

Good Morning BOS, Regarding Portal Process and looming deadline:

Please consider the dire need to extend the Portal Review Process.

The arbitrary 90 day deadline is essentially not 90 days, being that we are left to rely on the MCP time frame for response.

With the understanding of the understaffed MCP and the litany of issues we have encountered it's in the best interest of the applicants and MCP to allow each applicant (that has submitted and continued to submit corrections by the deadline) whatever the time it takes to get to the "COMPLETE" status.

There are multiple reasons for an extension, just to name a few, such as:

~unclear/changed & inconsistent required documents

~knowledge of pond exemptions/excavating & pond permits

~new need to submit structures list for 2 different applications on one property

~NOA "outdated" Incompletes (NOA is a yearly fee paid & does not become "outdated", but suddenly a Waterboard annual report satisfies the "outdated" NOA.

~SIUR misleading & confusing new "requirement" 60 days in

~LSAA's missing APN in the final document gets an Incomplete. APN's are only listed on properties having "projects"

~Building permits on "hold" with planners & EH

~Water Availability Analysis -scheduling during a pandemic is challenging & being asked for relocation to AG zoning which contradicts the checklist

~Server issues, applications being stuck in SENT mode & having to wait to resubmit until it gets put back into IN PROCESS mode

~equity grant opportunities

~The deadline during HARVEST when time is short and money is shorter due to the bottom of the market falling out

Any Applicant that has entered this Portal process after submitting documents and meeting moving goal posts for years deserves the time necessary to complete the process to receive an annual permit.

It has taken the County 4 years to put a system in place but is requiring the applicants to complete within 90 days or get denied. How is that justified? Anyone that is still in process at this juncture has done everything possible to be compliant and should be given the opportunity to receive an annual permit.

Remember these are community members, families that support local businesses, they support this county and have small family local businesses.

Thank you

Respectfully,

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