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Via Email: sradford@montville-ct.org

RE: Inland Wetland Application
428 Fire Street
CLA-7873R

Dear Stacy,

CLA has reviewed recently submitted documents as part of an application to remediate a previously documented wetland violation on the 428 Fire Street site. The documents are as follows:

1. A handwritten applicant narrative prepared by the applicant
2. A completed Town of Montville IWC application form
3. An Engineers Preliminary Wetlands Permit Narrative dated February 18, 2026 by LMB Engineering
4. An email forwarded by the applicant from the engineer with some hydrologic information and a cross section
5. A hand drawn site sketch from the applicant.

Based on CLA's site walk of September 29, 2025 with staff and the following items were noted

1. Inland wetlands and a water course were extensively altered on the site.
2. The alteration includes filling, excavation, and installation of a culvert in an approximate +100 foot long stretch of riparian wetland.
3. Soil auger samples revealed that both fill and excavation had occurred on the wetland and upland review zone.
4. There was removal and disturbance of native vegetation.
5. There currently appears to be little chance of erosion as BMPs have been installed per your request.

Based on the site walk, CLA requested that the following steps should be taken:

1. The owner should hire a Professional Engineer and Soil Scientist to prepare a wetland restoration plan.
2. The consultants should employ forensic means to determine to the extent possible, the original size and condition of the wetland.
3. The restoration plans should be detailed and include proposed contours, stream channel limits, stream channel restoration, soil specifications, ongoing inspection and plantings.
4. Once the owner has retained consultants, they should meet with staff to review in detail the information needed in the restoration plan.

The materials submitted to date do not constitute an adequate mitigation plan or stream crossing design. A survey plan showing the wetlands boundary, topography, and other relevant features needs to be prepared to serve as a base plan upon which the engineer and soil scientist can lay out the wetland restoration plan in full detail. Section 7 of the Montville IWC regulations provides guidance as to what constitutes a complete applicant.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to call or me with any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,
CLA Engineers, Inc.



Robert Russo C.S.S.