



MADBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

13 TOWN HALL ROAD
MADBURY, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03823

October 28, 2009

Madbury Planning Board
13 Town Hall Rd
Madbury NH 23823

Re: Application for Conditional Use Permit
Map 11 Lot 3
245 Piscataqua Rd

Dear Planning Board,

On October 26, 2009, Ronda MacLeod, property owner at Map 11, Lot 3, came before the Commission to explained her proposed Shoreland Buffer Plan. The Planning Board approved the conditional use permit for construction of a deck with the condition that a buffer zone be established as determined by the applicant, Conservation Commission and Water Board. The proposed deck is within the 150 foot setback of the Madbury Shoreland Protection Overlay District.

The existing condition of the area between the house and High Observable Tide Line (HOTL), approximately 53 feet, is mostly lawn with a natural vegetative buffer on the other side of a chain link fence set at approximately four feet from the HOTL. The applicant has agreed to increase the buffer to 10 feet, increasing the existing natural state with 6 feet of plantings using landscaping principles and materials consistent to preserving, protecting and enhancing the natural ecology of the shoreland. She is referencing recent recommendations made by the UNH Cooperative Extension publication, "Landscaping at the Water's Edge." Natural mulches will be allowed to accumulate in the area to further reduce issues associated with rainwater runoff.

The Commission is in agreement with the proposed buffer and its maintenance, and feels it meets the condition of approval required for the Conditional Use Permit. We also applaud past and anticipated actions by the applicant to minimize stormwater runoff from this property by minimizing impervious area, establishing terraces and rain garden like areas were appropriate.

Respectfully,

Eric Fiegenbaum
Madbury Conservation Commission, Chair