



**NHDES WETLANDS BUREAU
MEETING NOTES**

DATE: 12/23/10 **TIME:** 10am

LOCATION: DES Lobby

RE: Proposed Soccer field and parking area, Grantham NH; Tax Map 241 Parcel 6

INSPECTOR: Sandra Mattfeldt (Wetlands Specialist); Bill Thomas (Inland Section Supervisor)

MEETING ATTENDEES: Becky Newton (Grantham Town Administrator); Warren Kimball (Grantham Selectman); Robert Duvall (Engineer, TF Moran); Gerald Coogan (Chief Planner, TF Moran); Peter Schauer (Wetland Scientist)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

- The meeting was held to discuss the Town of Grantham's proposal to build a soccer field, parking area, and other improvements on lot that the town currently uses for recreation.
- A conceptual plan was provided by TFM. The plan showed a proposal to impact approximately 97,770 square feet of wetlands.
- A brief history of the site was provided:
 - In the early 1970s, during the construction of I-89 the old sand plain was excavated down to the parent material (the agent believed that this would be shown by comparing the elevations of historic and current USGS topographic maps).
 - There is an existing baseball field.
 - Parking currently occurs in a haphazard manner.
 - The area of the proposed soccer field is mowed and used as an informal recreation area.
 - The areas delineated as wetland are generally wet when the river rises.
- The Engineer indicated that they are proposing no net fill in the floodplain.
- DES requested the following information:
 - Information regarding the function and values of the wetlands
 - Photographs of the wetlands
 - A detailed on-site and off-site alternatives analysis
 - A mitigation proposal
- The town expressed concern regarding the fee for the Wetlands Application, which based on the current proposal would be approximately \$20,000.
- DES stated that the fee is by law and could not be waived.
- The town has a grant for the soccer field. The grant is not time-sensitive; the town would like to have information to present at the town meeting.

- The Town questioned whether the project would be approvable.
- DES stated that similar projects have been approved.
- DES suggested a meeting be scheduled with all the regulatory programs that would be involved in this project to further discuss the project. The state programs are Terrain Alteration, Shoreland Protection, Wetlands Permitting and Mitigation; the federal programs are the Army Corp of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency.

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