



RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

November 17, 2009

Walter Law, Jr.  
359 Old Snake Hill Road  
Chepachet, RI 02814

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

Re: Application No. 07-0390 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 650 feet north of Old Snake Hill Road, and approximately 1,220 feet east of the intersection with Reynolds Road (RI Route 94), Utility Pole No. 349, Assessor's Plat 5, Lot 43, Glocester, RI

Dear Mr. Law:

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. This review included a site inspection of the above referenced property ("subject property") and an evaluation of the proposed three (3) bedroom single family dwelling with associated gravel driveway, well, Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (O.W.T.S.) and landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on September 25, 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 9.00 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. 07-0390:

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 September 25, 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.



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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 Town of Glocester and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town 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 unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.
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. 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.
11. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of silt fencing must be removed.
12. 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.
13. All plantings and vegetation within the wetland restoration areas outlined by the Office of Compliance and Inspection under file No. C95-0026 must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.
14. Artificial lighting along the driveway/roadway where it crosses freshwater wetlands is not authorized in this permit.
15. All future poles, lines and connections to the dwelling must be located within the approved Limits of Disturbance. In addition, any improvements to the existing driveway that do not fall within the exemptions outlined in Rule 6.0 will require a new permit application.
16. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans. This project must take place in compliance with these revisions. Specifically, the Limit Of Disturbance (LOD) has been revised to enclose all work proposed reviewed under this application.

17. All areas replanted and restored as required per RIDEM's Office of Compliance and Inspection under Complaint File No. C95-0026 must continue to revegetate to a natural state without any further mowing, manicuring or disturbance.

Please be advised, a permit is needed from the O.W.T.S. Program prior to commencing any work on the proposed future dwelling and associated features.

Pursuant to the provisions in Rule 7.09 and Rule 11.04, as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property.

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a determination of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on the subject property. Should you wish to obtain such verification, you may submit an application in accordance with Rule 8.03.

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 Shawna Holdredge of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7427) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

*Nancy L. Freeman*

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Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Lawrence G. Desormier, Jr, Gloucester Building Official  
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