## **Derek Bevins**

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**To:** Peter Burmeister

**Cc:** Morrison, Shannon; Derek Bevins; Peter Spear

**Subject:** 3809 E. Hill Road, Plainfield Wetland, File #2023-0820

**Attachments:** WW-5-9345-1\_SP1-v1.pdf

## Peter Burmeister,

Yesterday I met with Peter Spear, you - Peter Burmeister, and Derek Bevins to review your delineation and the activity that has taken place at the site. I've attached the site plan for reference. The delineation on the site plan is approved and valid for five years. The wetland on the site is Class II. Class II significant wetlands and their 50 ft buffers are protected under the Vermont Wetland Rules (VWR). Any activity in the wetland or 50ft buffer zone may need a Vermont wetland permit before you start work.

On the parcel I observed clearing activities that occurred within the wetland and buffer zone and an open test pit within the wetland. Some stumps and logs were in piles. These activities were not authorized with a wetlands permit. To resolve this matter: 1) fill in the test pit back to natural grade; 2) disperse stumps throughout the wetland so that they are not constituting a fill pile; 3) remove or disperse logs; 4) add wetland seed and mulch areas of bare ground where piles were removed; 5) notify me and Shannon when the work is completed.

The proposed single family home, driveway, and septic, are proposed outside of the wetland and buffer zone on the site plans, therefore outside of the Wetlands Program's jurisdiction. However, it is not clear if the building envelope is within 50 feet. Grading and creation of lawn in wetland or buffer zone would require a permit. Please add your building envelope to the development plan. I also recommend that you add some split-rail fence, boulders or equivalent to the edge of the wetland buffer by the home to prevent any encroachment. Any expansion of the plan would likely need a permit.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

## Regards,

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