

May 4, 2016
Project No. 1948F

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RE: NEW BEDFORD - Request for Amended Order of Conditions
Order of Conditions SE 049-0693
Highland New Bedford Associate Partnership
200 Theodore Rice Boulevard

Dear Ms. Porter,

On behalf of our client and record owner of the property, Highland New Bedford Associate Partnership, Field Engineering Co., Inc. hereby requests approval of an Amended Order of Conditions for modifications to the currently approved Plan of Record for the proposed redevelopment of 200 Theodore Rice Boulevard in the New Bedford Business Park.

As you are aware, the original applicant of record for this project was NSTAR, however, they are not moving forward with that project and the current property owner would like to proceed with some of the work as previously approved. The currently projected uses of the existing building will only require a portion of the previously approved parking areas to be constructed and this Amended Order of Conditions request is for modifications to the previously approved site improvements and stormwater management system design to accommodate the reduced scope of the project.

A summary of the specific site plan modifications impacting the wetland buffer zones is as follows:

1. Elimination of the majority of the paved parking and reel storage areas located to the south of the existing building. The stormwater management best management practices associated with these paved areas shown on the previously approved plans as "Proposed Grassed Depression 3 and Proposed Extended Detention/Infiltration Basin 4" have also been eliminated including any proposed grading associated with these structures.
2. Lowering the proposed parking that will be constructed immediately behind the existing building, therefore reducing the amount of fill required behind the building and within the wetland buffer zone. The construction of "Proposed Extended Detention/Infiltration Basin 1 and 2" will remain the same and the drainage areas flowing to these basins will remain approximately the same.

In addition to the changes detailed above, the reduced scope of the project has allowed us to review the stormwater management system design associated with the discharge points to the existing stormwater management system within both Theodore Rice Boulevard and Duchaine Boulevard. Based on the reduced amount of proposed pavement behind the existing building, we are able to eliminate the proposed grassed depressions in front of the building and will now provide a water quality inlet for this portion of the paved areas prior to discharge to the roadway drainage system. In addition to this modification, we will also be providing a grassed water quality swale in the area where paved storage was previously proposed on the portion of the property that leads out to Duchaine Boulevard. The small drainage area behind the existing building that was originally flowing through a closed conduit piping system to the discharge point will now discharge to the proposed swale for pre-treatment prior to discharge to the existing roadside swale in Duchaine Boulevard. Revised Post Development Hydrologic Calculations incorporating all of the above changes are provided as an attachment to this Amendment request.

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The above modifications are shown on the enclosed plan entitled "Plan to Accompany Amended Order of Conditions Request" prepared by Field Engineering Co., Inc. and dated 5/4/16. We have also enclosed a check for \$950.00 to cover the filing fee for the Amended Order of Conditions Request as well as all necessary paperwork to accompany this request. We would be happy to discuss this request with you at your earliest convenience and look forward to discussing this request with the Commission at their next scheduled meeting. If you need anything further, please do not hesitate to call me at (508) 758-2749.

Very truly yours,
Field Engineering, Inc.


Richard R. Riccio III, P.E.
Project Manager



cc: Highland New Bedford Associate Partnership
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Attachments (4)

1. Project Memo on Drainage Calculations with Updated Post Development Watershed Plan.
2. Plan to Accompany an Amended Order of Conditions Request dated 5/4/16.
3. Filing Fee Worksheet
4. Updated Certified Abutter's List