

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
INTRA-DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATION

FROM



Matt Urban  
Wetlands Program Manager

DATE June 1, 2016  
AT (OFFICE) Bureau of Environment

SUBJECT Wetland Bureau Permit # 2016-00930  
Dixville, 40518

TO Tobey Reynolds, Bureau of Highway Design

Forwarded herewith, for your files and further use as appropriate, is a copy of the subject permit as approved by the Wetlands Bureau and the Water Division on 05/11/2016

**Please note specific conditions on permit.**

TERRAIN ALTERATION

Note that the non-site specific permit (RSA 485-A: 17 "Terrain Alteration") is part of this Wetlands Bureau Permit.

WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION

- This permit covers the project's consideration for Water Quality protection and no further action is required by this office.
- This permit does not cover the Water Quality protection for this project. However, a Water Quality Permit will be obtained for this project.

CORPS PERMIT STATUS

- No Corps Jurisdiction
- SPGP (Minimum Impact) - No waiting period; no Corps approval required
- SPGP (Minor Impact)-Wait 30 days from NHWB issuance date; no written approval from Corps required
- SPGP (Major Impact)-Wait 30 days from NHWB issuance date; written approval from Corps required
- Emergency - No waiting period; No written approval from Corps required
- Amendment - No waiting period; No written approval from Corps required
- Corps Individual Permit Required

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT (CZM) STATUS

- Outside of Coastal Zone-consistency finding not necessary from OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Non-Federal Action)-consistency finding not necessary from OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Federal Action)-if covered by SPGP, or no Corps' jurisdiction, consistency finding is automatic from OSP
- Within Coastal Zone (Federal Action)-if individual Corps permit, written consistency finding is necessary from OSP

EROSION CONTROL PLAN STATUS

- Erosion Control Plan Required; Submit Erosion Control Plan to DES Wetlands Bureau

If you have any questions, please call 271-3226.

MRU: mmd  
Encl.

cc:  
BOE Original  
Margarete Baldwin - Bureau of Highway Design  
Randy Talon- Environmental Coordinator  
Lysa Crouch- Bureau of Highway Design



The State of New Hampshire  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

May 11, 2016

NH Dept. of Transportation  
c/o Matt Urban  
PO Box 483  
Concord, NH 03302-0483

RE: NH Dept. of Transportation - File # 2016-00930 - Dixville

Tax Map/Lot #: Right-of-Way

Dear Mr. Urban:

Attached please find Wetlands Permit # 2016-00930 to rehabilitate/reconstruct 1.8 miles of roadway to replace culverts, install or improve headwalls, replace or construct ditch lines, install underdrain and stabilize 300 linear ft. of failed embankment through soil nailing to maintain a 16 ft. wide travel way impacting 55,355 sq. ft. (18,623 sq. ft. temporary) of palustrine and riverine wetlands. **NHDOT project #40518**

The decision to approve this application was based on the following findings:

1. This is a major impact project per Administrative Rule Env-Wt 303.02(c), alteration of more than 20,000 sq. ft. of non-tidal wetlands.
2. The need for the proposed impacts has been demonstrated by the applicant per Env-Wt 302.01.
3. The applicant has provided evidence which demonstrates that this proposal is the alternative with the least adverse impact to areas and environments under the department's jurisdiction per Env-Wt 302.03.
4. The applicant has demonstrated by plan and example that each factor listed in Env-Wt 302.04(a) Requirements for Application Evaluation, has been considered in the design of the project.
5. The project was discussed and coordinated through discussions on January 20, 2016 at the monthly Natural Resource Agency Meeting held at the NH Dept. of Transportation.
6. Although there was a Natural Heritage Bureau record it was determined it would not be impacted by the project.
7. On March 22, 2016, DES met with the applicant and agreed the relocation and reconstruction of the ditch lines, impacting approximately 30,000 sq. ft., would be considered as self-mitigating; the culvert replacements in intermittent streams were almost "in-kind" and did not require further mitigation.
8. DES finds that this project will not have a significant impact on these palustrine and riverine resources and are not at areas of substantial public interest where issues have been raised pursuant to RSA 482-A:1. Therefore, a public hearing is not required.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to the N.H. Wetlands Council ("Council") by filing an appeal that meets the requirements specified in RSA 482-A:10, RSA 21-O:14, and the rules adopted by the Council, Env-WtC 100-200. The appeal must be filed **directly with the Council within 30 days** of the date of this decision and must set forth fully **every ground** upon which it is claimed that the decision complained of is unlawful or unreasonable. Only those grounds set forth in the notice of appeal can be considered by the Council.

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Information about the Council, including a link to the Council's rules, is available at <http://nhec.nh.gov/> (or more directly at <http://nhec.nh.gov/wetlands/index.htm>.) Copies of the rules also are available from the DES Public Information Center at (603) 271-2975.

Your permit must be signed, and a copy must be posted in a prominent location on site during construction.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at (603) 271-2147.

Sincerely,



Gino E. Infascelli  
DES Wetlands Bureau

cc: Dixville Conservation Commission  
Dixville Municipal Clerk



The State of New Hampshire  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**



**Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner**

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**WETLANDS AND NON-SITE SPECIFIC PERMIT 2016-00930**

**Permittee:** NH Dept. of Transportation  
PO Box 483  
Concord, NH 03302-0483

**Project Location:** Golf Link Road (Balsams Resort), Dixville  
Dixville Tax Map/Lot No.: Right-of-Way

**Waterbody:** Moose Brook

**NOTE--  
CONDITIONS**

**APPROVAL DATE:** 05/11/2016

**EXPIRATION DATE:** 05/11/2021

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Based upon review of the above referenced application, in accordance with RSA 482-A and RSA 485-A:17, a Wetlands Permit and Non-Site Specific Permit was issued. This permit shall not be considered valid unless signed as specified below.

**PERMIT DESCRIPTION:** Rehabilitate/reconstruct 1.8 miles of roadway to replace culverts, install or improve headwalls, replace or construct ditch lines, install underdrain and stabilize 300 linear feet of failed embankment through soil nailing to maintain a 16 ft. wide travel way impacting 55,355 sq. ft. (18,623 sq. ft. temporary) of palustrine and riverine wetlands.  
**NHDOT project #40518**

**THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:**

1. All work shall be in accordance with plans by NHDOT Bureau of Highway Design dated March 2016 as received by the Department on April 12, 2016.
2. Dredged material shall be placed out of the DES Wetlands Bureau jurisdiction unless specifically allowed.
3. Appropriate siltation/erosion/turbidity controls shall be in place prior to construction, shall be maintained during construction, and shall remain in place until the area is stabilized.
4. Construction equipment shall not be located within surface waters.
5. Discharge from dewatering of work areas shall be to sediment basins that are: a) located in uplands; b) lined with hay bales or other acceptable sediment trapping liners; and c) set back as far as possible from wetlands and surface waters, in all cases with a minimum of 20 ft. of undisturbed vegetated buffer.
6. Within three days of the last activity in an area, all exposed soil areas, where construction activities are complete, shall be stabilized by seeding and mulching during the growing season, or if not within the growing season, by mulching with tack on slopes steeper than 3:1 or netting /matting and pinning on slopes steeper than 2:1.

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7. Where construction activities have been temporarily suspended within the growing season, all exposed soil areas shall be stabilized within 14 days by seeding and mulching or if temporarily suspended outside the growing season, all exposed areas shall be stabilized within 14 days by mulching, mulching with tack on slopes steeper than 3:1 and stabilized by matting and pinning on slopes steeper than 2:1.
8. The contractor responsible for completion of the work shall utilize techniques described in the New Hampshire Stormwater Manual, Volume 3, Erosion and Sediment Controls During Construction (December 2008).
9. Extreme precautions to be taken within riparian areas to limit unnecessary removal of vegetation during road construction and areas cleared of vegetation to be re-vegetated as quickly as possible.
10. There shall be no further alteration to wetlands or surface waters without amendment of this permit.
11. Proper headwalls shall be constructed within seven days of culvert installation.
12. Work shall be done during low flow.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL DES WETLANDS PERMITS:**

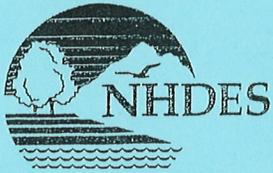
1. A copy of this permit shall be posted on site during construction in a prominent location visible to inspecting personnel;
2. This permit does not convey a property right, nor authorize any injury to property of others, nor invasion of rights of others;
3. The Wetlands Bureau shall be notified upon completion of work;
4. This permit does not relieve the applicant from the obligation to obtain other local, state or federal permits, and/or consult with other agencies as may be required (including US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, NH Department of Transportation, NH Division of Historical Resources (NH Department of Cultural Resources), NHDES-Alteration of Terrain, etc.);
5. Transfer of this permit to a new owner shall require notification to and approval by DES;
6. This project has been screened for potential impacts to **known** occurrences of rare species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or have received only cursory inventories, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species.
7. Review enclosed sheet for status of the US Army Corps of Engineers' federal wetlands permit.

APPROVED: *Gino Infascelli*  
Gino Infascelli  
DES Wetlands Bureau

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**BY SIGNING BELOW I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULLY READ THIS PERMIT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL PERMIT CONDITIONS.**

*Taney Reynolds*  
DOT-Project Manager



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Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

NOTICE TO RECIPIENTS OF MAJOR IMPACT N.H. WETLANDS PERMITS

Your permit was approved by the New Hampshire Wetlands Bureau as a major impact project, and your project will be reviewed by the U.S. Army Corps. Of Engineers for possible approval under the Army Corps. New Hampshire State Programmatic General Permit- SPGP. The Army Corps. will notify you within thirty (30) days as to whether you qualify.

\*\*\*\*\*NO WORK SHOULD BE DONE IN\*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*WETLANDS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE THAT NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

IF YOU DO NOT HEAR FROM THE ARMY CORPS WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS,  
YOU SHOULD CALL THEM AT 1-800-343-4789.

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U.S. ARMY CORPS. OF ENGINEERS