,

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