

To: Wetlands Commission

From: Joseph Wagner, Wetlands Agent, Town of Andover

RE: Request for Clarification of Comment #4 on letter from B.Handfield dated 8-24-2020.

Date: August 31, 2020

To the Commission Members:

The applicant for IWWC20-23 (57 Hendee Road) requested clarification of comment #4 that Engineer Brandon Handfield provided in his letter to Meghan Lally, which was dated 8-24-2020. The applicant expressed concern that the Wetlands Commission may be confused by Engineer Handfield's use of the term "Flood Prone District." Here is his clarification:

"...As I stated in my letter, I have not performed a comprehensive review of the Zoning Regulations (or the Zoning Map). I defer to the Planning & Zoning Commission to interpret the zones, districts and regulations. The applicant is correct that I referenced the table of contents, which list the name of Section 10 as "Flood Prone District" and that subtitle may not align with the section header or zoning map.

Comment #4 is included as a notification to the IWWC and applicant that most of the "regulated activities" are proposed within a FEMA SFHA and a significant percentage of those regulated activities are being proposed to satisfy a zoning/FEMA requirement for compensatory storage. In short, the excavation within the floodplain to the west should only be performed after obtaining other required permits. -Brandon Handfield, PE"

Hopefully this clarification prevents any confusion about Engineer Handfield's comments regarding a "Flood Prone District."

-Joe

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