



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

June 25, 2013

Foster Gloucester Regional School Dist.
Joseph McGovern, Dir. Building & Grounds
137 Anan Wade Road
North Scituate, RI 02857

Insignificant Alteration-Permit

Re: Application No. 13-0096 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 400 feet west of Chopmist Hill Road (Rte 102), Utility poles No. 33 to 43, approximately 550 feet north-northwest of the intersection of Chopmist Hill Road and Rustic Hill Road, Assessor's Plat 12, Lot 32, Gloucester, RI

Dear Mr. McGovern:

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 gravel cross-country/nature trail with associated pedestrian bridge crossings as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received on May 31, 2013.

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. 13-0096:

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 May 31, 2013. Disturbance is to be limited to the width of the proposed trails and bridges. 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. 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.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. 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.
9. Temporary erosion and sediment controls detailed or described on the approved site plans should 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.
10. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of silt fencing must be removed. **Please note:** It is anticipated that silt fencing is not necessary at all places illustrated on the approved site plans, but rather only adjacent to the stream channels.
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. Consistent with the permit originally issued for the school under Application No. 05-0578, please be advised that all areas adjacent to the southernmost bridge and within the 100-foot riverbank wetlands, including any plants re-located for bridge construction, must be allowed to revegetate in a natural, wild manner, free from all future cutting or mowing. The only maintenance permitted in this location is the minimum needed to maintain the integrity of the bridge itself.

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 the Rules.

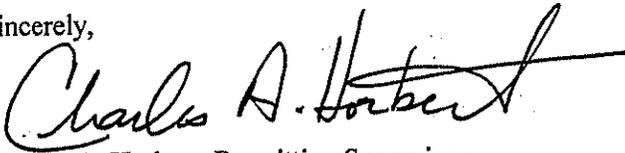
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this permit and to carry out this project in compliance with the Rules at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by this Department.

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 feel free to contact me (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7402) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Horbert, Permitting Supervisor
Office of Water Resources
Freshwater Wetlands Program
CAH/cah

Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Carl Riccio, Gloucester Building Official
 Nicholas Veltri, PLS, N. Veltri Survey, Inc.