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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday, October 14th, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.** Immediately followed by a work session for the development of the 2015 Annual Work Plan

Action Item

- 1. Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit for the "in kind" replacement of the seawall associated with the Phillips Warf Condominium Association at 137 R Water Street, Exeter (Tax Map 72, Lot 20) within the Developed Tidal Buffer Zone. (*Steve Riker*)
- 2. Approval of Minutes
- 3. Treasurers Report
- 4. Expenditure Requests

Work Session

2015 Annual Work Plan

Jay Gregoire, Chair Exeter Conservation Commission Posted October 9th, 2014: Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT **WETLANDS BUREAU** 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095 Phone: (603) 271-2147 Fax: (603) 271-6588 http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands



PERMIT APPLICATION

			File	No.:	
Administrative	Administrative Administrative Administrative	Che	eck No.:		
Use Only	Use Only		Use Only	Amo	punt:
				Initia	als:
1. REVIEW TIME: Indicate your Review Time below.	Refer to Guidance Document A for	instructions.			
Standard Review (Minir	num, Minor or Major Impact)		Expedited	Review (Minimum Impact)
2. PROJECT LOCATION: Separate applications must be filed	d with each municipality that jurisdic	ctional impacts	s will occur in.		
ADDRESS: 135 Water Street				TOWN/CI	TY: Exeter
TAX MAP: 72	BLOCK:	LOT:	20-12		UNIT:
USGS TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAM	//E: Squamscott River-Tidal		STREAM WAT	ERSHED	SIZE: 🛛 NA
LOCATION COORDINATES (If known): X:1176781.0202 Y:176469.		ate Plane		
3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:					
	roject outlining the scope of work.		nal sheets as n	eeded to p	provide a detailed explanation
The project proposes to repair/replace "in-kind" the existing stone retaining wall along the shoreline of the Squamscott River which includes 82 square feet of permanent, and 700 square feet of temporary construction impacts within the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone.					
4. RELATED PERMITS, ENFOR	4. RELATED PERMITS, ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION, SHORELAND, ALTERATION OF TERRAIN, ETC				
 NATURAL HERITAGE BUREAU & DESIGNATED RIVERS: See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for instructions to complete a & b below. 					
a. Natural Heritage Bureau File ID: NHB <u>14</u> - <u>3691 .</u>					
 Designated River the project is in ¼ miles of:; and date a copy of the application was sent to Local River Advisory Committee: Month: Day: Year: NA 					

6. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Desired permit holder)					
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: St.Martin, Diane (President	dent) Phillips	Wharf Cond	ominium Asso	ociatio	n
TRUST / COMPANY NAME:	MA	ILING ADDRESS	: 135 Water St	reet	
TOWN/CITY: Exeter			STATE: NI	н	ZIP CODE: 03833
EMAIL or FAX:		PHONE:			
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here:,	I hereby authoriz	e DES to commu	nicate all matters r	elative to	o this application electronically
7. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (If different that	an applicant)				
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.:					
TRUST / COMPANY NAME:	MA	ILING ADDRESS):		
TOWN/CITY:			STATE:		ZIP CODE:
EMAIL or FAX:		PHONE	≣:		
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here,	I hereby authorize	DES to commur	nicate all matters re	elative to	this application electronically
8. AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION					
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: Riker, Steven, D.		COMP	ANY NAME: Sand	lpiper	Environmental, LLC
MAILING ADDRESS: PO Box 1634					
TOWN/CITY: Dover			STATE: NI	н	ZIP CODE: 03821
EMAIL or FAX: sandpiperenv@gmail.com	PH	IONE: 603-841	-0393		
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here,	I hereby authorize	DES to commur	nicate all matters re	elative to	this application electronically
9. PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE: See the Instructions & Required Attachments document fo	or clarification of	the below state	ements		
By signing the application, I am certifying that:					
 I authorize the applicant and/or agent indicated on this form to act in my behalf in the processing of this application, and to furnish upon request, supplemental information in support of this permit application. I have reviewed and submitted information & attachments outlined in the Instructions and Required Attachment document. All abutters have been identified in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, I and Env-Wt 100-900. I have read and provided the required information outlined in Env-Wt 302.04 for the applicable project type. I have read and understand Env-Wt 302.03 and have chosen the least impacting alternative. Any structure that I am proposing to repair/replace was either previously permitted by the Wetlands Bureau or would be considered grandfathered per Env-Wt 101.47. I have reviewed the information being submitted and that to the best of my knowledge the information is true and accurate. I understand that the willful submission of falsified or misrepresented information to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services is a criminal act, which may result in legal action. I am aware that the work I am proposing may require additional state, local or federal permits which I am responsible for obtaining. The mailing addresses I have provided are up to date and appropriate for receipt of DES correspondence. DES will not forward returned mail. 					
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Property Owner Signature	Print name legibl	у		Date	

MUNICIPAL SIGNATURES

	10. CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGNATURE				
 The signature below certifies that the municipal conservation commission has reviewed this application, and: 1. Waives its right to intervene per RSA 482-A:11; 2. Believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project; and 3. Has no objection to permitting the proposed work. 					
<u></u>	Authorized Commission Signature Print name legibly Date				
	DIRECTIONS FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
	1. Expedited review ONLY requires that the conservation commission's signature is obtained in the space above.				
2. The Conservation Commission signature should be obtained prior to the submittal of the original application and four copies to the town/city clerk for mailing to the DES.					
	3. The Conservation Commission may refuse to sign. If the Conservation Commission does not sign this statement for any reason, the application is not eligible for expedited review and the application will reviewed in the standard review time frame.				

11. TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE

As required by Chapter 482-A:3 (amended 1991), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed five application forms, five detailed plans, and five USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below and I have received and retained certified postal receipts (or copies) for all abutters identified by the applicant.

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Town/City Clerk Signature	Print name legibly	Town/City	Date

DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

Per RSA 482-A:3,I(d):

- 1. For applications where "Expedited Review" is checked on page 1, accept the application for mailing only if the Conservation Commission signature has been sought;
- 2. Collect the postal receipts demonstrating that all abutters and the Local Advisory Committee were sent proper notice;
- 3. Collect any administrative fees, not to exceed \$10 plus the cost of postage by certified mail (RSA 482-A:3,I).
- 4. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application and four copies in the signature space provided above;
- Retain one copy of the application form, one complete set of attachments and the postal receipts demonstrating that all abutters and the Local River Advisory Committee were notified and make them reasonably accessible to the public;
- IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, I; and
- IMMEDIATELY send the ORIGINAL application form, one complete set of attachments and filing fee, by CERTIFIED MAIL to the NHDES Wetlands Bureau at the address indicated on page 1 of this application. (DO NOT HOLD FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGNATURE).

12. IMPACT AREA:

For each jurisdictional area that will be/has been impacted, provide square feet and, if applicable, linear feet of impact <u>Permanent</u>: impacts that will remain after the project is complete.

<u>Temporary</u>: impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is complete. <u>After-the-fact (ATF)</u>: work completed prior to receipt of this application by DES. Check box to indicate ATF.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA	PERMANENT Sq. Ft. / Lin. Ft.		TEMPORARY Sq. Ft. / Lin. Ft.
Forested wetland		🗌 ATF	ATF
Scrub-shrub wetland		🗌 ATF	
Emergent wetland		🗌 ATF	ATF
Wet meadow		🗌 ATF	ATF
Intermittent stream		🗌 ATF	ATF
Perennial Stream / River	/	🗌 ATF	/ ATF
Lake / Pond	/	🗌 ATF	/ 🗌 ATF
Bank - Intermittent stream	/	🗌 ATF	/ 🗌 ATF
Bank - Perennial stream / River	/	🗌 ATF	/ 🗌 ATF
Bank - Lake / Pond	/	🗌 ATF	/ 🗌 ATF
Tidal water	/	🗌 ATF	/ ATF
Salt marsh		🗌 ATF	ATF
Sand dune		🗌 ATF	ATF
Prime wetland		🗌 ATF	ATF
Prime wetland buffer		🗌 ATF	ATF
Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)		🗌 ATF	ATF
Previously-developed upland in TBZ	82	🗌 ATF	700 🗌 ATF
Docking - Lake / Pond		🗌 ATF	ATF
Docking - River		🗌 ATF	ATF
Docking - Tidal Water		ATF	ATF
TOTAL	82 / 82		700 / 700

13. APPLICATION FEE: See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for further instruction				
⊠ Minimum Impact Fee: Flat fee of \$ 200				
Minor or Major Impact Fee: Calculate using the below table below				
Permanent and Temporary (non-docking)	sq. ft.	X \$0.20	= _\$	
Temporary (seasonal) docking structure:	sq. ft.	X \$1.00	= _\$	
Permanent docking structure:	sq. ft.	X \$2.00	= _\$	
Projects proposing shoreline structures (including	= _\$			
		Tota	= _\$	
The Application Fee is the above calculated Total or \$200, w	hicheve	r is greate	· = \$ 200.00	

NHDES MINIMUM IMPACT EXPEDITED WETLANDS APPLICATION

TAX MAP 72, LOT 20-12 135 WATER STREET EXETER, NH

Prepared for: Phillips Wharf Condominium Association 135 Water Street Exeter, NH 03833

October 2, 2014



Prepared by: Steven D. Riker Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC PO Box 1634 Dover, NH 03821

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MINIMUM IMPACT EXPEDITED WETLAND PERMIT APPLICATION

WETLAND PERMIT REPORT



SANDPIPER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC.

October 2, 2014

Wetland Inspector New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau 29 Hazen Drive / P.O. Box 95 Concord, New Hampshire 03302

Re: NHDES Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit Application Tax Map 72, Lot 20-12 135 Water Street Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Wetland Inspector:

This letter transmits a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit Application request to permit 82 square feet of permanent, and 700 square feet of temporary construction impacts within the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone.

The project proposes to repair/replace "in-kind" the existing stone retaining wall along the shoreline of the Squamscott River adjacent to the above referenced parcel (see Appendix C. NHDES Wetlands Permit Plan).

Attached to this application you will find an "NHDES Wetland Permit Plan" which depicts the existing lot, jurisdictional areas, abutting parcels, existing structures, proposed work, permanent impact and temporary construction impact areas.

The Highest Observable Tide Line was delineated by Steven D. Riker, CWS of Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC on September 24, 2014 using the 1987 Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and the Northeast Regional Supplement, Version 2.0, as required by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau.

According to the "Classification of Wetlands and Deepwater Habitats of the United States" (USFWS December 1979) the tidal wetlands associated with the site would be classified as an estuarine subtidal unconsolidated bottom subtidal oligohaline wetland system (E1UBL6).

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In order to complete the application package for this project, the DES Wetlands Bureau rules in Chapter Env-Wt 300 have been thoroughly reviewed, specifically Env-Wt 302.04 (b) and Env-Wt 302.04(c). Items listed in rule Env-Wt 302.04 (b) are addressed below.

1. Type of wetlands impacted;

The project proposes no wetland impacts. The impacts are to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone. The wetlands located adjacent to the property are part of a larger tidal wetland system. The wetlands located adjacent to the property would be classified as estuarine intertidal emergent persistent wetland system that is regularly flooded by tides (E2EM1N).

2. The surface area of the wetlands that will be impacted;

The project proposes no wetland impacts. The impacts are to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone.

3. The relationship of the proposed wetlands to be impacted relative to nearby wetlands and surface waters;

The project proposes no wetland impacts. The impacts are to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone. The wetlands located adjacent to the property are part of a larger tidal wetland system.

4. The impact to abutting owners pursuant to RSA 482-A:11, II;

Abutter concurrence has been requested for this project as it includes impacts to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone within 20 feet of a shared boundary. There are no impacts to the abutters interests.

5. Lack of alternatives with lesser wetlands and surface water impacts.

The project proposes no wetland impacts or surface water impacts. The impacts are to the previously developed 100' Tidal Buffer Zone.

Items listed in rule Env-Wt 302.04 (c) are addressed below.

1. The extent to which a project impacts beach or tidal flat sediment replenishment and movement of sediments along a shore;

The project proposes no impact to a beach or tidal flat as there are no such resources associated with the site. There will be no impacts to sediment replenishment or the movement of sediments along a shore.

2. The impact on a tidal wetland's ability to dissipate wave energy and storm surge; There will be no impacts to the tidal wetland that exists on site which functions to dissipate wave energy and/or storm surge.

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3. The impact of project runoff on salinity levels in tidal environments.

The project will not increase the amount of impervious surface on the lot and will therefore have no impact on the lots ability to contain stormwater or runoff and provide treatment before it enters adjacent resource areas.

It is my belief that this NHDES Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit Application meets all of the standards set forth by RSA 482-A, and I request that a permit be issued for this project.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

HR.

Steven D. Riker NH Certified Wetland Scientist #219 Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC

Cc: Phillips Wharf Condominium Association, Property Owner Exeter Town Clerk , Chair-Exeter Conservation Commission

LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION

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I, <u>Plane</u> St. Martin Tree (name), the owner (or the authorized representative of the owner) hereby authorize Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC. to be my agent in all matters concerning environmental permitting for Tax Map 72, Lot 20-12 located in Exeter, NH. This authorization includes any required signatures.

Njanie Au martin Pre Signature

Drine G. Marlin Pres. Print Name

9/24/14 Date

Witness

Mich4ul Los4Pio Print Name

9/21/14 Date

ABUTTERS LETTER, LIST AND CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPTS

«First1» «Last1» «Company» «Address» «City», «State» «Zip»

Re: Tax Map 72, Lot 20-12 135 Water Street Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear «Salutation»:

Per State of New Hampshire, RSA 482-A, this letter is to notify you that a New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetland Permit Application has been filed with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services for the parcel referenced above. The work proposed involves the repair/replacement of a retaining wall along the shoreline of the above referenced parcel.

Plans and details of this application are on file, for your review, at the Town of Exeter Clerk's Office, or <u>once received by DES</u>, at the offices of the DES Wetlands Bureau, (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) (603) 271-2147. It has been suggested that you <u>call ahead</u> to the appropriate office to ensure the application is available for review.

Sincerely,

(HR

Steven D. Riker NH Certified Wetland Scientist #219 Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC. Tax Map 72, Lot 18 Pairpoint Group LLC PO Box 70 Exeter, NH 03833
Tax Map 72, Lot 21 Daniel W. Jones Revocable Trust Daniel W. Jones Trustee PO Box 526 Exeter, NH 03833
Tax Map 72, Lot 22 Stephen Swensrud & EJ Kuip 127 Water Street Exeter, Nh 03833

Owner of Record Phillips Wharf Condominium Association 135 Water Street Exeter, NH 03833

Environmental Consultant Steven D. Riker, CWS Sandpiper Environmental Services, LLC PO Box 1634 Dover, NH 03821

FIGURE 1: TAX MAP

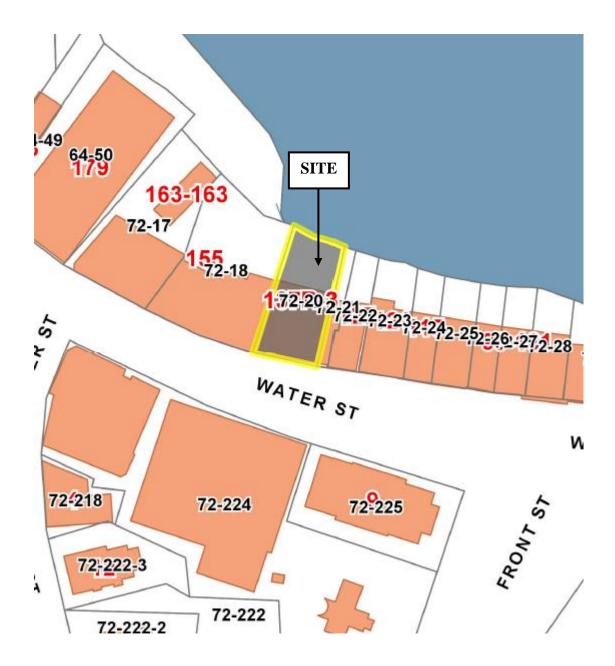


FIGURE 2: USGS LOCUS MAP

SITE

APPENDIX A. NH NATURAL HERITAGE REVIEW

APPENDIX B: PHOTO LOG

PHOTO LOG

135 Water Street Exeter, NH Photos taken September 24, 2014



Photo 1: Facing easterly toward existing retaining wall.



Photo 2: Facing easterly along existing retaining wall.



Photo 3: Facing easterly along existing retaining wall.



Photo 4: Facing westerly along existing retaining wall.



Photo 5: Facing easterly along existing retaining wall toward abutting parcel.



Photo 6: Facing westerly toward existing retaining wall.

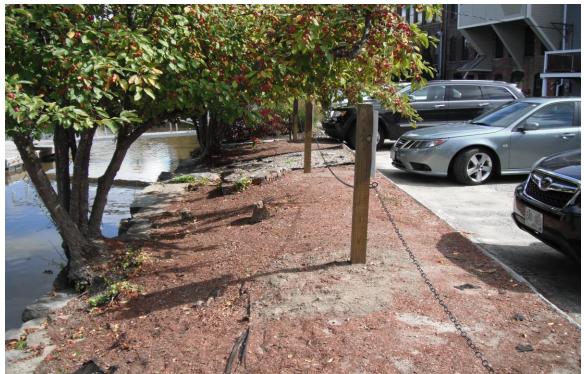
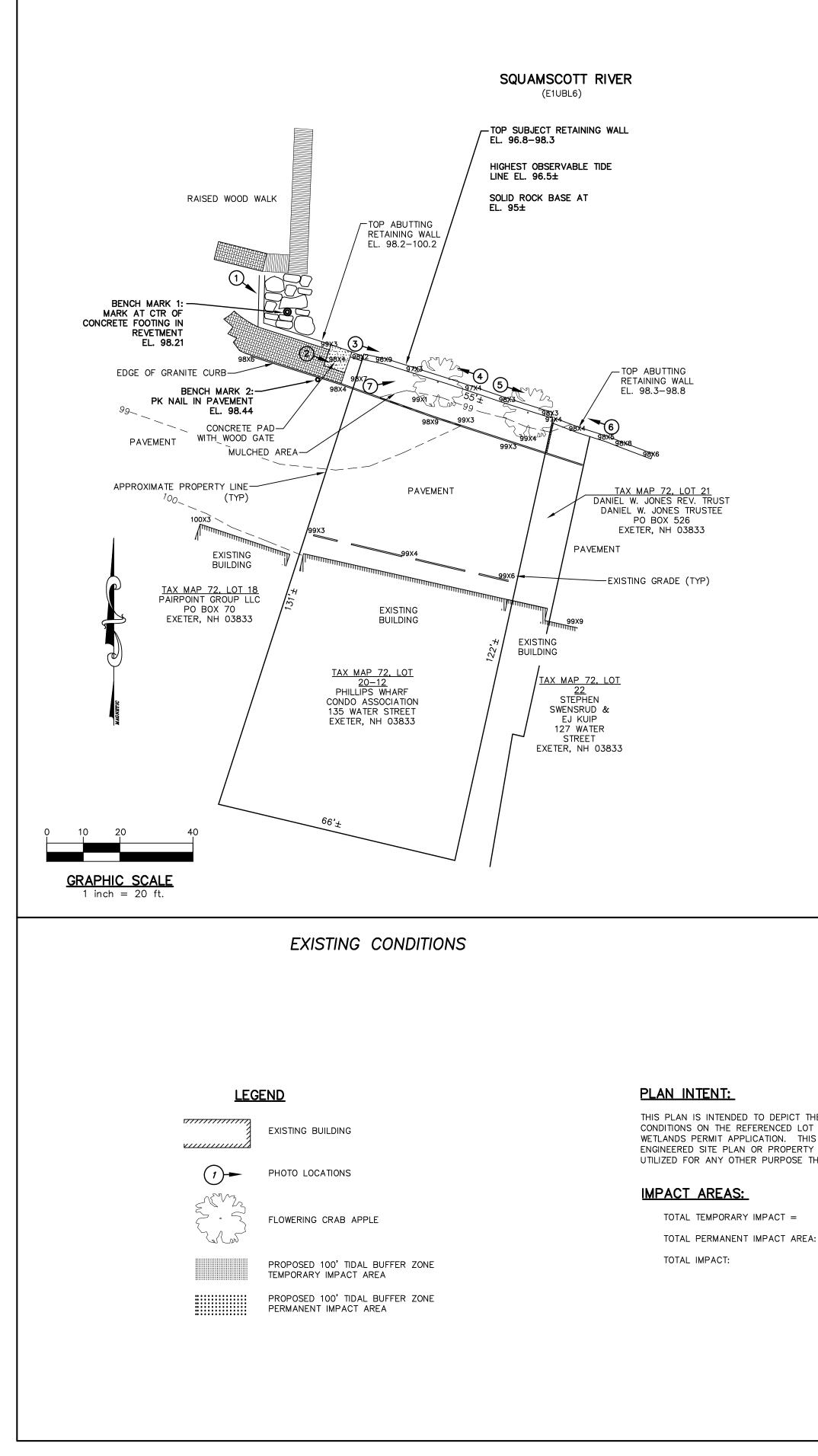
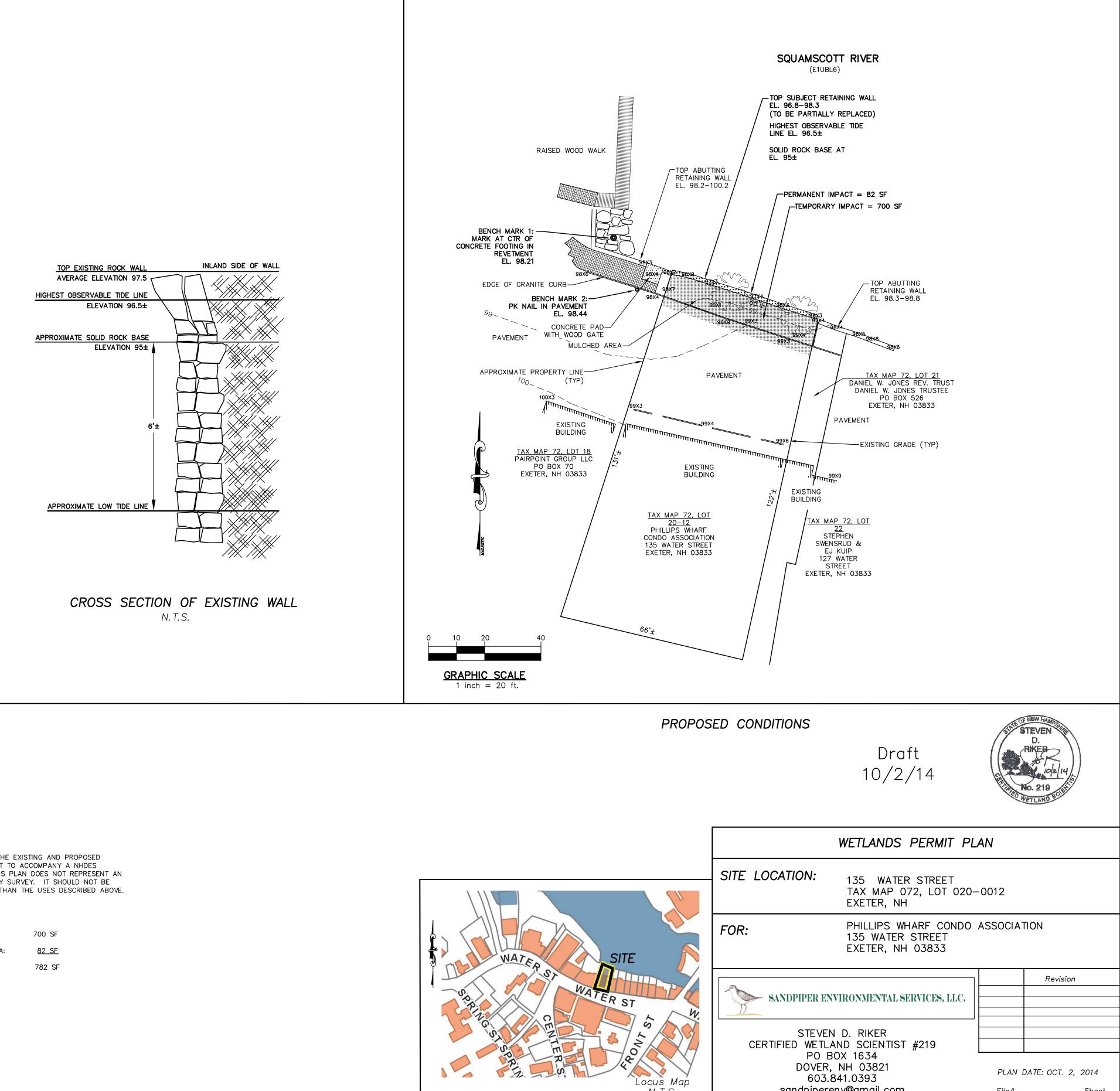


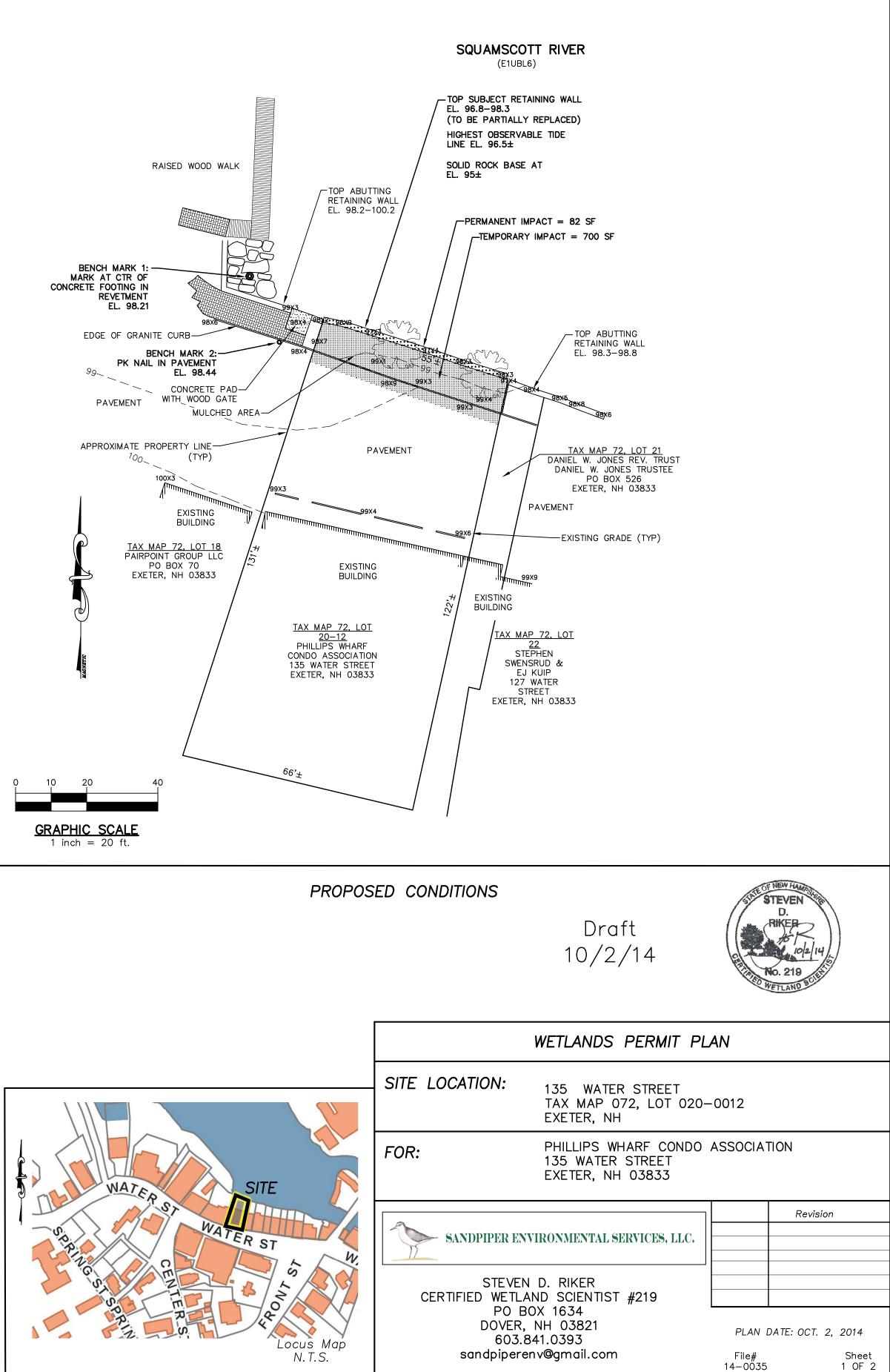
Photo 7: Facing easterly along existing retaining wall and adjacent parking lot.





THIS PLAN IS INTENDED TO DEPICT THE EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONDITIONS ON THE REFERENCED LOT TO ACCOMPANY A NHDES WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION. THIS PLAN DOES NOT REPRESENT AN ENGINEERED SITE PLAN OR PROPERTY SURVEY. IT SHOULD NOT BE UTILIZED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THE USES DESCRIBED ABOVE.





NOTES:

1.	OWNER OF RECORD:	PHILLIPS WHARF CONDO ASSOCIATION		
	ADDRESS:	135 WATER STREET		
		EXETER, NH 03833		
	TAX MAP/LOT:	TAX MAP 072, LOT 020-0012		
	PARCEL AREA:	0.18 ACRES		

2. DESIGN INTENT: THE INTENT OF THIS DESIGN IS TO REPAIR/REPLACE "IN-KIND" THE EXISTING DILAPIDATED RETAINING WALL ON THE REFERENCED PARCEL. THE EXISTING BASE OF THE WALL WILL REMAIN, AND NEW STONE/ROCK WILL BE PLACED UPON THE BASE TO CREATE A NEW STRUCTURE. THE TOP OF THE NEW RETAINING WALL WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO AN ELEVATION EQUAL TO THE ELEVATIONS OF THE ADJACENT WALL STRUCTURES TO CREATE A CONSISTENT AND SEAMLESS TRANSITION.

3. THIS PLAN IS BASED ON SURVEY LOCATED FEATURES ON 9/24/2014. IT DOES NOT REPRESENT A BOUNDARY SURVEY OR ENGINEERED SITE PLAN.

4. ALL WORK BELOW HIGHEST OBSERVABLE TIDE LINE WILL BE PERFORMED DURING LOW TIDE HOURS. TIDE CHART CAN BE OBTAINED FROM WWW.MAINEHARBORS.COM.

5. THE SUBJECT PARCEL IS SERVED BY PUBLIC WATER AND SEWER.

6. THE HIGHEST OBSERVABLE TIDE LINE WAS DELINEATED BY SANDPIPER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, LLC., STEVEN D. RIKER, CWS #219 ON 9/24/2014 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 1987 UNITED STATES ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS WETLAND DELINEATION MANUAL TECHNICAL REPORT Y-87-1 AND THE NORTHEAST REGIONAL SUPPLEMENT, VERSION 2.0 AS REQUIRED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (NHDES).

7. THIS PROJECT IS WITHIN THE NHDES 100' TIDAL BUFFER ZONE.

8. IMPACT AREAS:

TOTAL TEMPORARY IMPACT =	700 SF
TOTAL PERMANENT IMPACT AREA:	<u>82 SF</u>
TOTAL IMPACT:	782 SF

9. ALL CONTRACTORS SHALL CALL DIGSAFE @ 1-800-DIGSAFE PRIOR TO ANY EXCAVATION.

10. ALL SITE CONSTRUCTION TO MEET LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS.

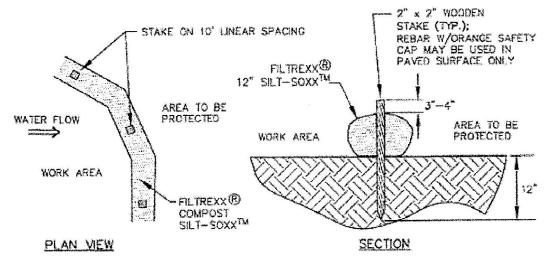
11. CONSTRUCTION WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL ALL STATE AND LOCAL PERMITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.

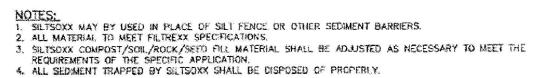
12. EXCAVATED MATERIALS MAY BE STOCKPILED WITHIN UPLANDS UNTIL HAULED OFF SITE. NO EXCAVATED MATERIALS WILL BE PLACED WITHIN JURISDICTIONAL WETLAND AREAS OR TIDAL AREAS.

13. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEETING ALL THE CONDITIONS OF THE APPROVALS INCLUDING NOTIFICATIONS, POSTING OF PERMITS AND FINAL CLOSE OUT.

14. CONTRACTOR SHALL RESTORE EXISTING LANDSCAPE AREAS, ETC. THAT ARE DISTURBED TO ACCESS WORK AREA TO CURRENT GRADES.

WETLAND CLASSIFICATION: E1UBL6: ESTUARINE SUBTIDAL UNCONSOLIDATED BOTTOM SUBTIDAL OLIGOHALINE

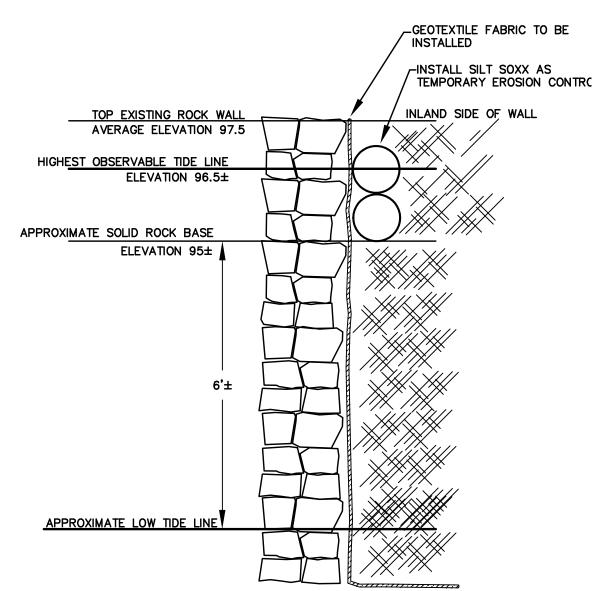




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RETAINING WALL REPLACEMENT DETAIL N.T.S.





WETLANDS PERMIT PLAN				
SITE LOCATION:	135 WATER STREET TAX MAP 072, LOT 020- EXETER, NH	-0012		
FOR:	PHILLIPS WHARF CONDO 135 WATER STREET EXETER, NH 03833	ASSOCIAT	TION	
			Revision	
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STEVEN D. RIKER CERTIFIED WETLAND SCIENTIST #219 PO BOX 1634 DOVER, NH 03821 603.841.0393 sandpiperenv@gmail.com				
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Draft Minutes Exeter Conservation Commission September 9, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting convened at 6:59 pm in the Wheelwright Room of the Exeter Town offices on the above date.

1. Introduction of Members Present: Carlos Guindon, Jay Gregoire, Alyson Eberhardt, Don Briselden, Maggie Matick, Peter Richardson, Bill Campbell, and Natural Resource Planner, Kristen Murphy.

2. Public Comment: None

REGULAR BUSINESS:

1. Committee Reports

a. Boundary Monitoring: Ms. Murphy said she sent letters to easement holders to coordinate future monitoring visits. Mr. Guindon reported that he walked the Little River boundary. He was looking for a site to install our game camera at the beaver ponds. He found there has been logging activity on the private property you cross from the Continental Drive trailhead. As a result he found it hard to find the right of way from the Continental Drive end. Mr. Guindon had also noted moose droppings.

b. Trails: Mr. Gregoire gave a recap of the last Trails Committee meeting. The leaf plowing prohibition was discussed and signs will be posted to reinforce the policy. Dogs without leashes on trails have been an issue. It is a town ordinance for dogs to be leashed. Another issue discussed was the need to re-blaze the Oakland's trail. Several users had reported sections missing blazes. It was discussed to expland the blazing beyond the main loops to include side trails on the town maps. Mr. Campbell suggested putting signs up at intersections. Mr. Gregoire said the Trails Committee would come up with a plan for blazing trails and come back to the Commission. Mr. Gregoire said the Trails Committee discussed the possibility for an ADA trail on Old Farm Town Road. Ms. Murphy said the Commission shares ownership with the Fish and Game. She said this could be a long-term project with possible grant requests.

Mr. Gregoire said he spoke to Jason Fritz with the Exeter Fire Department about doing bike patrols along trails and trail info for Town emergency staff. For safety reasons, the fire department would like all of the trails GPSed. Jay will be coordinating with volunteers to accomplish this and have them send data back to Ms. Murphy to update the maps. This way in the event of an emergency on a trail the rescue personnel would know where to find someone.

Mr. Richardson commented that there are 10 trails in Town that need a long-term plan. Mr. Gregoire said the Trails Committee would make a list of projects. Mr. Guindon said he had cleaned some trails and others such as the McDonnell trail require mowing. Mr. Briselden said that the Commission should identify the trails not made by the Town and make a plan for them. Ms Eberhardt noted the trail network is dense and they would lose the integrity of the forest with too many trails.

c. Outreach: Ms. Eberhardt talked about the trail passport idea to get more people and families on the Town trail system. She and Ms. Murphy along with the Commission's interns had drafted a template with a map and room for a description, interesting facts and place for a trail rubbing which serves as a "stamp". When a person collects stamps for at least 3 sites they could earn a prize. Ms. Eberhardt discussed the possibility of using stickers as a reward. The cost of the stickers depends on the amount purchased but the prices are as follows:for 125 stickers, \$ 205: 250:\$235, 1000: \$300. It was agreed to go with purchasing 500 stickers for \$250. Mr. Campbell asked if the groups needed to find all the trails in one day. Ms. Eberhardt said they could complete 3 and when they bring the passport in to the Town, they get the prize. Mr. Campbell said t-shirts could be expensive after talking with the director of the Prescott Park Arts. Ms. Eberhardt said she spoke with one local company and found a t-shirt that would be

comfortable to wear.Mr. Gregoire suggested trying the stickers first and seeing how it goes. Ms. Eberhardt also mentioned giving the passports out to schools.

Ms. Eberhardt also talked about the way to create a rubbing station by putting up a name badge along the trail. They would cost about \$35 each to start. Mr. Briselden suggested using technology to do part of the passport. Mr. Campbell said it could create more work for Ms. Murphy. It was agreed that technology could be used, as the passport gets more popular. Altogether with supplies for the rubbings and the sticker it would cost \$480.

Mr. Briselden motioned to allow the expenditure not to exceed \$500.00 for passport supplies and stickers, second by Ms. Matick. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Ms. Murphy talked about the volunteers that signed up to be at the table at the Exeter Fall Fest. Some spots still needed to be filled. Ms. Murphy said the table would be trail focused. Mr. Campbell said he had a table for use. There would be trail maps, acorn painting and the passports. Ms. Eberhardt suggested leaf drawing. Ms. Murphy also said they could put up a map of the easements and trails so people could mark off where they had visited. The Commission had also missed the first deadline for table registration.

Ms. Eberhardt motioned to spend \$25.00 additional for the late registration fee, second by Mr. Richardson. **VOTE** Unanimous

Ms. Murphy spoke about a trail head post that was done free hand but that they could also use a router with a stencil to make them. The cost for the stencil would be \$55.00.

Mr. Richardson motioned to spend \$55.00 on the stencil, second by *Mr.* Gregoire. **VOTE**: Unanimous

Ms. Murphy mentioned Bob Kelly had reported complaints about dog feces at the Henderson-Swasey property near Industrial Drive. Ms. Murphy said she found a posts with dispenser for plastic bags for walkers to pick up the droppings that cost \$110.00. It did not have a trasj can. The Department of Public Works (DPW) maintains other stations which do have trash cans. Mr. Briselden said people might just litter the bags in the woods. Since the Committee does not own the beginning of the trail they would need permission to put up a post with a trash can. It was suggested that Ms. Murphy check with DPW to see if they would also maintain a pet waste station at the Industrial Drive entrance.

Ms. Murphy said the co-op middle school is looking for volunteer activities for the students and they could do some small projects with the Commission. The Commission supported reaching out to them with a list of volunteer opportunities.

Mr Gregoire also brought up bridges in the Oaklands Trail system that are in disrepair. The challenge to maintaining them is they were not permitted to be there by the NH Department of Environmental Services during the Forest Ridge development. The bridges cross prime wetlands. Ms. Murphy reached out to Mark West to see what the process would be to get the permit to keep the bridges there. One bridge had been repaired by volunteers. Mr. Briselden said they should talk to the Planning Board to see if there were other conditions for that site.

Mr. Briselden excused himself from the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 12, 2014.

Ms. Matick moved to approve the minutes from August 12, 2014 with minor corrections, second by *Mr.* Gregoire. **VOTE:** Unanimous. Two abstentions from members who were not present at the meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Ms. Raub was not present at the meeting but Ms. Murphy reported she submitted the 2014-2015 budget request. As suggested by the Commission she included funds for fall interns. She confirmed with finance that if we were unable to find interns during the fall, the money could be applied to other areas of the Commissions budget.

NATURAL RESOURCE PLANNER'S REPORT: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

NEXT MEETING: October 14, 2014 in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices.

Mr. Gregoire asked Ms. Murphy to send a new schedule of the Fall Fest to Commission members to sign up for additional times.

Mr. Campbell motioned to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Eberhardt. VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah McGraw