

# TRAVIS BELISLE

## WETLANDS VIOLATIONS

Complaint 2ea co7038

Nov. 14, 2007: *Vt State Wetlands Ecologist Amy Norris.* The road on Rocky Ridge and some ditching violated VT Wetland Rules – ditching on southerly and northerly side of road is in Class II wetland and its 50-foot buffer. Some activity was in a wetland and some was in the wetland's associated buffer zone. In addition, one lot in the subdivision was being built on without a wastewater permit. In the cul de sac turnaround, issue with fill that was cut from a bank and filled into the wetland and buffer.

*"This wetland has been impacted in the following ways:*

- (1) The old logging road through this wetland has been improved much more than is allowed under the VT wetland Rules—the old logging road is clearly visible in my black and white orthophotos (taken some time between 1994 and 2000, this date varies by town and I don't know when it was done for Swanton)*
- (2) Extensive ditching and clearing has occurred in this wetland, to "dry it up" according to Mr. Belisle.*
- (3) Lots 3 and 4 are cleared, and may be in the buffer zone of this wetland—a delineation and/or surveying of these lots is needed to clarify these boundaries.*

*The second wetland is further north, and we accessed it from a new road built off of the old logging road. This section of the subdivision was formerly lot 3, and is now a PUD. Some and*

11/16/07: 120 yards of fill had been placed directly in the buffer zone in the area of the cul de sac turnaround.

12/27/2007: Severson (hired by Travis) asks for an "after the fact CUD".

1/22/2008: Total of 73,659 square feet of wetland disturbed and a total of 20,018 square feet of wetland buffer zone impact.

## STORMWATER and WASTEWATER VIOLATIONS

No construction general permit of stormwater discharge permit for housing development. More than two acres of a combination of impervious surfaces and earth disturbance had occurred since spring of 2007.

12/4/2007: Gerald Belisle applied for a wastewater permit. No permits in existence for Rocky Ridge rd at this time. Permits should have been applied for before beginning construction. There is a nearly complete structure on Rocky Ridge Rd two days after the permit was applied for.

Application file # 2007-506 – Item # 6 – A split rail fence will be installed at the edge of the buffer zone of Wetland One on the east side of Lots 5,6,7 and 8 into the buffer of Wetland Two to prevent future unpermitted encroachment into the wetland and buffer zone. (This fence was not installed until Spring, 2015)

An unpermitted cul-de-sac in the wetland and buffer zone will be relocated further from the wetland.

2010: Travis spoke with Jim Harrison about the hill being a good location for wind power. [prefiled-testimony-exhibits-of-travis-belisle.pdf](#)

1/29/2015: ANR notes from meeting with Travis: [swanton-wind-scoping-meeting-w-applicant-1-29-15-1.docx](#) Put up MET tower without a CPG about 3 years ago. No action was taken by ANR on this violation.

July 20, 2105 – St. Albans Messenger: Travis Belisle states ‘Everyone knew what I meant by wind farm. I made it clear because I didn’t want anyone to feel like I was going behind their back or anything’. This makes it clear that he knew this was going to be a commercial project when he put up the Met tower in January, 2012.

### General

2011: Cabin noted in woods on Belisle property (along logging road to the proposed tower sites). In discussions with Jim Pratt, there appears to have never been a permit for this cabin.

July 14, 2015 – Travis Belisle files to post his property. Ashley Belisle signs the paperwork at the town which states that the 196 acres is posted as required by Title 10 VSA Sections 5201. This title states: Location of Posting Signs. Posting signs must be erected on or near all the boundaries, at each corner and not over 400 feet apart.

Travis has 2 posted signs at the entrance to his property. There are none anywhere else along the property, therefore the land is not posted as stated on the paperwork filed at the town clerk.