

Stormwater Mgmt. Plan

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To: Mark Avery <MadPlanBoard@gmail.com>, Liz Durfee <efd.planning@gmail.com>, Eric Fiegenbaum <adminmadbury@comcast.net>

Good morning, Chairman Avery, Planner Dufee, and Town Manager Fiegenbaum.

I am reaching out today because I do have a stormwater management plan that meets the town requirements. Per my conditional approval, I was asked to seek a variance because I did not meet this requirement. Now that I do, how do I add this to my application or adjust my conditional approval?

When I submitted my application, I did not realize that I had this in my possession. I was reminded when I received Ms. Durfee's letter to the Planning Board after reviewing my application. She had sent this to the Planning Board just a couple of days prior to the Public Hearing. In her letter to the Planning Board, Ms. Dufree requested a copy of our driveway permit. When I located our permit, I saw that I had, in fact, a stormwater management plan that was approved by the DOT at the time of my permit.

When I repayed the drive, the DOT required a stormwater management plan. I was working with a landscape architect, and he designed a stormwater treatment plan. This plan is attached. On the DOT permit, the Town was CC'ed, so this stormwater plan was sent to the Town back in 2016.

Please note, I had the driveway permit & stormwater plan with me at the Planning Board hearing, but I didn't want to pull it out bag to add to the mix at that time... I also knew that it was not stamped by an engineer (although DOT did not require this), but suspected that may add to frustrations that evening.

Following the meeting, I called Liz to seek out her opinion. She said that without a peer review, the Town would not really know if my driveway application & stormwater plan would meet the Town requirements. In response to this, I hired Atuls Engineering to conduct a review.

By hiring a professional engineer firm, I am able to demonstrate with significant confidence that what we have constructed on-site meets and/or exceeds Town requirements. Atlus' review is attached. Their review describes the current conditions, including the review of the stormwater plan as created by our landscape architect, and concludes that we do meet the Town requirements. Additionaly, they reinforce that this project (a deck remodel and expansion) is not large enough in scope to warrant a new stormwater management plan or any additional mitigation measures on-site.

In full transparency and to address the concerns that I do not have a full set of engineered drawings, I am working with both Atlus engineering and Dana Truslow on a long-term groundwater protection plan. As you know, our water is very important to us & this project is ongoing. Because of the scope and cost, it will take time. I fully respect the Town's need to have a formal set of drawings, but what I inherited is limited and I did not think a deck addition would require site plan review. Now, I fully understand the Town's diligence in reviewing applications & I thank you for your high-level of review. To that end, we are making significant progress in increasing the backup data that matches our beautiful property.

Attached you will find:

- 1. Driveway permit
- 2. Site survey
- 3. Landscape Architect's site plan
- 4. Peer review

Eager for your thoughts & feedback. I want to start construction ASAP. Now that I have met the criteria for a stormwater plan, is it OK for me to pull a building permit for the deck remodel?

Stay healthy & I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you,

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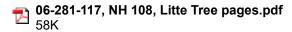
"If the whole of humankind is to be united into one brotherhood, all obstacles must be removed so that humans, all over the surface of the globe, should be as children playing in a garden."

Dr. Maria Montessori

4 attachments



COLDSTREAM Survey .pdf 115K



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Greenshields Parking Drainage 7-29-16.pdf



Civil Site Planning Environmental Engineering

133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801-4413

October 8, 2021

Madbury Planning Board 13 Town Hall Road Madbury, NH 03823

Re: Review of Stormwater Management Plan Coldstream Properties, LLC Little Tree Montessori Tax Map 10 Lot 7 314 NH Route 108 Madbury, NH

Dear Members of the Board,

Altus Engineering, Inc. (Altus) has completed a review of documentation provided by Coldstream Properties, LLC in order the determine compliance with the Town of Madbury's stormwater management standards. These included the following:

- A plan entitled "Paving and Drainage, Little Tree School" prepared by Charles C. Hugo Landscape Design of South Berwick, Maine dated July 28, 2016 (aka "Plan").
- A survey entitled "Plan of Land Prepared for Coldstream Properties, LLC" prepared by Jason Pohopek, LLS of Barrington, NH dated September 6, 2016.
- The current Site Plan Review Application and supporting documentation currently before the Planning Board.

We have also walked the Little Tree site to familiarize ourselves with the project and to ascertain whether or not the stormwater facilities were constructed in compliance with the Plan.

In general, it appears that the Plan captures many of the components we would expect to see on a typical NHDES-compliant stormwater management plan. These include raingardens at several locations, stone drip edges, infrastructure such as drainage structures and piping, and before and after impervious surface calculations. As demonstrated in the NH Stormwater Manual, raingardens are an effective means of stormwater treatment and offer excellent protection to the underlying aquifer.

In walking the site, we found that the majority of the Plan's elements have been installed as required and appear to have been well maintained. The only real departure from the Plan we observed was that a catch basin was constructed as specified but the grate had been paved over. Although this is a deviation, drainage appears to be functional without it and stormwater treatment is enhanced as runoff is allowed to sheet flow over a section of lawn instead of concentrating in a pipe. Everything else appears to be in general compliance with the design. In addition, we found that that runoff from the site's developed area is fully self-contained. A swale and large berm at the rear of the site effectively prevent stormwater from leaving

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the property. With these elements taken into consideration, we conclude that the possibility of negative impacts to neighboring properties or the aquifer due to drainage are remote.

Though we did not witness the actual construction and cannot validate the subsurface conditions, we are confident that the design as implemented effectively handles the site's runoff and is in compliance with the Town's regulations. It is our professional opinion that an additional or updated stormwater management plan is unwarranted at this time given the limited scope of the Applicant's current project. If the Applicant seeks a more aggressive site expansion in the future, we suggest that this be revisited at that juncture.

We hope that the above information and attached data satisfies your concerns. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

ALTUS ENGINEERING, INC.

Erik Saari Vice President

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President





Victoria F. Sheehan Commissioner

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

District 6 Office, PO Box 740, Durham, NH 03824



06-281-117

DRIVEWAY PERMIT

City/Town:

Madbury

Permit #:

#: 06-281-117

Route/Road:

NH 108 (S0000108)

District: 06

Permit Date 9/21/2016

Tax Map:

10 7

Lot:

Patrol Section: 606

Development: grading / paving

Permission is hereby granted to construct (alter) a driveway, entrance, exit or approach adjoining NH 108 (\$0000108), pursuant to the location and specifications as described below. Failure to adhere to the standards and engineering drawings previously approved shall render this instrument null and void. Failure to start or complete construction of said facility within one calendar year of the date of this permit shall require application for permit extension or renewal in accordance with the Driveway Access Rules. Facilities constructed in violation of the permit specifications or the rules, shall be corrected immediately upon notification by a Department representative. Any cost by the State to correct deficiencies shall be fully borne by the landowner. The landowner shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Department and its duly appointed agents and employees against any action for personal injury and/or property damage sustained by reason of the exercise of this permit.

Drive 1

Location:

Approximately 0.06 miles north of Junction of Freshet Road on the east side of NH 108 (S0000108).

GPS: 43.160316 N 70.895483 W.

Specifications: This permit authorizes a paved access to be used as a Commercial drive. Any change in use, increase in use or reconstruction of the driveway requires reapplication.

The right-of-way line is located 33 feet from and parallel to the centerline of the highway. The driveway shall not exceed 30 feet in width. The entrance of the drive may be flared; typically the flare radius is one half the driveway width.

Match existing roadway slope

Drive 2

Location:

Approximately 0.05 miles north of Junction of Freshet Road on the east side of NH 108 (S0000108).

GPS: 43.160182 N 70.895566 W.

Specifications: This permit authorizes a paved access to be used as a Commercial drive. Any change in use, increase in use or reconstruction of the driveway requires reapplication.

The right-of-way line is located 33 feet from and parallel to the centerline of the highway. The driveway shall not exceed 30 feet in width. The entrance of the drive may be flared; typically the flare radius is one half the driveway width.

Match existing roadway slope

Other Conditions:

No structures, including buildings, permanent or portable signs, lights, displays, fences, walls, etc. shall be permitted on, over or under the Highway Right of Way.

No parking, catering or servicing shall be conducted within the Highway Right of Way.

The applicant shall comply with all applicable ordinances and regulations of the municipality or other State Agencies.

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The applicant shall comply with all applicable ordinances and regulations of the municipality or other State Agencies.

The Department has relied on the title and subdivision information provided by the landowner. The Department has not performed additional title research and makes no warranty or representation concerning landowner's legal right to access. In the event of a dispute about the landowner's legal right to the access provided herein, the landowner will defend and indemnify the Department.

Drive to be constructed per attached plan.

No plantings are allowed.

Business sign needs to be relocated from States Right of way

Approved

Copies: District, Town, Patrolman

District Engineer

For Director of Administration

