



RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 3, 2019

William F. Place
141C Mooresfield Road
Saunderstown, RI 02874

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

RE: Application No. 18-0311 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 740 feet north of Mooresfield Road, approximately 1,400 feet west of its intersection with Tower Hill Road, Assessor's Plat 18-3, Lot 38, South Kingstown, RI.

Dear Mr. Place:

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 construction of two adjoining structures and an associated rain garden, installation of a crushed stone driveway, reforming a crushed stone cart path crossing including installation of a 12-inch HDPE culvert, removal of two unauthorized structures and fill material, planting trees and shrubs, and associated grading as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on August 15, 2019.

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 250-RICR-150-15-1.9 of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Fresh Water Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, this project may be permitted as an **insignificant alteration** to freshwater wetlands under the following terms and conditions:

Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 18-0311:

1. This letter is the DEM's permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 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 August 15, 2019. 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 again 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 of South Kingstown 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 South Kingstown 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 this letter 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. Upon permanent stabilization of all disturbed soils, temporary erosion and/or sediment controls consisting of silt fence and or/compost filter sock must be removed.
12. You are responsible for the proper installation, operation, maintenance and stability of any mitigative features, stormwater treatment facilities, and systems of treatment and control that are installed or used in compliance with this permit to prevent harm to adjacent wetlands until such time documentation is provided that this responsibility has been assigned to another entity.
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.
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. 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 within six (6) months after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting. You must notify this Program in writing upon completion of the required plantings for a compliance inspection by a Program representative.

16. Riverbank wetland restoration and 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 mowing or manicuring.
17. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced in-kind. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
18. This Program has made a specific revision to the approved site plans. This revision is clearly marked in red on the approved plans. Specifically, the material placed within the cart path as shown in the "Culvert Detail View" portion of the approved site plan shall meet the specifications described in the "Crushed Stone Driveway Note" at the top of the approved site plans. This project shall take place in compliance with this revision.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.7(A)(9) and 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(D), 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.

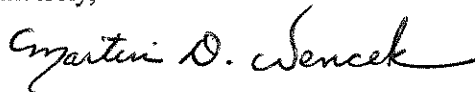
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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 250-RICR-150-15-1.8(C).

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 Jane Kelly of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7420) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure: Approved site plans

cc: Stephen Tyrrell, DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection
Wayne Pimental, South Kingstown Building Official
Daniel Cotta, PE, American Engineering, Inc.
Scott P. Rabideau, Natural Resource Services, Inc.