

## ROCKINGHAM COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Doug Andrew, Chair Town of Fremont ZBA 295 Main Street PO Box 120 Fremont, NH 03044

RE: West

South Road

Tax map 1, lot 17-2 RCCD # FR1-17-2 N22

Dear Mr. Andrew;

This report is in reference to subdivision lot 2 of the West property on South Road. The applicant is proposing 9,576 square feet (0.22 acre) of Watershed Protection Area impact to construct driveway access to a new dwelling. Permitted uses in the Watershed Protection Area (Zoning 1201.5) do not include altering the surface topography, so this requires a Special Exception (Zoning 1201.8) from the Board of Adjustment.

A brief site visit was conducted on 26 January 2022. I did not review the wetland delineation. There was a little snow on the ground and considerable frost when I viewed the site. Rockingham County Conservation District was provided 2 plans prepared by Nichols Environmental, dated 1 January 2022 and a 2 sheet subdivision plan set prepared by Northam Survey dated 4 January 2022 for this review.

The site is a hay field and limited woodland buffer exists. The beginning of the driveway is limited by the State required cemetery buffer. The location of the proposed driveway maximizes the distance from the wetland and minimizes tree cutting along the side property line.

Special exceptions may be allowed (Zoning 1201.08) when...

...altering the surface configuration of the land; streets, roads and other access ways and utility rights if essential to the productive use of land if so located and constructed as to minimize any detrimental impact of such uses upon the wetland and watershed protection areas.

I conclude the proposed driveway meets the minimization of impact standard and is essential to the productive use of the land.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Cuomo

NH Certified Soil Scientist #6

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NH Certified Wetland Scientist #4

NH Designer #788

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