

To: Stratham Zoning Board of Adjustment

From: Stratham Conservation Commission

Date: *March 29, 2024*

Subject: 200 Domain Drive

The Stratham Conservation Commission discussed the proposed improvements to the 28.5-acre parcel at 200 Domain Drive at its meeting of March 27, 2024. The proposal includes the construction of a small building addition, a new driveway, a new pedestrian pathway, and a patio. The property includes several pocket wetlands located in landscaped areas between the parking areas and the buildings. The Commission received input from Patrick Crimmins of Tighe & Bond and Town Planner Mark Connors.

A previous application for this project would have impacted nearly 2000 square feet of wetland and had significant impacts in the wetland buffer area. The revised application has attempted to address the concerns previously raised by the Commission. The walkway now goes between the existing wetlands to avoid direct impact and involves landscaping. The drive is now 24 feet wide with less impervious pavement. Rain gardens have been incorporated at lower points to collect runoff. The stormwater management plan is incorporated into the landscaping and native seed mix will be used.

While the Conservation Commission would prefer a plan without substantial buffer impacts, we appreciate the work done by the applicant to make the project more environmentally friendly plan and support the revised plan. This opinion with unanimous within the Commission.

As always, thank you for your consideration of the Conservation Commission input and for including us in the process.