

12/20/2017

Medway Conservation Commission
Medway Town Hall
155 Village Street
Medway, MA 02053

Re: Response to Comments from Conservation Agent for Timber Crest Estates

Dear Conservation Commission,

The following (in italics) are comments provided in an email from Conservation Agent Bridget Graziano to the applicant dated October 26, 2017. Our response to each comment is provided in bold.

Comment #1

Applicant shall provide a clear argument on how performance standards are being met. Currently, the way the information is laid out in the notice of intent it does not show which wetland alterations the applicant wishes the Commission to consider as a limited project under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(a-t) and which the applicant wishes the Commission to consider under 310 CMR 10.55(4). In order to understand the request these alterations need to be clarified.

RESPONSE #1: The applicant has filed the entire project as a Limited Project Crossing under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(e). All of the crossings are considered part of the Limited Project.

Comment #2

Additionally, the applicant must show the “temporary alterations” within upland mature wetlands as permanent and these alterations need to be added to the calculations. Also see Art Allen’s comments.

RESPONSE #2: All wetland resource area alterations have been updated on WPA form 3 and the NOI narrative. A wetland impact summary table (for the current plan and three previous alternatives) has been provided by Outback Engineering. Any temporary alterations are included in the total alteration amounts.

Comment #3

The applicant must show all impacts to the wetland resource where identified as limit of work line at BVW or wetland resource line, these will have during construction and post-construction impacts. This needs to be identified and added to calculations.

RESPONSE #3: Outback Engineering has re-calculated all wetland impacts. The revised impact amounts are provided in the revised WPA Form 3, NOI narrative and wetland impact summary table.

Comment #4

The applicant shall provide a more robust alternative analysis (all that could meet performance standards) of options for minimizing impacts to wetlands resources. Additionally, the current alternative provided for access through Fern Path is not a legal option until such time as the applicant provided legal documentation showing site control to the Commission for right to develop and access utilities.

RESPONSE #4: A detailed Alternatives Analysis has been prepared by Outback Engineering. See document titled: "Alternative Analysis Regarding Minimization of Wetland Impact," dated 12/18/17.

Comment #5

Conservation Commission is requesting Tetra Tech Review the Stream and BVW crossings and the utility easement placement.

RESPONSE #5: The applicant will be glad to discuss the additional peer review scope and costs at the next scheduled hearing.

Comment #6

The applicant shall provide a summary in the NOI and on the form of all alterations to Land under Bodies of Water, this includes work for all the crossings. This was not included in the application.

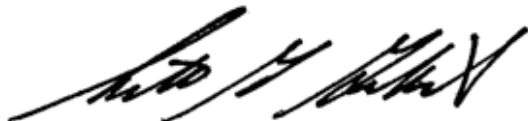
RESPONSE #6: LUW impacts have been added to NOI narrative and WPA Form 3.

Comment #7

Stream crossing details need to be provided, not only how these are proposed for during construction with cross sections showing openness ration, 1.2 x bank full and all stream crossing standards where applicable.

RESPONSE #7: Crossing structure details are provided on Sheet # 42 of the revised plan set dated 12/15/17.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Goddard', written over a horizontal line.

Scott Goddard,
Principal & PWS