

8:00 July 1, 2015. NOI Hearing for Nate Sikkila on West Rd (map 2, parcel 2.1) at the NH line. Represented by Christopher Guida, Certified Wetlands Scientist, Fieldstone Land Consultants
THIS TURNED OUT NOT TO BE A HEARING. RESCHEDULED TO JULY 15, 2015
@8:00PM

Judy Schmitz from DEP in attendance

Still working towards a final plan for replication

Fieldstone was called after the fact by Mr. Sikkila.

Driveway permit was issued with a condition that there would be another site visit after the snow had melted. The applicant continued at his own risk.

Fieldstone feels that the crossing is too large and the culvert needs to be larger and imbedded into the earth.

No defined bank, no flow in the channel – channelized because of construction. Fieldstone suggests that this is a forested wetland rather than a stream.

The property was logged a few years ago according to the client. Slash had been left in the woods. Burn piles of new slash and piles on new cuts set for hauling out.

Fieldstone doesn't think that the access through NH is viable. He suggested that the drive was too narrow for use by Mr. Sikkila. Roberta commented that she had measured it and it is close to 20 ft wide. Would have to have an engineer's statement to back up the statement that it could not be used to access the property. The Commission would hire an engineer at the applicant's expense to prove that it is a viable road.

Is this a limited project or not? Although the NOI filing has checked the Limited Project box, it is possible that the applicant may change the filing to be a filling of wetland under 5,000 sq ft in total area. The numbers in the NOI do not add up correctly, so the filing needs to be reviewed by the applicant. The current plans show the impact areas as very small. These appear smaller than the Commission understands to be accurate.

To file as a Limited Project, the applicant has to provide proof that there is no way to access the property. There are Common driveway laws in both NH and MA.

Abutters have concerns about the large trucks being driven in and out of the property. Equipment came into the property through the NH access.

Applicant did not notify the abutters of the hearing. No advertising was placed for the hearing.

Schedule the hearing for July 15th – notify abutters and bring a copy of the letter. Place advertising and bring a copy of the advertising.

Applicant has the option of reducing the filling in wetlands and filing without the Limited Project status. Will have to calculate the filled area using wetland bounds agreed to be accurate by the Cons Comm.

Site visit at 9:30am on July 2nd. Chris will be there.

Meeting closed at 9:12.

