



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

CERTIFIED MAIL

February 25, 2020

Michael Allamey
174 Windmill Drive
Wakefield, RI 02879

PERMIT TO ALTER FRESHWATER WETLANDS

RE: Wetlands Application No. 19-0068 in reference to the location below:

Approximately 40 feet north of Bates Trail near Utility Pole No. 3 and approximately 400 feet northwest of its intersection with Carr's Pond Road, Assessor's Map 25, Plat 15, Lot 181, East Greenwich, RI.

Dear Mr. Allamey:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Application to Alter a Freshwater Wetland** regarding the proposed construction of a four-bedroom dwelling, crushed stone driveway, utilities including a private well and on-site wastewater treatment system ("OWTS"), a floodplain compensation area in addition to clearing, grading and landscaping as described and detailed in the material and information submitted in support of your application and on site plans received by the DEM on October 1, 2019. These site plans describing the project were made available for public comment as part of the forty-five (45) day public notice period required in accordance with the Freshwater Wetlands Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 *et seq.*) and the procedures set forth in the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, specifically in 250-RICR-150-15-1.10.

The Program did not receive any written comments relating to this application during the public notice period.

Pursuant to the Program's review and evaluation of your application including all supporting information and material, as well as the record to date, the Program has determined that this project does not represent a random, unnecessary or undesirable alteration of freshwater wetlands. Therefore, this Program hereby issues this permit to alter freshwater wetlands **subject to all controlling Rules and the Terms and Conditions set forth herein.**

Permit Terms and Conditions for Wetlands Application No. 19-0068:

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 October 1, 2019. 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 of the anticipated start date, and of your contractor's contact information, by submitting the Notice of Start of Construction Form prior to commencement of any permitted site alterations or construction activity. You must also notify this Program in writing upon completion of the project. The Start of Construction Form can be found on the webpage: dem.ri.gov/stormwaterconstruction
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 city/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 East Greenwich 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 one (1) year from the date of this letter unless renewed pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.10(G)(6).
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 and the DEM issues a Notice of Completion of Work for the project.
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 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. **Excavation to compensate for loss in flood storage as provided on the approved site plans 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.**

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.
17. Also prior to commencement of any site alterations, permanent buffer zone markers must be installed along the limit of disturbance at the locations indicated 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 twenty-four (24) inches above grade. A permanent-type tag or sign labeled "RIDEM Buffer Zone" must be placed on each marker. A permanent-type fence at least twenty-four (24) inches 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.
18. Immediately upon installation of the property buffer zone markers, this Program must be contacted to arrange an on-site inspection. Once proper installation has been confirmed by this Program, work may be initiated on the project as herein approved.
19. This Program has made specific revisions to the approved site plans. These revisions are clearly marked in red on the approved plans and include the following:
 - a) The crushed stone driveway detail on Sheet 2 of 2 has been amended to read 3" of $\frac{3}{4}$ " to $1\frac{1}{2}$ " "washed, angular" crushed stone surface course.
 - b) You may substitute Rosebay Rhododendron shrubs (*Rhododendron maximum*), planted 8-feet on center, at least four (4)-feet tall after planting in lieu of the White Pine (*Pinus strobus*) tree plantings if you choose. You may also intersperse the two plant species in combination with each other. A total of 30 plants are necessary along the permanent buffer zone limit as noted on the approved site plan notes.

This project must take place in compliance with these revisions.

Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.7(A)(9) and 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(D) of the Rules, as applicable, any properly recorded and valid permit is automatically transferred to the new owner upon sale of the property. Pursuant to the provisions in 250-RICR-150-15-1.7(A)(9)(c), within ten (10) days of any property transfer, the subsequent transferee must notify the Department by forwarding a certified copy of the deed of transfer.

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 against you by the DEM.

In permitting the proposed alterations, the Department 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.

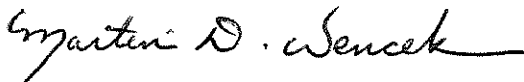
If you are aggrieved by this decision, you may, within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter, request an adjudicatory hearing in writing. This request must be sent directly to the DEM Administrative Adjudication Division ("AAD"), 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. A copy of the request should also be forwarded to this Program and to the Office of Legal Services, at the same address. Your written request for an adjudicatory hearing must be timely filed and should conform to the requirements of 250-RICR-10-00-1.7(B) of the DEM Rules and Regulations for the Administrative Adjudication Division, 250-RICR-10-00-1. Section 250-RICR-10-00-1.7(B) provides:

"The request for a hearing shall state clearly and concisely the specific issues which are in dispute, and the facts in support thereof, the relief sought, if any, the license or permit sought or involved, and any additional information required by applicable statutes and regulations."

The written request must be accompanied by an adjudicatory hearing fee of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); in the form of a certified bank check or money order made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer; however, in the event that the cost of the hearing exceeds the fee paid, the Program through the AAD will require an additional fee which the applicant must submit prior to the DEM's issuance of any final decision regarding this application. The adjudicatory hearing will be held before a Hearing Officer from the AAD. Such hearing will be held in compliance with 250-RICR-10-00-1, R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-1 et seq., and other governing laws, rules, and regulations adopted by the DEM. Please note that you have the right to be represented by legal counsel in any proceeding which may be held in this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me or Nancy Freeman at this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 7408).

Sincerely,



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

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Enclosure: Approved Site Plans

cc: Mary Kay, Executive Counsel, DEM Office of Legal Services
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