



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

May 26, 2010

Rick Cardello
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Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 10-0086 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 65 feet east of Grant Way, Utility Pole 5, and approximately 500 feet southeast of the intersection of Grant Way and Old Kent Road, Assessor's Plat 10, Lots 13, 14 and 15, Scituate, RI.

Dear Mr. Cardello:

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 single-family dwelling with associated septic system, use of an existing well, landscaping, and the permanent removal of fill on site along with the permanent removal of eight (8) cabins on the subject properties for the purposes of floodplain compensation, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on May 4, 2010.

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, some of which have already been completed without a permit. However, pursuant to Rule 9.00 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act ("Rules"), and in consideration of the restoration work proposed by you, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Application No. 10-0086:

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 has been received by the DEM on May 4, 2010. 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 or Town 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 Scituate 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 that 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. 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.
12. Excavation to compensate for loss in flood storage as provided on the approved site plans (i.e. fill placed on the subject property shall be completely removed and the subject property shall be regraded back to original grades except for grading associated with the septic system) is mandatory and must be completed prior to any filling or construction alterations within flood plain or areas subject to flooding on the subject property. Written certification must be provided to this Program by a registered land surveyor that such excavation and grading has been accomplished as permitted. Such certification shall be submitted within twenty (20) days of completion of the required excavation and grading. Furthermore, all stipulations of the flood storage easement located on the adjacent lot (Assessor's Plat 10, Lot 15) are a condition of this permit.
13. Also, following removal of fill to original grade and prior to commencement of any other site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated in red ink on the approved site plans, in order to provide permanent reference points on site that are clear to present and future property owners. Acceptable permanent type markers include 4" x 4" pressure treated timber posts, galvanized fence posts with cap, or granite or concrete bounds. Markers must extend a minimum 24" above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least 24" tall placed along the limits of disturbance and similarly labeled may be substituted where desired. **No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.**

14. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or silt fence must be removed.
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. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
16. The entire area east of the "Limit of Re-Vegitated (*sic*) Buffer, along with any 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 any future cutting, mowing or manicuring.

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 Andrew Charpentier of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7414) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, Permitting Supervisor
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program
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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Brian Moore, DEM OWTS Program
David E. Provonsil, P.E., Scituate Building Official
Stephen Tyrrell, DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection