



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

June 15, 2021

Katrina Sivo Souza
104 Gold Mine Road
Chepachet, RI 02814

Insignificant Alteration – Permit

Re: Application No. 21-0047 for the property and project located:

At 104 Gold Mine Road, approximately 320 feet east of Gold Mine Road, approximately 330 feet south of its intersection with Anchorage Road, Assessor's Plat NEP, Lot 29, Glocester, RI.

Dear Ms. Sivo Souza:

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 dock and floating platform as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on March 4, 2021.

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. 21-0047:

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 March 4, 2021. 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. 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.

5. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Gloucester and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this permit was recorded.
6. 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.
7. Any material utilized in this project must be clean and free of matter that could pollute any freshwater wetland.
8. 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.
9. All plantings of shrubs, trees or other forms of vegetation as shown or detailed on the approved plans or as noted on the narrative accompanying this application, or detailed in this permit, must be installed as soon as possible after completion of final grading; weather and season permitting.
10. Buffer zone plantings of trees and/or shrubs installed within freshwater wetland areas in accordance with DEM's Office of Compliance and Inspection requirements, must be allowed to develop naturally without being subjected to mowing or manicuring.
11. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season. At this time, at least two saplings along the shoreline will need to be replaced.

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 (and/or subject you to the enforcement provisions of the Corps' regulations.)

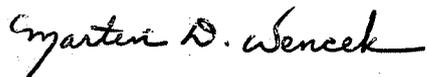
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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. 77420) 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: Kenneth Johnson, Town of Gloucester Building Official
Bruce Ahern, DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection
Katherine Morgan, DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection