



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

August 9, 2024

Michael P. Casavant and Alison Herdrich  
292 Arcadia Road  
Richmond, RI 02832

**REVISED PERMIT**

**Re:** Application No. 22-0381 in reference to the property and proposed project located:

Approximately 200 feet north of Switch Road and approximately 180 feet northeast of its intersection with Highland Trail, near Utility Pole No. 3-84 S, Assessor's Plat 6A, Lot 10, Richmond, RI.

Dear Mr. Casavant and Ms. Herdrich:

The Department of Environmental Management's ("DEM") Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") has completed its review of your **Application for Permit Modification** to the permitted 3-bedroom dwelling and associated driveway with bridge crossing, garage, stone retaining wall, onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), private well, stormwater mitigation systems, screen plantings, landscaped yard, and has evaluated your proposed modifications to the size and layout of the proposed dwelling and associated stormwater mitigation systems, re-locating the proposed dwelling approximately 30-feet back from its previous location, and changing the septic system from a previously approved Eljen In-drain leachfield to a 6212 GST leachfield as illustrated and detailed on revised site plans submitted with your application. The revised site plans were received on June 28, 2024.

Based upon the Program's evaluation of the revised project and pursuant to 250-RICR-150-15-1.11(C) of the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-1, it is the Program's determination that a revised permit for the modified project may be issued under the following terms and conditions:

1. This letter is the DEM's revised permit for this project under the R.I. Fresh Water Wetlands Act, R.I. Gen. Laws § 2-1-18 et seq.
2. This revised 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 June 28, 2024. 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 revised 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 revised permit must be kept at the site at all times during site preparation, construction, and final stabilization. Copies of this revised permit and the stamped approved plans must be made available for review by any DEM representative upon request.

5. Within ten (10) days of the receipt of this revised permit, you must record this permit in the land evidence records of the Town of Richmond and supply this Program with written documentation obtained from the Town showing this revised permit was recorded.
6. This revised permit expires on January 27, 2027, unless renewed pursuant to the Rules.

Except as authorized in this revised permit pursuant to revised and approved site plans (enclosed), all terms and conditions previously specified in the Program's permit dated January 27, 2023 (copy enclosed) remain in effect.

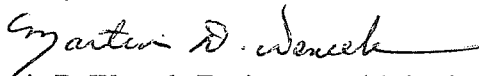
You are required to comply with the terms and conditions of this revised permit and to carry out this project in compliance with 250-RICR-150-15-1 at all times. Failure to do so may result in an enforcement action by the Program.

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

This revised 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 Jessica Lord at this office at (telephone: 401-537-4249) should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,



Martin D. Wencek, Environmental Scientist IV  
Freshwater Wetlands Program  
Office of Water Resources  
MDW/JAL/jal

Enclosure: Original permit dated January 27, 2023

cc: Anthony Santilli, Town of Richmond Building Official  
Raymond Taylor, Program Supervisor, DEM OWTS Program



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January 27, 2023

Ernest Gifford  
P.O. Box 263  
Hope, RI 02831

**Insignificant Alteration – Permit**

Re: Application No. 22-0381 for the property and project located:

Approximately 200 feet north of Switch Road near Utility Pole No. 3-84 S, and approximately 180 feet northeast of its intersection with Highland Trail, Assessor's Plat 6A, Lot 10, Richmond, RI.

Dear Mr. Gifford:

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 a 3-bedroom dwelling, driveway with bridge crossing, garage, stone retaining wall, onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS), private well, stormwater mitigation systems, utility poles with overhead wiring, screen plantings, landscaped yard, clearing, grading and soil disturbance as illustrated and detailed on site plans submitted with your application. These site plans were received by the DEM on December 20, 2022 (Driveway Culvert, Sheet 2 of 2) and the Revised "Showing Proposed Driveway & Culvert at Pole #3-84 Switch Road in the Town of Richmond, Rhode Island" Sheet received by the DEM on December 22, 2022 (Sheet 1 of 2).

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. 22-0381:

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 December 20, 2022 (Sheet 2 of 2) and December 22, 2022 (Sheet 1 of 2). 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 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](http://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 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 Richmond 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 must be removed.
12. You are obligated to install, utilize, maintain, 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. 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.
14. 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.
15. Any plantings which fail to survive one full growing season shall be replaced. Replacement plantings shall be similarly guaranteed for one full growing season.

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.

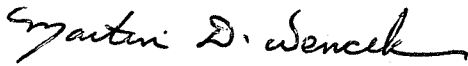
In permitting the proposed alterations, the DEM assumes no responsibility for damages resulting from faulty design or construction.

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-150-15-3.9.3.

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 Jessica Lord of this office (telephone: 401-222-6820, ext. 2777416) 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

ec: Mohamed Freij, PE, PLS, Supervising Engineer, DEM OWTS Program  
Anthony Santilli, Town of Richmond Building Official  
Linda Steere, Applied Bio-Systems, Inc.  
John Rockwell, Coventry Survey Co.  
Carolyn Doyle, P.E.