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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

April 24, 2015

Lee M. Helterline  
4250 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue-No. 116  
San Diego, California 92103

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

**RE:** Application No. 15-0015 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 50 feet south of the existing gravel right-of-way (R.O.W.) and approximately 325 feet east/southeast of its intersection with Corn Neck Road on Long Lot Pond, Assessor's Plat 2, Lot 2-2, New Shoreham, RI

Dear Ms. Helterline:

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 four bedroom dwelling with a deck, pervious driveway, drainage, private well, on-site wastewater treatment system ("OWTS"), permanent markers, grading and landscaping as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on April 16, 2015.

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: 15-0015**

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 April 16, 2015. A copy of the site plans stamped approved by the DEM is enclosed. Changes or revisions to the project that 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 Town of New Shoreham 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 on July 1, 2019.
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. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of hay bales and/or silt fence 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. 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. The limit of disturbance (LOD) has been revised to enclose all work proposed.
14. Also prior to commencement of any 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 may be substituted where desired. No alterations of any kind are permitted beyond these markers without first obtaining the necessary permit from this Program.

15. Previously disturbed (mowed) portions of the perimeter wetland beyond the buffer zone markers must be allowed to either:

- revegetate naturally without any further mowing or manicuring or;
- be mowed once annually (outside of the primary nesting season of April 15<sup>th</sup>- August 15<sup>th</sup>) to deter invasive species and encourage old field habitat or;
- be planted in accordance with Rule 6.18 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act (the "Rules") with native species suitable to the site conditions. Plantings of native trees and/or shrubs installed between the project and any adjacent freshwater wetland areas, except for necessary replacement, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.

All existing shrubs and natural vegetation currently present in the perimeter wetland along the pond edge must remain intact and undisturbed.

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.

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.

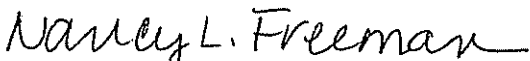
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

Kindly be advised that this permit is not equivalent to a verification of the type or extent of freshwater wetlands on site. Should you wish to have the types and extent of freshwater wetlands verified, you may submit the appropriate application in accordance with Rule 8.03.

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 me (telephone: 401-222-6820 x 7408) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy L. Freeman, Senior Environmental Scientist  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: Marc Tillson, New Shoreham Building Official  
Richard A. Greene, PLS