

July 6, 2022

City of Portsmouth Planning Board 1 Junkins Ave Portsmouth, NH 03801

Re: 81 Taft Rd – Wetlands Conditional Use Application Land Use Application LU-22-98

Dear Members of the Planning Board,

Yankee Construction LLC submitted a Land Use Application (LU-22-98) as an authorized agent on behalf of Tom and Angela Mita (the Owners) of 81 Taft Rd (the Home). The Land Use Application was submitted because the proposed addition project required:

- 1. A Wetlands Conditional Use Permit Dimensional due to 17 sqft of the proposed addition being co-located within a 100 ft wetland buffer zone originating from wetlands on the north side of Elwyn Rd.
- 2. Dimensional relief from the Zoning Ordinance Section 10.521 to allow a 17.5 ft secondary front yard from Elwyn Rd where 30 ft is required.
- 3. Dimensional relief from the Zoning Ordinance Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance.

The City of Portsmouth Conservation Commission (Conservation Commission) voted to recommend approval of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board, with stipulations, on June 8, 2022. The June 17, 2022 letter from the Conservation Commission is attached.

The City of Portsmouth Zoning Board of Adjustment approved the dimensional relief variances on May 24, 2022.

We are now requesting final approval of the Wetlands Conditional Use Permit by the City of Portsmouth Planning Board.



The following site data was summarized in support of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit Application:

- There is currently 1,936 sqft of wetland buffer extending across the northeast corner of the lot. The proposed addition will disturb 17 sqft (0.88%) of the wetland buffer on the lot.
- Lot and Impervious Surface Data
 - o Lot size: 8,765 sqft (2021 professional survey)
 - o Existing home size: 1,560 sqft
 - o Proposed addition footprint: 235 sqft
 - o Driveway coverage: 404 sqft
 - Other impervious coverage: 204 sqft (small concrete patio)
 - \circ Lot topography is generally flat or mildly sloped (3 15% slopes)
 - o Primary ground cover is lawn, vegetated, landscape beds
 - Area soils are well drained, generally gravelly fine sandy loam over loamy sand (source USDA / NRCS Soil Survey)

Attachments:

- Existing Conditions Photos
- June 17, 2022 City of Portsmouth Conservation Commission letter
- Doucet Survey LLC "Plan of Land for Thomas J. & Angela M. Mita", dated April 16, 2021, as annotated for this application package by Yankee Construction LLC, April 27, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Ciccalone, PG Co-Owner

Yankee Construction LLC



Existing Conditions photos:



Rear of home and area of proposed addition, west side, Elwyn to left (north)





North side of home, facing Taft Rd (east) and Elwyn Rd on left (north)





Area of stockade fence to be removed.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 17, 2022

Angela Mita Thomas J. Mita 81 Taft Road Portsmouth, NH 03801

RE: Wetland Conditional Use Permit for property located at 81 Taft Road (LU 22-98)

Dear Owners:

The Conservation Commission, at its regularly scheduled meeting of **Wednesday**, **June 08**, **2022**, considered your application for a wetland conditional use permit according to section 10.1017. The applicant is proposing to construct a new addition of which 17 square feet are located in the wetland buffer . Said property is shown on Assessor Map 247 Lot 87 and lies within the Single Residence B (SRB) district. As a result of said consideration, the Commission voted to recommend **approval** of the Wetland Conditional Use Permit to the Planning Board with the following stipulations.

- 1. The applicant shall follow NOFA standards for land care management https://nofa.organiclandcare.net/wp-content/uploads/nofa_organic_land_care_standards_6thedition_2017_opt.pdf
- 2. The applicant will add additional wetland buffer plantings.

This matter will be placed on the agenda for the Planning Board meeting scheduled for **Thursday**, **July 21**, **2022**. One (1) hard copy of any revised plans and/or exhibits as well as an updated electronic file (in a PDF format) must be filed in the Planning Department and uploaded to the online permit system no later than Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

The minutes and audio recording of this meeting are available by contacting the Planning Department.

Very truly yours,

Barbara McMillan, Chair Conservation Commission

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David Ciccalone

