

Embden Planning Board – December 12, 2024

Members present were Leo Mayo, Ann Bridges, Kelly Bragg, Randy Caldwell, Myles Durkin and alternate Chuck Pease. Also present were Terri Lamontagne, CEO and Paula Sansouci.

The minutes was accepted as presented.

The Chairman turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Myles Durkin since this was to be his last meeting on the Board.

Permit #	Issued to	Construction Type	Plumbing Permit #	Amt.	TR #
2972	Snowshoe Village	Ditch work, drainage per attached statement dated October 4, 2024 site review completed 10/09/24; Embden Pond Road; Tax Map 024, Lots 001-037		\$100.00	#242822-1
2973	Gregory Haberland	To install 12' x 24' pre-fab building one story on block; site review completed 12-09-24; 43 Pine Bluff Drive; Tax Map 007 Lot 001-018		\$100.00	#242947-1
2974	Patrick Kelliher	After the Fact - to replace retaining wall 20 feet long; 46" tall tapering to 18" high and 18" wide with landscaping block; site review completed 09/10/24; 608 East Shore Road; Tax Map 017, Lot 011		\$100.00 \$1500.00	#243000-1
2975	Anne Roosevelt	To install steel drain box 16' x 1' x 1' to be 5' down on top of driveway and to be flush with driveway & exit on existing drainage ditch; site review completed 12/09/24; 1297 Embden Pond Road; Tax Map 023, Lot 003		\$100.00	#243067-1

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was voted to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann C. Bridges, Secretary

Attached Statement for Permit #2972

October 4, 2024

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Regional Office
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, Maine 04401

Subject:

Permit by Rule Application
Snowshoe Village Association, Embden, ME

To whom it may concern:

Snowshoe Village Association is pleased to submit the enclosed Natural Resources Protection Act Permit by Rule (NRPA PBR) application and supporting information for a repair project located between Cottage Lane, Snow Drive and adjacent parking lot at the Snowshoe Village Condo Association in Embden, Maine. Cottage Lane, Snow Drive and the parking lot are existing gravel roads accessed from West Shore Road, with Cottage Lane and Snow Drive each extending towards the Embden Pond shoreline (Cottage Lane ends at a distance greater than 75 feet to the shoreline). The road and parking lot includes multiple gravel parking areas, drainage ditches, and deteriorated culverts. Multiple camps are accessed from the lot and road.

The existing road, lot ditches and culverts have deteriorated over time, and the road itself has drainage and erosion concerns. The areas surrounding Snow Drive and the lot are forested. The primary area between Snow Drive and the parking lot is an existing culvert that directs storm water into the drainage ditch that outlets into Embden Pond. The entire ditch from the parking lot area to Snow Drive has filled with soil and plant debris, which has resulted in washouts and uncontrolled water pooling in the adjacent areas,

The proposed project includes replacing five damaged culverts, repairing and deepening ditches, adding check dams and erosion control measures, and adding gravel to the road and parking areas to re-grade for appropriate drainage. The project triggers a NRPA PBR and section 2 is applicable. The application form, USGS location map, deed, proof of legal name, and photos of the project area are attached.

Section 2 - Activities Adjacent to Protected Natural Resources

The proposed project takes place adjacent to Embden Pond. One of the damaged culverts is approximately 10' long and located 50' from the shoreline where it outlets into the Pond via a washed out ditch. The ditch that requires some repairs upstream of the culvert is also within 75' of the shoreline. This culvert and ditch will be repaired/replaced in the existing location. The other two culverts to be replaced are located approximately 275' away from the Embden Pond shoreline. The majority of the ditch work as well as the roadway & parking area work is located greater than 75' from the shoreline. At least 25' of natural forested buffer exists between the road, parking areas, and the two upstream culverts

to be replaced.

The proposed project will replace culverts and repair ditches, to ensure appropriate stormwater management and reduce erosion potential. The majority of the work is replacement & repair so it will take place in areas of existing development and clearing greater than 75' from the shore. Erosion control measures such as silt fence, hay bales, erosion control mix berm, riprap, and check dams will be utilized to reduce impacts from the activity. Vegetation will be re-established quickly in lawn areas disturbed during culvert replacement and mulch will be utilized on exposed soils and loam & seed areas. A plan showing the proposed work & erosion control measures is included as Attachment 6.

There is no practicable alternative to this work, as it consists of replacement of existing deteriorating infrastructure. The proposed work will improve the ongoing stormwater and erosion issues.

Sincerely,

Ed Levesque
Snowshoe Village Unit Owners Association