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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ("MDAR") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C.30A, § 2 and 950 CMR 20.04, which require the Commissioner of MDAR to hold a public hearing to amend the following regulation: 330 CMR 18.00, Land Use ("Regulation"). The purpose of this Regulation is to license vacant Commonwealth of Massachusetts owned land for garden, arbor or farm purposes. Regulations are mandated by M.G.L. c 128, Section 7F. The regulations outline the applicant eligibility, application process, and conditions of license. The revisions streamline the Regulation by removing unnecessary and outdated procedural requirements.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following date and time at the respective designated location:

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Richard Cronin Building Room 110, Westborough, MA, for a public hearing to be held on September 21, 2016, from 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted before and at the Hearing. MDAR will continue to accept written comments until September 21, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. Written comments should be addressed to Gerard Kennedy, Director, Division of Agricultural Conservation & Technical Assistance, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114.

The full text of the regulations and background information is available at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/proposed-amendments-to-regulations.html>. A hard copy of the full text of the regulation and background information are also available upon written request made to at the address set forth above.

By: John Lebeaux, Commissioner