

**LaBOMBARD**  
ENGINEERING, LLC

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Wendy Trimble, Planning Assistant  
Planning Board  
7 Monument Square  
Hollis, NH 03049-6121

Re: **Siergiewicz Property – Tax Map 47, Lot 44-2**

Dear Wendy,

As per our exchange of emails and an earlier phone conversation with Mark Fougere, I have briefly reviewed the drawing provided as prepared by Meridian Land Services, Inc. and the emails from Christine Herrera & the budget committee for the above referenced site. It is my understanding that the Hollis Recreation Commission would like to have 2 soccer fields constructed on this lot near the intersection between Witches Spring Road and South Merrimack Road. The question is what kind, if any, wetlands permits will be required.

The drawing shows 2 soccer fields with some encroachment into the Town wetland buffer (100 feet). None of the proposed development is shown in a wetland. Unless the wetland is designated as a "Prime Wetland" then the State does not require a permit to work within the buffer. I do not believe the Town of Hollis has adopted any prime wetlands. So all buffer disturbance is only subject to the Town's own regulations.

It is my understanding that the Federal government has given (at least most of) the wetland permit process to the State of NH with the right to intervene at their pleasure. This is an ongoing process that is periodically renewed. So the State Department of Environmental Protection is primarily responsible for all wetland permits issued in New Hampshire. There may be some trigger that automatically gets the Federal government (Corps of Engineers) involved again, but this does not appear to qualify as a prime wetland and so therefore I do not believe there are any federal restrictions on this project based on wetland or buffer disturbance.

As stated by Mark in his email to me, as soon as the disturbed area exceeds 100,000 square feet a State Alteration of Terrain permit is required; but that is independent of any wetland permit.

Hopefully this answers the questions on permitting for this parcel.

Sincerely,



Dennis LaBombard, P.E.