



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

May 25, 2023

John R. Leone
P.O. Box 129
New Shoreham, Rhode Island 02807

RE: Application No. **23-0059** in reference to the location below:

Approximately 200 feet north of Mohegan Trail and approximately 1300 feet east of Pilot Hill Road, Assessor's Plat 8, Lot 177, New Shoreham, RI.

Dear Mr. Leone:

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration and Enforcement of the Freshwater Wetlands Act, 250-RICR-150-15-3.8.12(A)(1), the Department of Environmental Management ("DEM") may not process an application for any property which the DEM alleges contains unauthorized alterations of freshwater wetlands, buffers and other jurisdictional areas discovered either during the review of an application or during investigation of a complaint.

On Friday April 7th, 2023, a representative of the DEM's Freshwater Wetlands Program ("Program") inspected the property noted above and determined that work has taken place on the property which has resulted in the unauthorized alterations of jurisdictional areas. Such activity/alterations include:

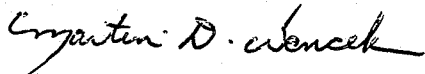
- Clearing of vegetation within biological wetland
- Clearing of vegetated buffer within the buffer zone
- Clearing of vegetation within 100-foot jurisdictional area

In the opinion of this Program, this activity not only represents an unauthorized alteration of jurisdictional areas, but also jeopardizes the Program's responsibilities under the Rules to process the application. Therefore, this Program has suspended the processing of your application until resolution of this matter is complete.

You may consult the Program's files (see file no. 23-0059) for more specific information regarding this matter or contact Sam Dufresne at 401-222-6820, ext. 2777275.

This matter has been turned over to the Office of Compliance and Inspection for resolution. The processing of your application is suspended until such time that you comply with the DEM and the Rules.

Sincerely,



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

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- c: Eric Beck, P.E. Administrator, Groundwater & Freshwater Wetlands Protection
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