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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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TDD 401-222-4462

July 29, 2015

Town of Scituate  
c/o Thomas W. Angell, Chairman of the Land Trust  
195 Danielson Pike  
North Scituate, RI 02857

**Insignificant Alteration - Permit**

Re: Application No. 15-0116 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 500 feet west of Seven Mile Road, approximately 2200 feet south of the intersection of Scituate Avenue (Route 12) and Seven Mile Road, Utility Pole No. 105, Assessors Plat 9-1, Lot 109, Scituate, RI.

Dear Mr. Angell:

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 repairs to two existing stream crossings on a nature trail at town-owned conservation land, placement of riprap within an eroded stream channel, and trail maintenance including removal of rocks and dead trees, as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on July 20, 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. 15-0116:

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 July 20, 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.

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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 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 on July 1, 2020.
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 responsible for the proper operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, facilities, and systems of treatment and control that 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, until such time that you document that this responsibility has been assumed by another person or organization.
14. All construction activities involving soil disturbances within watercourses must be limited to the low flow period (i.e., the period from July 1 to October 31 of any calendar year). Soil disturbance in these watercourses must temporarily cease in the event of any abnormally high stormwater runoff event during the low flow period.

15. 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, **a) relative to Task No. 3, stones shall be redistributed in a natural formation with no obstruction of flow or fish passage allowed, b) only trees that obstruct emergency vehicle passage across the stream shall be cut, and c) the limits of disturbance for this project shall be noted on the site plans at each of the stream crossings.**

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.

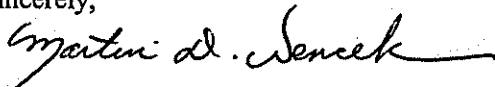
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

**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 Claire Swift of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820 x 7418) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Permitting Supervisor  
Office of Water Resources  
Freshwater Wetlands Program

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

xc: David E. Provonsil, PE, Town of Scituate Engineer