

**Roland Bartl**

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**From:** Roland Bartl  
**Sent:** Friday, June 08, 2007 1:48 PM  
**To:** John Murray; Brent Reagor; Don Johnson; Doug Halley; Garry Rhodes; Tom Tidman  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY REACHES \$350,000 SETTLEMENT WITH ACTON COUNTRY CLUB OWNER FOR EXCESSIVE WATER WITHDRAWALS

Most likely not a violation of the Planning Board's special permit. The Planning Board's decision staid away from withdrawal limits, thus deferring to DEP.

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**From:** John Murray  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 3:45 PM  
**To:** Brent Reagor; Don Johnson; Doug Halley; Roland Bartl; Garry Rhodes; Tom Tidman  
**Subject:** RE: ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY REACHES \$350,000 SETTLEMENT WITH ACTON COUNTRY CLUB OWNER FOR EXCESSIVE WATER WITHDRAWALS

Is this a violation of any of our permit conditions?

John

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 9:45 AM  
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**From:** Webber, Margaret (DEP) [mailto:Margaret.Webber@state.ma.us]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 8:55 AM  
**To:** Brent Reagor  
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**From:** Kickham, Barbara (DEP)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2007 8:52 AM  
**To:** Webber, Margaret (DEP)  
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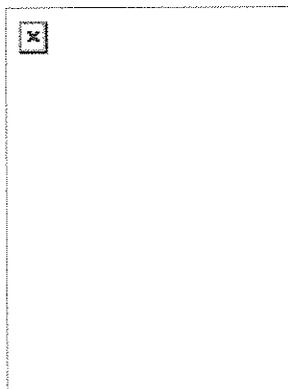
Margo  
let me know if you see this is your local paper.

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**From:** Coletta, Edmund (DEP)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 05, 2007 3:44 PM  
**To:** Pigsley, MaryJude (DEP); Anderson, Paul (DEP); Kickham, Barbara (DEP); Bostwick, Robert (DEP)  
**Cc:** Suuberg, Martin (DEP)  
**Subject:** FW: ATTORNEY GENERAL MARTHA COAKLEY REACHES \$350,000 SETTLEMENT WITH ACTON COUNTRY CLUB OWNER FOR EXCESSIVE WATER WITHDRAWALS

FYI... The AG's press office just issued the Quail Ridge press release. Thanks for your help on it.

Ed



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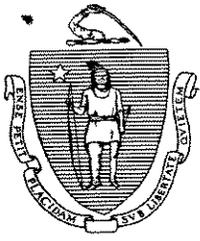
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Under the MWMA, water withdrawals must not exceed an average daily volume of more than 100,000 gallons per day during its peak 90 day-period (equivalent to 9 million gallons); unless the user has obtained a permit from the MassDEP. According to the company’s own records, Quail Ridge withdrew as much as 12 to 13 million gallons of water from the wells in a 90-day period during the years 2005 and 2006. Records also show that during those years the company exceeded daily water withdrawal limits on more than 300 occasions. The complaint further alleges that Quail Ridge failed to properly monitor stream flow in the Nagog Brook, which is part of the Nashoba River Basin that includes the Assabet River.

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