Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Resource Protection - Wetlands

WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions

Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

Provided by MassDEP:
85-
MassDEP File #

eDEP Transaction #

Acton
City/Town

A. General Information

Please note: this form has been modified with added space to accommodate the Registry of Deeds Requirements

Important: When filling out forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return key.

1. From: Acton
Conservation Commission

2. This issuance is for (check one): a. ☒ Order of Conditions b. ☐ Amended Order of Conditions

3. To: Applicant:

Robert — a. First Name
Pace — b. Last Name
c. Organization
21 Royal Crest Drive #9 — d. Mailing Address
North Andover — e. City/Town
MA — f. State
01845 — g. Zip Code

4. Property Owner (if different from applicant):

a. First Name
b. Last Name
First Evergreen Properties, LLC — c. Organization
36 Summer Street SS3-2 — d. Mailing Address
Natick — e. City/Town
MA — f. State
01845 — g. Zip Code

5. Project Location:

353 Main Street — a. Street Address
Acton — b. City/Town
F3 — c. Assessors Map/Plat Number
70 — d. Parcel/Lot Number

Latitude and Longitude, if known: 42d28m46s N — d. Latitude; 71d26m42s W — e. Longitude

A. General Information (cont.)

6. Property recorded at the Registry of Deeds for (attach additional information if more than one parcel):

Middlesex South	
a. County	b. Certificate Number (if registered land)
63833	415
c. Book	d. Page

7. Dates: November 5, 2015 (a. Date Notice of Intent Filed) November 18, 2015 (b. Date Public Hearing Closed) November 24, 2015 (c. Date of Issuance)

8. Final Approved Plans and Other Documents (attach additional plan or document references as needed):

Sewage Disposal Plan	
a. Plan Title	
Stamski and McNary, Inc.	George Dimakarakos, P.E.
b. Prepared By	c. Signed and Stamped by
October 28, 2015	As shown
d. Final Revision Date	e. Scale
f. Additional Plan or Document Title	g. Date

B. Findings

1. Findings pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act:

Following the review of the above-referenced Notice of Intent and based on the information provided in this application and presented at the public hearing, this Commission finds that the areas in which work is proposed is significant to the following interests of the Wetlands Protection Act (the Act). Check all that apply:

a. ☐ Public Water Supply
b. ☐ Land Containing Shellfish
c. ☐ Prevention of Pollution
d. ☐ Private Water Supply
e. ☐ Fisheries
f. ☐ Protection of Wildlife Habitat
g. ☐ Groundwater Supply
h. ☐ Storm Damage Prevention
i. ☐ Flood Control

2. This Commission hereby finds the project, as proposed, is: (check one of the following boxes)

Approved subject to:

a. ☒ the following conditions which are necessary in accordance with the performance standards set forth in the wetlands regulations. This Commission orders that all work shall be performed in accordance with the Notice of Intent referenced above, the following General Conditions, and any other special conditions attached to this Order. To the extent that the following conditions modify or differ from the plans, specifications, or other proposals submitted with the Notice of Intent, these conditions shall control.

B. Findings (cont.)

Denied because:

b. ☐ the proposed work cannot be conditioned to meet the performance standards set forth in the wetland regulations. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a new Notice of Intent is submitted which provides measures which are adequate to protect the interests of the Act, and a final Order of Conditions is issued. **A description of the performance standards which the proposed work cannot meet is attached to this Order.**

c. ☐ the information submitted by the applicant is not sufficient to describe the site, the work, or the effect of the work on the interests identified in the Wetlands Protection Act. Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a revised Notice of Intent is submitted which provides sufficient information and includes measures which are adequate to protect the Act's interests, and a final Order of Conditions is issued. **A description of the specific information which is lacking and why it is necessary is attached to this Order as per 310 CMR 10.05(6)(c).**

3. ☐ Buffer Zone Impacts: Shortest distance between limit of project disturbance and the wetland resource area specified in 310 CMR 10.02(1)(a) _____ a. linear feet

Inland Resource Area Impacts: Check all that apply below. (For Approvals Only)

Resource Area	Proposed Alteration	Permitted Alteration	Proposed Replacement	Permitted Replacement
4. ☐ Bank	a. linear feet	b. linear feet	c. linear feet	d. linear feet
5. ☐ Bordering Vegetated Wetland	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
6. ☐ Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
	e. c/y dredged	f. c/y dredged		
7. ☐ Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
Cubic Feet Flood Storage	e. cubic feet	f. cubic feet	g. cubic feet	h. cubic feet
8. ☐ Isolated Land Subject to Flooding	a. square feet	b. square feet		
Cubic Feet Flood Storage	c. cubic feet	d. cubic feet	e. cubic feet	f. cubic feet
9. ☐ Riverfront Area	a. total sq. feet	b. total sq. feet		
Sq ft within 100 ft	c. square feet	d. square feet	e. square feet	f. square feet
Sq ft between 100-200 ft	g. square feet	h. square feet	i. square feet	j. square feet

B. Findings (cont.)

Coastal Resource Area Impacts: Check all that apply below. (For Approvals Only)

	Proposed Alteration	Permitted Alteration	Proposed Replacement	Permitted Replacement
10. ☐ Designated Port Areas	Indicate size under Land Under the Ocean, below			
11. ☐ Land Under the Ocean	a. square feet	b. square feet		
	c. c/y dredged	d. c/y dredged		
12. ☐ Barrier Beaches	Indicate size under Coastal Beaches and/or Coastal Dunes below			
13. ☐ Coastal Beaches	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. nourishment cu yd	d. nourishment cu yd
14. ☐ Coastal Dunes	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. nourishment cu yd	d. nourishment cu yd
15. ☐ Coastal Banks	a. linear feet	b. linear feet		
16. ☐ Rocky Intertidal Shores	a. square feet	b. square feet		
17. ☐ Salt Marshes	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
18. ☐ Land Under Salt Ponds	a. square feet	b. square feet		
	c. c/y dredged	d. c/y dredged		
19. ☐ Land Containing Shellfish	a. square feet	b. square feet	c. square feet	d. square feet
20. ☐ Fish Runs	Indicate size under Coastal Banks, Inland Bank, Land Under the Ocean, and/or inland Land Under Waterbodies and Waterways, above			
	a. c/y dredged	b. c/y dredged		
21. ☐ Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage	a. square feet	b. square feet		

B. Findings (cont.)

* **#22.** If the project is for the purpose of restoring or enhancing a wetland resource area in addition to the square footage that has been entered in Section B.5.c (BVW) or B.17.c (Salt Marsh) above, please enter the additional amount here.

22. ☐ Restoration/Enhancement *:

a. square feet of BVW _____ b. square feet of salt marsh _____

23. ☐ Stream Crossing(s):

a. number of new stream crossings _____ b. number of replacement stream crossings _____

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

The following conditions are only applicable to Approved projects.

1. Failure to comply with all conditions stated herein, and with all related statutes and other regulatory measures, shall be deemed cause to revoke or modify this Order.
2. The Order does not grant any property rights or any exclusive privileges; it does not authorize any injury to private property or invasion of private rights.
3. This Order does not relieve the permittee or any other person of the necessity of complying with all other applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, bylaws, or regulations.
4. The work authorized hereunder shall be completed within three years from the date of this Order unless either of the following apply:
   a. The work is a maintenance dredging project as provided for in the Act; or
   b. The time for completion has been extended to a specified date more than three years, but less than five years, from the date of issuance. If this Order is intended to be valid for more than three years, the extension date and the special circumstances warranting the extended time period are set forth as a special condition in this Order.
   c. If the work is for a Test Project, this Order of Conditions shall be valid for no more than one year.
5. This Order may be extended by the issuing authority for one or more periods of up to three years each upon application to the issuing authority at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the Order. An Order of Conditions for a Test Project may be extended for one additional year only upon written application by the applicant, subject to the provisions of 310 CMR 10.05(11)(f).
6. If this Order constitutes an Amended Order of Conditions, this Amended Order of Conditions does not extend the issuance date of the original Final Order of Conditions and the Order will expire on _____ unless extended in writing by the Department.
7. Any fill used in connection with this project shall be clean fill. Any fill shall contain no trash, refuse, rubbish, or debris, including but not limited to lumber, bricks, plaster, wire, lath, paper, cardboard, pipe, tires, ashes, refrigerators, motor vehicles, or parts of any of the foregoing.

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act

8. This Order is not final until all administrative appeal periods from this Order have elapsed, or if such an appeal has been taken, until all proceedings before the Department have been completed.

9. No work shall be undertaken until the Order has become final and then has been recorded in the Registry of Deeds or the Land Court for the district in which the land is located, within the chain of title of the affected property. In the case of recorded land, the Final Order shall also be noted in the Registry's Grantor Index under the name of the owner of the land upon which the proposed work is to be done. In the case of the registered land, the Final Order shall also be noted on the Land Court Certificate of Title of the owner of the land upon which the proposed work is done. The recording information shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission on the form at the end of this Order, which form must be stamped by the Registry of Deeds, prior to the commencement of work.

10. A sign shall be displayed at the site not less then two square feet or more than three square feet in size bearing the words,

    "Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection" [or, "MassDEP"]

    "File Number 85-_____"

11. Where the Department of Environmental Protection is requested to issue a Superseding Order, the Conservation Commission shall be a party to all agency proceedings and hearings before MassDEP.

12. Upon completion of the work described herein, the applicant shall submit a Request for Certificate of Compliance (WPA Form 8A) to the Conservation Commission.

13. The work shall conform to the plans and special conditions referenced in this order.

14. Any change to the plans identified in Condition #13 above shall require the applicant to inquire of the Conservation Commission in writing whether the change is significant enough to require the filing of a new Notice of Intent.

15. The Agent or members of the Conservation Commission and the Department of Environmental Protection shall have the right to enter and inspect the area subject to this Order at reasonable hours to evaluate compliance with the conditions stated in this Order, and may require the submittal of any data deemed necessary by the Conservation Commission or Department for that evaluation.

16. This Order of Conditions shall apply to any successor in interest or successor in control of the property subject to this Order and to any contractor or other person performing work conditioned by this Order.

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (cont.)

17. Prior to the start of work, and if the project involves work adjacent to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland, the boundary of the wetland in the vicinity of the proposed work area shall be marked by wooden stakes or flagging. Once in place, the wetland boundary markers shall be maintained until a Certificate of Compliance has been issued by the Conservation Commission.

18. All sedimentation barriers shall be maintained in good repair until all disturbed areas have been fully stabilized with vegetation or other means. At no time shall sediments be deposited in a wetland or water body. During construction, the applicant or his/her designee shall inspect the erosion controls on a daily basis and shall remove accumulated sediments as needed. The applicant shall immediately control any erosion problems that occur at the site and shall also immediately notify the Conservation Commission, which reserves the right to require additional erosion and/or damage prevention controls it may deem necessary. Sedimentation barriers shall serve as the limit of work unless another limit of work line has been approved by this Order.

19. The work associated with this Order (the "Project")
    (1) ☐ is subject to the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards
    (2) ☒ is NOT subject to the Massachusetts Stormwater Standards

    If the work is subject to the Stormwater Standards, then the project is subject to the following conditions:

    a) All work, including site preparation, land disturbance, construction and redevelopment, shall be implemented in accordance with the construction period pollution prevention and erosion and sedimentation control plan and, if applicable, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit as required by Stormwater Condition 8. Construction period erosion, sedimentation and pollution control measures and best management practices (BMPs) shall remain in place until the site is fully stabilized.

    b) No stormwater runoff may be discharged to the post-construction stormwater BMPs unless and until a Registered Professional Engineer provides a Certification that:
    i. all construction period BMPs have been removed or will be removed by a date certain specified in the Certification. For any construction period BMPs intended to be converted to post construction operation for stormwater attenuation, recharge, and/or treatment, the conversion is allowed by the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook BMP specifications and that the BMP has been properly cleaned or prepared for post construction operation, including removal of all construction period sediment trapped in inlet and outlet control structures;
    ii. as-built final construction BMP plans are included, signed and stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer, certifying the site is fully stabilized;
    iii. any illicit discharges to the stormwater management system have been removed, as per the requirements of Stormwater Standard 10;

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (cont.)

iv. all post-construction stormwater BMPs are installed in accordance with the plans (including all planting plans) approved by the issuing authority, and have been inspected to ensure that they are not damaged and that they are in proper working condition;

v. any vegetation associated with post-construction BMPs is suitably established to withstand erosion.

c) The landowner is responsible for BMP maintenance until the issuing authority is notified that another party has legally assumed responsibility for BMP maintenance. Prior to requesting a Certificate of Compliance, or Partial Certificate of Compliance, the responsible party (defined in General Condition 18(e)) shall execute and submit to the issuing authority an Operation and Maintenance Compliance Statement ("O&M Statement) for the Stormwater BMPs identifying the party responsible for implementing the stormwater BMP Operation and Maintenance Plan ("O&M Plan") and certifying the following:

i.) the O&M Plan is complete and will be implemented upon receipt of the Certificate of Compliance, and

ii.) the future responsible parties shall be notified in writing of their ongoing legal responsibility to operate and maintain the stormwater management BMPs and implement the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.

d) Post-construction pollution prevention and source control shall be implemented in accordance with the long-term pollution prevention plan section of the approved Stormwater Report and, if applicable, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan required by the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit.

e) Unless and until another party accepts responsibility, the landowner, or owner of any drainage easement, assumes responsibility for maintaining each BMP. To overcome this presumption, the landowner of the property must submit to the issuing authority a legally binding agreement of record, acceptable to the issuing authority, evidencing that another entity has accepted responsibility for maintaining the BMP, and that the proposed responsible party shall be treated as a permittee for purposes of implementing the requirements of Conditions 18(f) through 18(k) with respect to that BMP. Any failure of the proposed responsible party to implement the requirements of Conditions 18(f) through 18(k) with respect to that BMP shall be a violation of the Order of Conditions or Certificate of Compliance. In the case of stormwater BMPs that are serving more than one lot, the legally binding agreement shall also identify the lots that will be serviced by the stormwater BMPs. A plan and easement deed that grants the responsible party access to perform the required operation and maintenance must be submitted along with the legally binding agreement.

f) The responsible party shall operate and maintain all stormwater BMPs in accordance with the design plans, the O&M Plan, and the requirements of the Massachusetts Stormwater Handbook.

C. General Conditions Under Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (cont.)

g) The responsible party shall:
1. Maintain an operation and maintenance log for the last three (3) consecutive calendar years of inspections, repairs, maintenance and/or replacement of the stormwater management system or any part thereof, and disposal (for disposal the log shall indicate the type of material and the disposal location);
2. Make the maintenance log available to MassDEP and the Conservation Commission ("Commission") upon request; and
3. Allow members and agents of the MassDEP and the Commission to enter and inspect the site to evaluate and ensure that the responsible party is in compliance with the requirements for each BMP established in the O&M Plan approved by the issuing authority.

h) All sediment or other contaminants removed from stormwater BMPs shall be disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

i) Illicit discharges to the stormwater management system as defined in 310 CMR 10.04 are prohibited.

j) The stormwater management system approved in the Order of Conditions shall not be changed without the prior written approval of the issuing authority.

k) Areas designated as qualifying pervious areas for the purpose of the Low Impact Site Design Credit (as defined in the MassDEP Stormwater Handbook, Volume 3, Chapter 1, Low Impact Development Site Design Credits) shall not be altered without the prior written approval of the issuing authority.

l) Access for maintenance, repair, and/or replacement of BMPs shall not be withheld. Any fencing constructed around stormwater BMPs shall include access gates and shall be at least six inches above grade to allow for wildlife passage.

Special Conditions (if you need more space for additional conditions, please attach a text document):

20. For Test Projects subject to 310 CMR 10.05(11), the applicant shall also implement the monitoring plan and the restoration plan submitted with the Notice of Intent. If the conservation commission or Department determines that the Test Project threatens the public health, safety or the environment, the applicant shall implement the removal plan submitted with the Notice of Intent or modify the project as directed by the conservation commission or the Department.

D. Findings Under Municipal Wetlands Bylaw or Ordinance

1. Is a municipal wetlands bylaw or ordinance applicable? ☒ Yes ☐ No

2. The Acton Conservation Commission hereby finds (check one that applies):

   a. ☐ that the proposed work cannot be conditioned to meet the standards set forth in a municipal ordinance or bylaw, specifically:

   1. Municipal Ordinance or Bylaw — 2. Citation

   Therefore, work on this project may not go forward unless and until a revised Notice of Intent is submitted which provides measures which are adequate to meet these standards, and a final Order of Conditions is issued.

   b. ☐ that the following additional conditions are necessary to comply with a municipal ordinance or bylaw:

   1. Municipal Ordinance or Bylaw — 2. Citation

3. The Commission orders that all work shall be performed in accordance with the following conditions and with the Notice of Intent referenced above. To the extent that the following conditions modify or differ from the plans, specifications, or other proposals submitted with the Notice of Intent, the conditions shall control.
   The special conditions relating to municipal ordinance or bylaw are as follows (if you need more space for additional conditions, attach a text document):

   See page 14 for one special condition and Findings of Fact

E. Signatures

This Order is valid for three years, unless otherwise specified as a special condition pursuant to General Conditions #4, from the date of issuance.

Nov. 18, 2015
1. Date of Issuance

Please indicate the number of members who will sign this form.
This Order must be signed by a majority of the Conservation Commission.

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2. Number of Signers

The Order must be mailed by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered to the applicant. A copy also must be mailed or hand delivered at the same time to the appropriate Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office, if not filing electronically, and the property owner, if different from applicant.

Signatures:

William Fobery

Terrence Martland

James C. Colman

Paul Goodin

☐ by hand delivery on

Date

☒ by certified mail, return receipt requested, on

Nov. 24, 2015

Date

F. Appeals

The applicant, the owner, any person aggrieved by this Order, any owner of land abutting the land subject to this Order, or any ten residents of the city or town in which such land is located, are hereby notified of their right to request the appropriate MassDEP Regional Office to issue a Superseding Order of Conditions. The request must be made by certified mail or hand delivery to the Department, with the appropriate filing fee and a completed Request for Departmental Action Fee Transmittal Form, as provided in 310 CMR 10.03(7) within ten business days from the date of issuance of this Order. A copy of the request shall at the same time be sent by certified mail or hand delivery to the Conservation Commission and to the applicant, if he/she is not the appellant.

Any appellants seeking to appeal the Department's Superseding Order associated with this appeal will be required to demonstrate prior participation in the review of this project. Previous participation in the permit proceeding means the submission of written information to the Conservation Commission prior to the close of the public hearing, requesting a Superseding Order, or providing written information to the Department prior to issuance of a Superseding Order.

The request shall state clearly and concisely the objections to the Order which is being appealed and how the Order does not contribute to the protection of the interests identified in the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. c. 131, § 40), and is inconsistent with the wetlands regulations (310 CMR 10.00). To the extent that the Order is based on a municipal ordinance or bylaw, and not on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act or regulations, the Department has no appellate jurisdiction.

G. Recording Information

Prior to commencement of work, this Order of Conditions must be recorded in the Registry of Deeds or the Land Court for the district in which the land is located, within the chain of title of the affected property. In the case of recorded land, the Final Order shall also be noted in the Registry's Grantor Index under the name of the owner of the land subject to the Order. In the case of registered land, this Order shall also be noted on the Land Court Certificate of Title of the owner of the land subject to the Order of Conditions. The recording information on this page shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission listed below.

_____
Conservation Commission

Detach on dotted line, have stamped by the Registry of Deeds and submit to the Conservation Commission.

To:

Acton
Conservation Commission

Please be advised that the Order of Conditions for the Project at:

353 Main Street — Project Location
85- — MassDEP File Number

Has been recorded at the Registry of Deeds of:

_____ County _____ Book _____ Page

for: _____
Property Owner

and has been noted in the chain of title of the affected property in:

_____ Book _____ Page

In accordance with the Order of Conditions issued on:

_____
Date

If recorded land, the instrument number identifying this transaction is:

_____
Instrument Number

If registered land, the document number identifying this transaction is:

_____
Document Number

_____
Signature of Applicant

STANDARD CONDITIONS
REQUIRED UNDER THE TOWN OF ACTON WETLAND PROTECTION BYLAW
CHAPTER F

1. No work shall be undertaken until the Order of Conditions has been reviewed and is clearly understood by the Contractor or his agent. It is the Applicant's responsibility to see that the Contractor clearly understands all items herein.
2. This Order of Conditions shall apply to any successor in interest or successor in control.
3. Members and agents of the Conservation Commission shall have the right to enter and inspect the premises to evaluate compliance with the Order and to require the submittal of any data deemed necessary by the Commission for that evaluations.
4. All drainage facilities and related structures and equipment shall be continually operated and maintained so as to comply with this Order of Conditions. The operation and maintenance of the facilities and structures shall be on-going and will not expire at the end of one year or with the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance.
5. Any change made, or intended to be made, in the plans shall require the applicant to file a new Notice of Intent, or to inquire of the Commission, in writing, whether the change is substantial enough to require a new filing.
6. The Conservation Commission shall have the right to file this Order of Conditions in the Registry of Deeds should the applicant fail to do so within 60 days.
7. Accepted engineering and construction standards and procedures shall be followed in the completion of this project.
8. The Commission shall be notified in writing 10 days prior to the commencement of any site work. Failure to so notify the Commission shall result in the issuance of an Enforcement Order.
9. The Petitioner is advised that this Order in no way absolves him of responsibility to other property owners upon whose land he discharges water directly or indirectly.
10. Erosion control measures consisting of staked haybales unless otherwise approved by the Commission shall be installed during the first phase of construction and the Commission shall be notified of their placement and no work shall begin before inspection by the Commission.
11. Any materials collected by the erosion control measures shall be removed and properly disposed of.
12. All work shall be completed as quickly as possible to minimize the duration of exposure of disturbed areas. If work is suspended for a significant period of time (i.e. as during winter months), then temporary stabilization methods must be employed and maintained during the period of inactivity.
13. No salt or other deicing chemicals shall be used on roadways and parking areas on the site.
14. This order applies only to the work described in the Notice of Intent and shown on the plans referenced in Condition 12. A Determination of Applicability Form must be filed for any additional work on site in areas governed by the Town of Acton Wetlands Protection Bylaw.
15. All disturbed areas shall be top-soiled six inches and seeded.
16. Violation of any condition of this Order may result in the issuance of an Enforcement Order. Such Enforcement Order, if issued, will require the immediate cessation of all work until a hearing is held; such hearing will be held not more than 10 days from the issuance of the Enforcement Order.
17. The work authorized hereunder by the Acton Wetlands Protection Bylaw shall be completed within three years from the date of this Order unless the Order is renewed prior to expiration.
18. A fifty (50) foot setback of natural vegetation shall be maintained up-gradient from the wetland.
19. No construction, either temporary or permanent shall occur within seventy-five (75) feet of the edge of wetlands. This shall include driveways; roadways; residential, commercial or industrial structures.
20. There shall be no use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides or chemicals of any kind within the fifty (50) foot no disturbance zone.

21. There shall be no underground storage of gasoline, oil or other fuels or hazardous materials within the one-hundred (100) foot buffer zone.

22. The Commission reserves the right to impose additional conditions to mitigate any actual or potential impacts resulting from the permitted work.

23. All haybales placed for siltation prevention must be removed from the site within 30 days of the stabilization of the area of activity.

24. The work shall conform to the following plans and special conditions:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS REQUIRED BY THE ACTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION:

Owner is required to maintain a meadow on the wetlands side of the driveway, beginning at Main Street and ending near the house, at elevation 217. The meadow is to be mowed once each year. All existing construction/landscaping and nursery debris is the responsibility of the applicant to remove prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit.

Findings of Fact:

Background: On November 5, 2015, First Evergreen Properties, LLC (applicant) Robert Pace, represented by Stamski & McNary Inc., filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the Acton Conservation Commission for the construction of a single family dwelling, with a sewage disposal system, driveway and associated appurtenances within the 100 foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated wetlands at 353 Main Street, Acton, MA.
Hearing History:
On November 16, 2015, Richard Harrington from Stamski and McNary Inc., met representatives from the Acton Conservation Commission at 353 Main Street. for a site walk.
The Public Hearing for 353 Main St. was held on Nov. 18, 2015, at the Acton Town Hall. The hearing was closed on November 18, 2015. The Commission voted to issue an Order of Conditions approving the project. Below are the major reasons identified that led to this decision.

1. On Dec 1, 2000, a Notice of Intent was filed with the Acton Conservation Commission by Kennedy & Company, a local landscaping and nursery company and owners of 353 Main St. The NOI requested permission to improve an existing farm lane into a gravel driveway, and create an area to store nursery stock. An Order of Conditions (DEP File #85-733) approving the project was issued on January 4, 2001.

2. The proposed 12 foot wide paved driveway follows the path of the existing gravel nursery roadway established under the above-referenced Order of Conditions (DEP File #85-733).

3. The Commission recognizes that portions of the proposed 12 foot wide driveway fall within the Acton no-build setbacks as described in Chapter F "Environmental Protection", Town of Acton Wetlands Bylaw. However, the proposed driveway follows the same footprint as the existing non-conforming driveway and does not go into greater non-compliance.

4. Section F8.3 of the Town of Acton Wetlands Bylaw allows up to a zero foot setback from Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) for structures necessary for uplands access where a reasonable alternative is unavailable.

5. The Commissioners present at the site walk on Nov. 16, 2015, observed that no large trees would need to be removed to allow this project to be completed, and in general the project will result in minimal further disturbance to the buffer zone.

6. It was further noted that the majority of work, including driveway construction, septic system installation and house construction, occur in areas previously disturbed by Kennedy Nursery operations, as approved under the above-referenced Order of Conditions (DEP File #85-733).

7. It is recognized that although the project involves significant work within the buffer zone, it requires no wetlands alteration. The Commissioners present at the site walk did not observe any wetlands indicator species in the area where work is proposed. The Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) are located at elevation 208 – 210. The proposed house construction is located at elevation 220, and all work is separated from the resource area by a steep embankment offering a minimum elevated difference of 10 vertical feet.