

The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



May 12, 2023

SAN-KEN HOMES INC 586 TURNPIKE RD NEW IPSWICH NH 03071

Re: Request for More Information – Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application (RSA 482-A) NHDES File Number: 2022-03478 Subject Property: Barrett Hill Rd, Wilton, Tax Map #A, Lot #44-1

Dear Applicant:

On April 14, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau received your response to the Request for More Information issued on February 17, 2023 to the pending Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application (application).

In correspondence dated March 13, 2023, the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department (NHFG) verified a documented occurrence of protected wildlife species in the vicinity of the subject property. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.06, no activity shall jeopardize the continued existence of a threatened or endangered species, a species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered, or designated or proposed critical habitat. NHDES' review and decision of this Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit application must consider potential impacts to such species and habitat.

Further, based on substantial public interest, as defined by Env-Wt 104.32, the application is subject to a public hearing in accordance with RSA 482-A:8.

In response to this request please indicate how you would like to proceed:

- 1. Pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, XIV(a)(2), within 60-days of the date of this request submit revised plans that incorporate recommendations from NHFG regarding the protected species in accordance with RSA 212-A and Env-Wt 307.06. Or,
- 2. Indicate to NHDES that you elect to proceed directly to a public hearing, pursuant to RSA 482-A:8, at which time you will present revised plans that incorporate recommendations from NHFG in accordance with RSA 212-A and Env-Wt 307.06. Revised plans would be required prior to NHDES' issuance of notice of the public hearing, which would be within 7-25 working days of the date on which the hearing is scheduled.

Pursuant to Env-Wt 202.02, the date for the hearing shall be between 7-25 working days from the date of the hearing notice. The department shall issue a permit decision within 45 days following the closure of the hearing record per RSA 482-A:3, XIV(a)(5).

Please advise the department of your decision as soon as possible. Understand that the department will not be able to approve this project if RSA 212-A is not addressed relative to jurisdictional impacts.

Pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, XIV(a)(2), the required information must be received by NHDES Wetlands Bureau within 60 days of the date of this request (no later than July 11, 2023), or the Application will be denied. Should additional time be necessary to submit the required information, an extension of the 60-day time period may be requested.

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Requests for additional time must be received prior to the deadline in order to be approved. In accordance with applicable statutes and regulations, the applicant is also expected to provide copies of the required information to the municipal clerk and all other interested parties.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Jessica.L.Schulz@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-4188.

Sincerely,

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Jessica Schulz Wetlands Specialist, Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management, Water Division

- cc: Ken Robinson, Fieldstone Land Consultants, LLC Wilton Municipal Clerk/Conservation Commission
- ec: Ridgely Mauck, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Luke Douglas, New Hampshire Fish & Game Melissa Winters, New Hampshire Fish & Game Lindsey Lefebvre, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jean Brochi, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Nadine Miller, New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources