Sharry McDermith the owner of 1054 Banfield Road is asking for a conditional use permit in order to increase the size of her existing breezeway and garage . Both breezeway and garage fall within a 100' wetland buffer zone.

The existing breezeway is currently 15' wide X 10'6" front to back. There is an existing front and rear deck on the breezeway which we would like to demo and use that space to increase the size of the breezeway to 15' X 28'6" this would make the breezeway the same width, front to back as the main house of 28'6".

The current one bay garage is 18'x 28'6", Sharry hopes to increase the size of the garage by adding one bay which would make it 28' wide by 32' deep. The new proposed addition to the garage would utilize an existing asphalt area on the side of the garage and would remain 55' from the wetlands. Of this 55' approximately 26' is existing lawn, the remaining 29' or so is an existing natural area of trees and plants. There is however a small section of mowed grass area closer to Banfield Road with a limited vegetated buffer between the driveway and a small brook which comes from a small culvert from under Banfield Road. As part of our proposal we would transform this area back to a more natural state, planting high bush blueberries 4' to 5' apart and no longer mowing this area.

We also propose to install gutters on the new additions and feeding them underground to a dug drywell located in the low section of the lawn behind the garage. The drywell will be 8'x8'x4' deep and fully lined with landscape fabric. It will consist of 8 yards of 2" clean stone capped with fabric with 6" seeded loam on top. This will give us approximately a 1000-gallon holding capacity which will then disperse into the ground and therefore reducing the water runoff burden to the buffer and wetlands.

In conclusion Sharry feels this project can achieve two beneficial goals for the city of Portsmouth. It can enhance the looks of the neighborhood without losing its original charm. Secondly, it will lessen its impact on the buffer zone and wetlands.









