



# Wetland Permit Review

## What you should know for Wetland Permit Review

Read RSA 482-A

### Check Soils, Vegetation and Hydrology:

- Are hydric soils on the property identified on NRCS soil survey maps?

### Check Conservation Plans:

- Is this parcel/location mentioned in the town's conservation plan?
- Is this parcel indicated as a conservation priority on other plans?
  - State Conservation Plan or Wildlife Action Plan
  - National Wetland Inventory or Natural Heritage Bureau

### Check local and town ordinance:

- Is this wetland under the jurisdiction of the town's ordinance? (Keep in mind all wetlands may not be jurisdictional)
- Is the area designated as prime wetlands?
- Are wetland classification(s) identified?

Your commission **should visit the site** and determine what the (direct and secondary) impacts to the wetlands will be if the permit application is approved as presented. When you are at the site you should check to make sure the basic information on the application is correct.

### Check the application for:

- Is the info accurate and current? Are measurements correct?
- Is there a report that accompanies the delineation plan? (You should request a delineation report.)
- Are ALL wetlands delineated on the parcel map?
- Are individual flag locations and any labeling (letters and or numbers) identified on the plan?
- Are there corresponding flags in the field?
- Are ALL direct impacts outlined and shown on the application/plans?
- Who delineated the wetlands?
  - a. Are they certified by NH Board of Natural Scientists (There are exceptions)?
  - b. Is the plan stamped by a Certified Wetland Scientist? (Beware of cut & pasted stamps)
- Review the description of the wetland:
  - Is it correctly identified/classified?
  - Is it truly isolated or contiguous to another parcel? Are wetlands that are offsite but within your town buffer of the subject identified and depicted?
  - Does it have a special value or function?
  - Is this a natural wetland boundary or man-made boundary?

### Check the proposed project:

- Are ALL alternatives that would reduce wetland impacts listed on the application/plans?
- Have visual examples of alternatives been provided?
- Will it impact abutters?
- Do you have any questions regarding the information on the permit? Do you need additional information?

Your commission should determine what recommendations and questions you have for the Wetlands Bureau. Your commission can specify:

- Not opposed if conditions are met
- If more information is needed
- Deny or approve

Make sure you include the reason why you want the application denied or approved.

When your commission has voted on a response it is helpful to send a copy of the letter to the applicant. Make sure you include any questions or concerns you have about the project.