

**May 4, 2022**

To: Portsmouth Conservation Commission

From: John Rice

RE: Installation of a split rail fence in the Woodlands Buffer Zone.

This application is before you because the wetlands buffer zone line goes through the back of my house as shown on the map in your packet. I have recently acquired an athletic husky-mix dog (Tuck) that thinks nothing of bursting through typical electronic fences. Once through, like any husky, he takes off and only returns when he feels like it. I have determined that we need a humane, but effective way to contain him. Further, our neighborhood approves fences only if they conform to zoning laws and through the mutual consent of the Woodlands Board of Directors and our abutters. The abutters all love Tuck and are firmly on board with the project. The BOD is waiting for your approval before issuing me an OK, but they are also on board. I prefer a natural look for the fence as we are surrounded by woods. Therefore, we have decided with your approval to put up a natural, three-rail cedar fence with vinyl-coated mesh. The enclosure will allow Tuck to run around without stress and allow me not to worry about Tuck running off. Please note that less than 6 square feet of ground will be disturbed and absolutely no wet areas, of which there is only one in my back yard. The exact details are below.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

**John and Joan Rice**

### **Detailed Description of Proposed Work \***

Installation of a roughly 220-foot three-railed western cedar split rail fence with three gates. The fence will be 48" tall and have a vinyl-coated chainlink over galvanized steel mesh in between rails. There will be about 30-posts installed. They are 5"X5" square. There will be two, single-leaf 4' gates and one 6' feet double leaf. The setting of these gate posts will require concrete. Two gates will be abutting the house and one will be at the end of the property near but not beyond the edge of wet. The fence will roughly follow the outline of the lawn as drawn. The purpose of the fence is to create an enclosure for my husky-mix dog who would easily break through an electric fence.

### **Brief Description of Existing Land Use \***

This is a backyard lawn.

### **Land Use Application Fee Calculation**

Area of disturbance in wetland or wetland buffer (s.f.)

5.2

## **Wetland Conditional Use Permit -- Impacted Jurisdictional Areas**

Inland Wetland

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Tidal Wetland

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Inland Wetland Buffer

Tidal Wetland Buffer

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Vernal Pool

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## **Wetland or Wetland Buffer Activity**

Total Area of Inland Wetland (both on and off the parcel)  
(Sq.Ft.)

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Total Area of Vernal Pool (both on and off the parcel)  
(Sq.Ft.)

None

Distance of proposed structure or activity to edge of  
wetland (ft.):

3

Wetland Buffer Total Area on Lot (Sq.Ft.)

9,000

Wetland Buffer Area to be Disturbed (Sq.Ft.)

5.2

Inland Wetland Total Area on Lot (Sq.Ft.)

None

Inland Wetland Area to be Disturbed (Sq.Ft.)

0

Vernal Pool Total Area on Lot (Sq.Ft.)

0

Vernal Pool Area to be Disturbed (Sq.Ft.)

0

Tidal Wetland Total Area on Lot (Sq.Ft.)

7,500 (I am not sure where this number comes from.)

Tidal Wetland Area to be Disturbed (Sq.Ft.)

0



460 FW Hartl

25 50 100 Feet











