May 25, 2007

Stampph LLC C/o Patricia A. Richards 1483 Iron Mine Road North Smithfield, RI 02896

## Insignificant Alteration - Permit

RE: Application No. 07-0088 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 140 feet north of Park East Drive, opposite utility pole no. 39, approximately 1400 feet northwest of the intersection of Maple Ridge and Park East Drives, Assessor's Plat Map D8, Lot 59-15, Woonsocket, RI.

Dear Ms. Richards:

Kindly be advised that the Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your Request for Preliminary Determination application and has evaluated the proposed one story masonry office building with driveway, paved parking areas, utilities, and drainage structures, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on February 28, 2007.

Our observations of the subject property, review of the site plans and evaluation of the proposed project reveals that alterations of freshwater wetlands are proposed. However, pursuant to Rule 9.03 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act (Rules), this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No: 07-0088

- 1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, Rhode Island General Laws (RIGL) Section 2-1-18 et seq.
- 2. This permit is specifically limited to the project, site alterations and limits of disturbance as detailed on the site plans submitted with your application and received by the DEM on February 28, 2007. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project which would alter freshwater wetlands are not authorized without a permit from the DEM.
- 3. Where the terms and conditions of the permit conflict with the approved site plans, these terms and conditions shall be deemed to supersede the site plans.
- 4. You must notify this Program in writing immediately prior to the commencement of site alterations and upon completion of the project.

- 5. A copy of the stamped approved site plans and a copy of this permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.
- 6. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the City of Woonsocket and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the City showing this permit was recorded.
- 7. The effective date of this permit is the date this letter was issued. This permit expires four (4) years from the date of issue.
- 8. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter which could pollute any freshwater wetland.
- 9. Prior to commencement of site alterations, you shall erect or post a sign resistant to the weather and at least twelve (12) inches wide and eighteen (18) inches long, which boldly identifies the initials "DEM" and the application number of this permit. This sign must be maintained at the site in a conspicuous location until such time that the project is complete.
- 10. The existing oak to remain adjacent to wetland edge flag A-17 and the existing pine to remain adjacent to wetland edge flags A-25 that are depicted on the approved site plans are not to be cut. They are to be preserved as indicated as they are beyond the limits of disturbance.
- 11. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans shall be properly installed at the site prior to or commensurate with site alterations. Such controls shall be properly maintained, replaced, supplemented, or modified as necessary throughout the life of this project to minimize soil erosion and to prevent sediment from being deposited in any wetlands not subject to disturbance under this permit.
- 12. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control, which are installed or used in compliance with this Permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands.
- 13. You are obligated to install, utilize and follow all best management practices detailed or described on the approved site plans in the construction of the project to minimize or prevent adverse impacts to any adjacent freshwater wetlands and the functions and values provided by such wetlands.
- 14. This Program has made a specific revision to the approved site plans. This revision is clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with this revision. Specifically, white pine (*Pinus strobus*) saplings are to be installed in the designated areas noted in red. These saplings must be at least 4 to 5 feet in height and planted no greater than 7 feet apart.
- 15. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting. You must notify this Program in writing upon completion of the required plantings for a compliance inspection by a Program representative.

- 16. Buffer zone plantings of trees and/or shrubs proposed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to moving or manicuring.
- 17. You must provide written certification from a registered land surveyor or registered professional engineer that the stormwater drainage system including any and all basins, piping systems, catch basins, culverts, swales and any other stormwater management control features have been constructed/installed in accordance with the site plan approved by this permit. This written certification must be submitted to this Program within twenty (20) days of its request or upon completion of the project.

Please note that this Department has not verified the wetland edges that are illustrated on the approved site plan, as part of this application. Therefore, you must strictly adhere to the limit of disturbance depicted on the approved site plans.

This permit is valid for the original applicant only and is not transferable to another person unless the new owner completes and submits an **Application for Permit Transfer** in accordance with Rule 9.08.

You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

This permit does not remove your obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law and does not relieve you from any duties owed to adjacent landowners with specific reference to any changes in drainage.

Please contact Daniel Kowal of this office (telephone: 401-222-4700) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Donald Gagnon, Woonsocket Building Official Kevin R. McBride, P.E., Caputo and Wick Ltd.