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PROJECT MEMO

To: Dr. Tom Failla, Conservation Planner
From: Harry Rocheville, P.E.
Date: January 20, 2026
Re: Existing Bridge and Garden
Proposed Site Development (CC-25-19-COM)
6 Calvin Road, Weston, CT

During the Conservation Commission review process for the proposed site development at 6 Calvin Road, McChord Engineering Associates, Inc. (MEA) was notified that an existing bridge and garden north of the pond, and outside of the project limits, were not permitted. Since being notified, personnel from this office has visited the property several times to inspect the bridge and garden. The Town of Weston Conservation Planner, Dr. Tom Failla, attended one of these site visits on December 23, 2025. Dr. Failla suggested that the soil scientist revisit the site since this particular area was not flagged for wetlands as it is outside of the limits of the currently proposed project. JMM Consulting flagged the wetlands on January 13, 2026. This memo serves to summarize our findings with the goal of having the bridge and garden retroactively permitted along with the currently proposed site development.

The existing bridge and garden are both of timber construction. The homeowner notified this office that both structures were built in-place by hand circa 2021. The garden was installed to replace a previous one that was in disrepair. It is completely open to the environment with a planted bottom, screened sides and no roof. It is supported by 6"x6" posts embedded in the ground. No footings were observed. The bridge was installed to provide access to the western most portion of the property which was previously unattainable. The bridge spans the entire watercourse and is approximately 3.5-ft wide. There is a man-made abutment in the center constructed of native boulders. There are four concrete footings that support the bridge on both ends. They are approximately 12" in diameter each. Each end of the bridge projects approximately 7-ft onto land. The bottom of the bridge is approximately 3-ft above the water level in the watercourse. Photos of each structure are attached.

Personnel from this office visited the property on January 15, 2026, to observe where the bridge and garden are in relation to the new wetlands flags. The entire garden is outside of the wetlands. The eastern end of the bridge, and footings, are also outside of the inland wetlands. The western end of the bridge is the only encroachment on the inland wetlands. This was seemingly unavoidable as the wetlands extend much further from the watercourse on that side. Photos of the wetlands flags in proximity to the structures are attached.

During the several site visits, this office did not observe any impacts on the wetlands as a result of these structures. There were no signs of erosion or deposition of material or removal of trees. There were signs of stable vegetation around both structures, even during this time of year. The watercourse was running freely and unencumbered by the bridge. Both structures were stable and not prone to any deterioration. In our opinion, the bridge and garden are not adversely impacting the inland wetlands, pond or watercourse.

End of Memo.



Photo 1: Existing Bridge



Photo 2: Wetlands Flags East End of Bridge (Looking North)



Photo 3: Wetlands Flags East End of Bridge (Looking South)



Photo 4: Wetlands Flags West End of Bridge (Looking North)



Photo 5: Wetlands Flags at Garden