STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES WATER DIVISION WETLANDS BUREAU CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

February 12, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

I. Authority for the Public Hearing

Pursuant to RSA 482-A:8, Env-Wt 202, and Env-C 205.03, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Wetlands Bureau (NHDES) is providing notice of a Public Hearing scheduled on March 9, 2021 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be conducted remotely.

II. Purpose of the Public Hearing and Public Access

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the following pending application proposing to impact approximately 2.24 acres of wetlands for construction of a commercial distribution center:

Applicant: Hillwood Enterprises LP

Subject Property: 43 Steele Road, Hudson, NH, Tax Map #234, Lots#5, 34, 35 and

Tax Map #239, Lot#1 (NHDES File# 2020-00956)

The public hearing will be held remotely via WebEx on **March 9, 2021**, beginning at **2:00 p.m.** The public can access the meeting as follows:

Join Hearing by Computer:

Event password: NHDES Hillwood

• Join in by Phone:

Call in Number: +1-415-655-0001 Access Code: 180 969 3267

If you experience technical difficulties joining the event, please call Tom Taggart at (603) 271-8156 or send an email to: thomas.p.taggart@des.nh.gov for assistance.

III. Background and Access to Application Materials

NHDES previously scheduled a public hearing on the pending application that was scheduled on October 7, 2020. The Applicant submitted a request to reschedule the public hearing to accommodate the local review process. On October 1, 2020, NHDES granted the request and

cancelled the public hearing. On December 16, 2020, NHDES executed a time extension agreement to allow the Applicant additional time to submit revised plans based upon information received during the local review process. On January 15, 2021, NHDES received a complete response from the Applicant with revised plans and application materials. The <u>revised plans and application materials</u> are posted on the NHDES website.

Additional information related to the application, including public comments received to date, are posted on the NHDES GovQA public records platform. Paper copies of the documents may be reviewed at the NHDES Wetlands Bureau office 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH by sending an e-mail to filereview@des.nh.gov to schedule a time to review the documents.

IV. Pre-Registration, Written Comments, and Special Accommodations

In order to ensure the orderly conduct of the public hearing, NHDES is requesting that members of the public wishing to provide oral public comments, pre-register by emailing Tom Taggart at thomas.p.taggart@des.nh.gov no later than March 5, 2021. Public comments will be limited to 5-minutes per speaker.

In addition to the oral public comments, NHDES encourages members of the public to submit written public comments regarding the proposed project via e-mail to the following address: wetlandsapplicationpubliccomments@des.nh.gov. Written comments can also be submitted by first-class mail to NHDES, PO Box 95, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. Written comments received no later than March 23, 2021 will be considered in making the final decision on the Application.

The hearing will be digitally recorded and all materials presented at the hearing will be made part of the record for NHDES Wetlands Bureau File #2020-00956.

If you require special accommodations for the public hearing, or need additional information, please contact **Tom Taggart** by phone at (603) 271-8156 or by email at **thomas.p.taggart@des.nh.gov**.