

Barker-Jobin, Amanda

From: Barker-Jobin, Amanda
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:24 AM
To: Cheryl Jensen
Subject: RE: DES File # 2024-00297 Bethlehem Conservation Commission Review

Good morning, Cheryl,

This email is to acknowledge that the Bethlehem Conservation Commission (BCC) has notified the NHDES Wetlands Bureau of its intent to investigate further the application included in File # 2024-00297. The NHDES Wetlands Bureau will suspend action on the application until **March 25, 2024** or receipt of a report from the BCC, whichever is sooner. Please see the statute below for additional information. I apologize for the harshness of the highlighting, but the shades are limited in email.

482-A:11 Administrative Provisions. –

I. The commissioner shall adopt reasonable rules, pursuant to the rulemaking provisions of RSA 541-A, to implement the purposes of this chapter.

II. Decisions of the department or council under this chapter shall be consistent with the purposes of this chapter as set forth in RSA 482-A:1. Before granting a permit under this chapter, the department may require reasonable proof of ownership by a private landowner-applicant. If a permit is granted, the decision of the department may contain reasonable conditions designed to protect the public good. No permit to dredge or fill shall be granted if it shall infringe on the property rights or unreasonably affect the value or enjoyment of property of abutting owners.

III. (a) Upon written notification to the department by a municipal conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council that it intends to investigate any notice received by it pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, the department shall not make its decision on the application that is the subject of the notice until it has received and acknowledged receipt of a written report from such commission, local river management advisory committee, or the council, or until 40 days from the date of filing with the municipal clerk of such notice, whichever occurs earlier, subject to an extension of up to 40 days, as permitted by the commissioner, for good cause shown. In connection with any local investigation, a conservation commission may hold a public informational meeting or a public hearing, the record of which shall be made a part of the record of the department. Where the commissioner grants an extension, the time limits prescribed by RSA 482-A:3, XIV(b) shall be suspended for up to 40 days as agreed to by the applicant and the department. If a conservation commission, a local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council makes a recommendation to the department in its report, the department shall specifically consider such recommendation and shall make written findings with respect to each issue raised in such report which is contrary to the decision of the department. If notification by a local conservation commission, local river management advisory committee, or the New Hampshire Rivers Council pursuant to this paragraph is not received by the department within 14 days following the date the notice is filed with the municipal clerk, the department shall not suspend its normal action, but shall proceed as if no notification has been made.

Sincerely,

Amanda Barker-Jobin

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From: Cheryl Jensen <[REDACTED] INV OF PRIVACY [REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2024 1:51 PM
To: Barker-Jobin, Amanda <Amanda.L.Barker-Jobin@des.nh.gov>
Subject: Re: DES File # 2024-00297 Bethlehem Conservation Commission Review

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Dear Amanda:

The Bethlehem Conservation Commission intends to comment on the Eversource project NH DES File Number # 2024-00297. Please let us know the **exact date** on which our comments must be received at DES.

Regarding the response that the letter went to all the affected towns: If that's the case, why aren't those towns cc'd at the bottom of that attached letter. On the AoT that was associated with this project, a letter meant for the Bethlehem Conservation Commission was sent to the Dalton CC, so mistakes are being made at DES, which makes the job of us volunteers even more difficult than usual. I just want DES to know this.

And I really thank you so much for looking into this, and for getting back to me so quickly.

Cheryl Jensen, member Bethlehem Conservation Commission [REDACTED] INV OF PRIVACY [REDACTED]

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P.S.: my email address doesn't contain a dot between my first and last names. I'm amazed this reached me. It is:

INV OF PRIVACY

cc: Mary Jackson, Town Clerk
Bethlehem Conservation Commission

On Mon, Feb 12, 2024 at 1:26 PM Barker-Jobin, Amanda <Amanda.L.Barker-Jobin@des.nh.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Cheryl,

Thank you for contacting me this morning regarding DES File # 2024-00297 submitted by Eversource for utility line x178-3 running through Sugar Hill, Bethlehem, Dalton, and Whitefield. I spoke with the individual in charge of sending the attached letter and she said it went to all the affected towns. I am not sure what happened, but I am glad you followed-up on it.

If the Bethlehem Conservation Commission (BCC) intends to review the proposed project further, as you indicated in our phone call, could you please send me an email requesting that I put a hold on the file for 40 days or until I receive a written report from the BCC, whichever is sooner. This request should also be copied to your municipal clerk.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Amanda Barker-Jobin

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