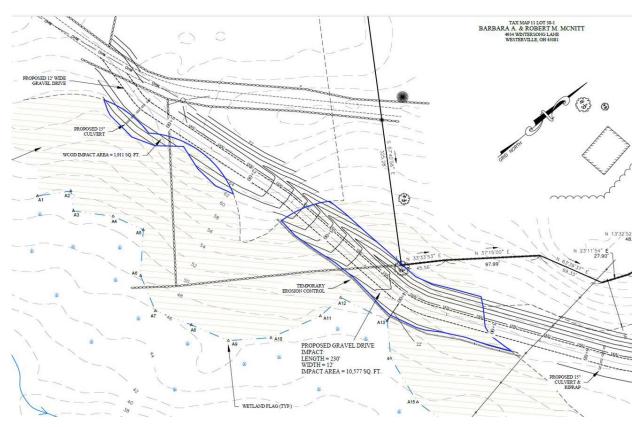
To the Planning Board

The Conservation Commission reviewed the conditional use application for a driveway to cross the wetland buffer on Map 11, Lot 38-2. This is on the board's agenda tomorrow evening. The commission voted to recommend a finding that the four WCOD criteria are met with these two provisos:

For criterion 1), the commission's recommendation comes with a finding that the proposed use is defined as a driveway to reach the proposed location for a residence. However, the commission is not commenting on the merits of the proposed house site.

For criterion 3), the commission recommends that the driveway be designed to prevent stormwater from flashing into the wetland below, as appropriate, in accordance with best management practices.

Regarding criterion 3) the Planning Board will need to determine how to address this. The applicant may have a proposal for the meeting tomorrow evening. Options include, but are not limited to, building an earthen berm on the lower side of the driveway, building a swale on the lower side, tipping the driveway so water flows toward the upper side (The design is now slightly crowned), and/or installing some other type of treatment on the lower side of the driveway. There is a swale shown on the upper side of the driveway. On the lower side the driveway is simply elevated a foot or two. The blue is the wetland shown with wetland flags along the edge (A5, etc.). The light brown is the 100-foot buffer. The area inside the blue is the portion of the buffer that will be impacted.



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