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WATERFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES PERMIT #23-03
Vegetation Clearing, Inspection & Maintenance
of Municipal Sewer Utilities within Easements
Issued to the Waterford Utility Commission

The Waterford Conservation Commission, in their capacity as the Town's Inland Wetland Agency, hereby authorizes the Waterford Utility Commission to conduct regulated activities in designated wetland areas of existing sewer utility easements subject to jurisdiction in accordance with CT General Statutes, Section 22a-36 through 22a-45, inclusive, as amended, and the Waterford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations.

Regulated activities authorized include:

1. Cutting of vegetation in wetlands and adjacent upland areas within sewer easement areas to clear a 20 foot wide vehicle access for purposes of inspection and maintenance of the existing municipal sewer. Vegetation to be cut by machine-mounted mowers or manually where flooded conditions do not allow machinery access.
2. Temporary machinery access through and over inland wetlands and watercourses within municipal sewer easement areas to access sewer manholes for inspection and repair.
3. Placement of temporary crossings including temporary plates, timbers, slash, corduroy or mats to minimize disturbance to inland wetlands and watercourses.
4. Minor repair of sewer manholes and utility lines to prevent infiltration of ground and surface water and correct system failures detected during the inspection. Minor repair work includes excavation of soils, installation of temporary erosion and sediment controls and de-watering basins, temporary discharge of sediment-free de-watering waters, and restoration of wetland substrate conditions.

These regulated activities are associated with maintenance practices and repairs for the Town of Waterford municipal sewer system as described in the application dated June 20, 2023. The Conservation Commission attaches the following conditions to minimize impacts to inland wetlands and watercourses associated with the proposed inspection and maintenance activities:

SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

- 1) All maintenance and repair activities conducted under this authorization shall be reported no later than 7 days prior to the planned initiation of the activity to the Conservation Commission's agent for a determination of consistency with the terms of this permit. Limits of disturbance shall be identified and marked in the field. Erosion and sediment control and de-watering measures, and measures to restore wetland soils, grades and

wetland vegetation shall be identified prior to the start of work in any wetland or watercourse resource.

- 2) Regulated activities identified to be outside the scope of this authorization will require submission of an individual permit application to the Conservation Commission for approval. The permanent obstruction, diversion or alteration of wetlands and watercourse resources is not herein authorized.
- 3) In areas of flooded or saturated soil conditions, the use of machinery shall be restricted and vegetation removal conducted manually to protect wetland and surface flow patterns. Where temporary disturbance from machinery access occurs in wetlands or watercourses, the wetland substrate and surface flows are to be restored to pre-existing conditions upon completion of the maintenance activity.
- 4) The crossing of wetlands and watercourses with machinery shall be temporary and accomplished with minimal disturbance to wetlands and streambed substrates. Use of best management practices for temporary stream crossings, wetland protection and erosion control shall be incorporated into the inspection and maintenance program. These practices shall comply with the State of Connecticut Forest Practices Regulations.
- 5) Upon completion of machinery access and required repairs to the utility, all temporary wetland and watercourse crossing devices shall be removed, and the wetland and watercourse substrate and surface flows shall be restored to pre-existing grades. The permanent obstruction, diversion or alteration of wetlands and watercourse resources is not herein authorized.
- 6) A representative of the Utility Commission shall schedule a site inspection with the Commission's agent following completion of the maintenance activity within each sewer easement area to review wetlands and watercourses traversed by the inspection activity. Where required and as directed by the Commission's agent, corrective measures to restore grade, stabilize exposed soils and control potential erosion shall be immediately implemented.
- 7) The Waterford Utility Commission shall be responsible for ensuring the terms and provisions of this permit are adhered to, including the implementation of pollution prevention and best management practices, installation of erosion and sediment controls and restoration of temporary disturbance areas.

All work and all regulated activities conducted pursuant to this authorization shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. Any structures, excavation, fill, obstructions, encroachments or regulated activities not specifically identified and authorized herein shall constitute a violation of this permit and may result in permit modification, suspension or revocation.

In the event that any additional wetland or watercourse regulated activities are required as a result of other agency permitting to support the proposed activity, the Waterford Conservation Commission reserves the right to reconsider the proposed regulated activity and may require modifications to minimize the impact to wetland resources.

In evaluating this application, the Commission has relied on information provided by the applicant. If such information subsequently proves to be false, incomplete and/or inaccurate, this permit shall be modified, suspended or revoked.

This permit shall be valid for a period of 5 years. Permit extensions may be authorized in accordance with CT General Statutes § 22a-36 through 22a-45 inclusive. If the regulated activity is not completed within this time frame, the permit may be held to be invalid by the Conservation Commission and the applicant may be required to petition the Commission for an extension or re-issuance of the permit. The Commission may require the applicant to furnish additional information at that time.

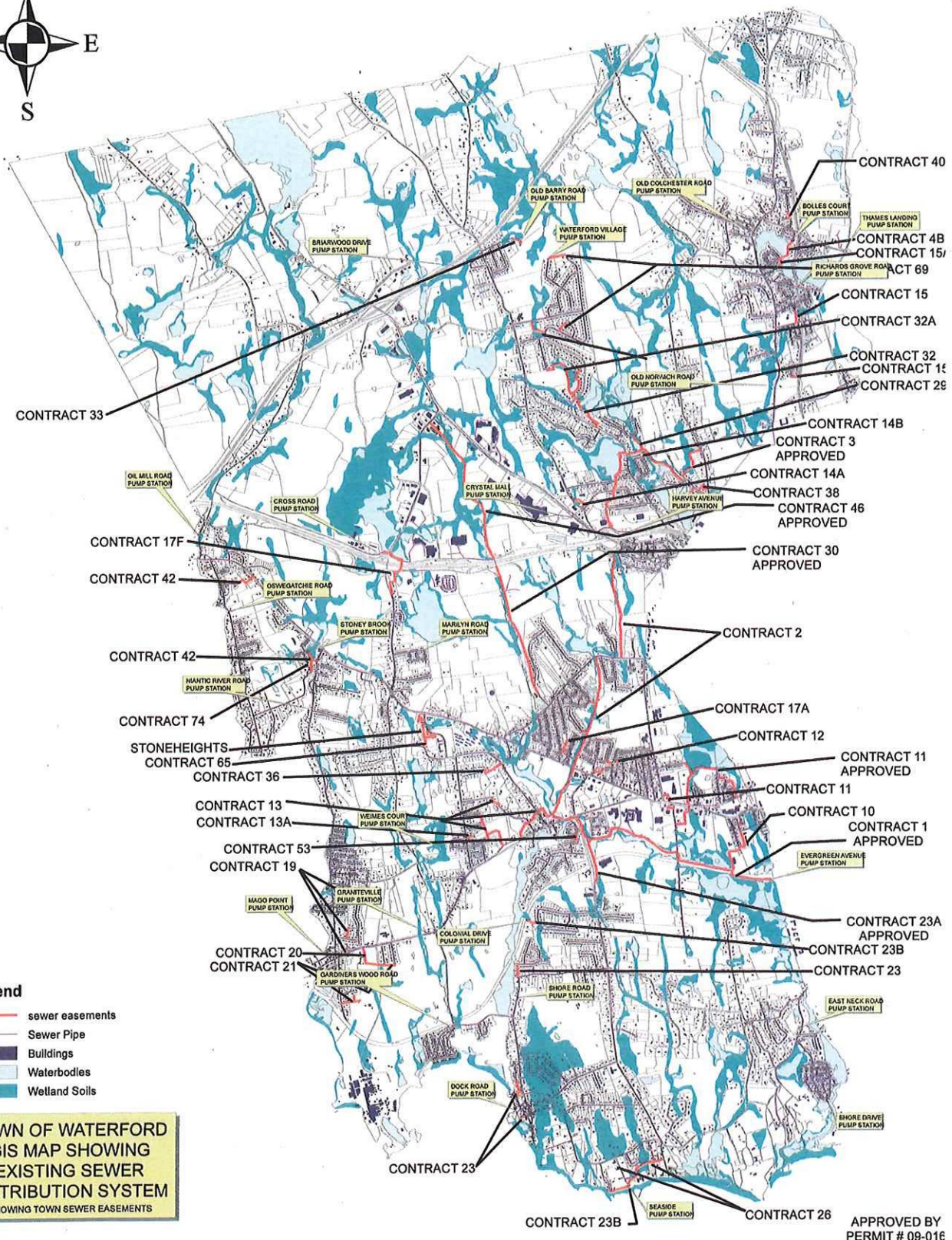
The Conservation Commission renders this Summary Ruling in accordance with the Waterford Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations based on the following considerations:

- A. The proposed activity is necessary for maintenance and inspection of the public sewer utility lines and protection of surface and groundwater quality.
- B. The proposed method of vegetation removal and machinery access does not pose long-term adverse impacts to the wetlands and watercourses within or adjacent to the sewer easement. Temporary disturbance to wetland substrates will be restored to grade
- C. Strict adherence to the terms and conditions imposed with this permit will protect the quality of wetlands and surface waters on this property.

This permit will be strictly enforced. If the Conservation Commission finds that the applicant has not complied with the permit conditions or has exceeded the scope of this permit as set forth herein, or, if the intended use of the general site is not as represented by the application or the plan of record, the Commission may suspend or revoke this permit, direct the Environmental Officer to issue a cease and desist order, require the applicant to modify, extend or revise the site work, or require the applicant to restore the area to its original condition.

Dated: July 13, 2023

Issued By: _____
Chairman, Richard Muckle
Waterford Conservation Commission



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