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To: Cheshire Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

From: Commission Staff

Re: Staff Communication: Application #2020-014
Highland Avenue
Site Plan- Commercial Building

Date: July 2, 2020

Application

The application is for the construction of a commercial building, with associated grading.

Application/Permit/ History for Map 28 Lot 12

On February 7, 2006 an IWWC permit was issued for construction of a sports complex.
On January 6, 2009 a notice of violation was upheld for unpermitted clearing within the upland review area.

Staff Analysis

The wetland delineation identifies the location of wetland soils providing details not contained in the town wetland soils map, which was conducted by aerial photography.

To achieve the construction of the road and required grading, the application calls for the direct filling of wetlands and impact to the upland review area. To offset the proposed impacts the application identifies the creation of a wetland mitigation area. The applicant has submitted plans showing alternatives to the proposed wetland impact.

The applicant's soil scientist is expected to provide testimony at the public hearing.

The Engineering Department indicates they will be discussing the proposed plans with the applicant's engineer next week prior to the public hearing.