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Melrose Conservation Commission  
City Hall  
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RE: DEP File #217-0214  
36 Slayton Road/Confalone  
Final plans and suggested conditions

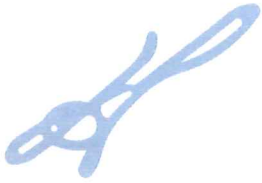
Dear Commissioners:

Accompanying this letter, please find six copies of the Notice of Intent Plans for 36 Slayton Road, Revised November 17, 2021. These are the plans to accompanying the Notice of Intent and while no changes were made on the plan sheet, when last submitted the detail sheet was incorrect, this plan set corrects the detail sheet for the following:

1. The wetlands replication area detail has been included on the plan.
2. The silt fence detail has been shown on the plan as it was unintentionally omitted from the last detail sheet.

It was agreed that we would provide some suggested language for the environmental monitoring of the site, to that end, we offer the following conditions:

- The applicant shall hire a qualified engineer or wetland scientist to be the environmental monitor on the site. That environmental monitor will make inspections during the following critical periods of causeway construction, but in no case during causeway construction shall such inspections be less than weekly. The critical periods of construction are as follows:
  1. The commencement of utility construction.
  2. Clearing and grubbing of the replication area.
  3. The initial procedures of installing the proprietary block retaining wall system.
  4. Excavation of the replication area to grade.
  5. Planting of the replication area
- After the replication area plantings are completed, the environmental monitor shall make two visits per year to the construction site and report on the condition of the plant



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material installed in the replication area. If after 3-years of monitoring if an adequate replication area has been accomplished further wetland review would not be required.

- The environmental monitor shall be either a registered Civil Engineer or Wetland Scientist with a working knowledge of the Wetlands Protection Act and its requirements and having a minimum of 5-years' experience working as an Engineer or Wetlands Scientist working in conjunction with the Wetlands Protection Act.

In addition, the Commission was questioning when the replication area would be built in the construction sequence. As presented to the Commission, the construction sequence left open the possibility of utilizing excavated material from the wetland replication area to use as back fill on the causeway. This would occur only if the material was suitable. For this construction sequence the replication area would not be completed until after the causeway construction is completed.

The more likely scenario would be if suitable material does not exist in the replication area and in that case, the replication area can be constructed and replicated plantings completed before construction begins on the containment walls.

Unfortunately, I have a conflict on Thursday night and am not able to be in attendance at the beginning of the meeting. I would hope to get on-line subsequent to my prior commitment, but I cannot guarantee when that will be completed. Attorney Robert Bell will be present to represent the applicant.

I apologize for not providing this information sooner but due to the busy situation in our office your continued hearing date came up on me quickly.

Very truly yours,

Peter J. Ogren, P.E., P.L.S.

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cc: Robert Bell

Enclosure