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Calvin G. Diessner  
State of New Hampshire  
Department of Environmental Services (DES)  
Wetland Bureau, Land Resources Management, Water Division  
29 Hazen Drive  
PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Notification of United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Camp Fireside Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) Easement No. 66142809A0051

Dear Mr. Diessner,

New Hampshire NRCS received notification from the landowner that the Town of Barrington filed a permit-by-notification with your office, under NH DES File Number 2024-01526, to construct a public access boat launch over a portion of land that is subject to a permanent WRP easement held by the United States. The purpose of this easement is to restore, protect, manage, maintain, and enhance the functional values of wetlands. I am enclosing a copy of the easement deed and legal boundary survey of the easement for your records.

The project proposes impacts to the Camp Fireside WRP Easement property. NH NRCS provided GIS shapefiles of the legal boundary survey for the conservation easement to the Town and this boundary was incorporated into the proposed boat launch design to confirm that the proposed project impacts the conservation easement. We have received a copy of the Request for More Information letter that you provided to the Town dated June 24, 2024. The proposed project design was provided to NRCS for comment before the permit application was filed, however the matter remains under review and unresolved.

As an abutting interest holder per N.H. Code Admin. R. Env-Wt 311.03(b)(12) and 311.03(b)(13), NH NRCS should be notified of any developments of this permit application or any subsequent re-filing of an application relating to this property. In general, boat launches are prohibited on WRP easements. Additionally, while the easement in proposed project area is subject to flowage rights, flowage rights alone do not typically create a right of public access. For these reasons, it appears the Town is proposing impacts to private property outside of their control.

In accordance with this policy, NH DES should not approve any permits impacting this property without evidence that the permit applicant has obtained prior approval from NRCS via the Easement Administration Action process.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

If you have any questions regarding this easement, please contact Brooke Stubbs, Easement Specialist at 603-868-9931 x 106 or [brooke.stubbs@usda.gov](mailto:brooke.stubbs@usda.gov). I am happy to set up a meeting to discuss further if necessary. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Marques Munis  
Assistant State Conservationist for Programs

Attachments:

- Warranty Easement Deed and legal boundary survey
- 440 CPM 528 – Subpart R – ACEP Easement Subordination, Modification, Exchange, and Termination

cc:

Camp Fireside  
Town of Barrington