



Town of Orleans Conservation Commission

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Martin R. (Reggie) Donoghue, P.E., LEED AP, BD&C
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Dear Mr. Donoghue,

At the meeting on October 6th, 2020, the Conservation Commission discussed how to best guide residents on permitting future sewer hookups that are within Commission Jurisdiction. The Commission understands that much like the presumption covering the State Environmental Code Title 5 (310 CMR 10.03(3)), when a property hooks up to the future sewer system, the connection will help to further protect the eight interests of the Wetland Protection Act and Orleans Wetlands Bylaw.

Based on Commission discussion and desire to keep permitting straightforward, they recommended most applicants seek to utilize the Administrative Review procedure for work related to sewer hookups within the Jurisdiction. We anticipate a large percentage of these filings to be uncomplicated, with minimal disturbance due to the planning that proceeded this project.

To file an Administrative Review for a sewer connection, applicants should include sketch plans and commit to BMP's related to installation with their completed application. The application fee is \$20 and applications can be turned around quickly, usually within 10 days. In the event more significant disturbance is required, the Conservation Office should be consulted to provide further guidance on the type of permitting that may be required for those installations.

Please feel free to contact the Conservation Department if you have any questions regarding our actions.

Sincerely,

John Jannell, Administrator, Orleans Conservation Commission

cc: Tom Daley, Director, Orleans Dept of Public Works and Natural Resources