The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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September 20, 2023

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and The Honorable Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve NHDOT's request to perform the following work on Hampton Harbor in Seabrook and Hampton pursuant to NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetlands Bureau permit #2023-00690, and in accordance with RSA 482-A:3. No comments were submitted by the Seabrook Conservation Commission regarding the project as proposed. Comments submitted by the Hampton Conservation Commission on the project as proposed, are addressed in the Findings and are included in the enclosed documents.

Permanently impact 55,599 square feet of sand dune and undeveloped tidal buffer zone (TBZ), permanently impact 21,307 square feet of previously-developed TBZ (including 4,651 square feet of temporary impact and impact 339,314 square feet of tidal wetlands and waters to include 21,131 square feet of permanent impact and 318,183 square feet of temporary impact for the replacement of the NH Route 1A, Neil R. Underwood Bridge (Bridge No. 235.025). The proposed bridge will be 1,300 foot long, seven span, structural steel fixed bridge. State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), N.H. Project No. 15904. Compensatory mitigation includes a one-time payment $821,349.22 submitted to the Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) fund for impacts to sand dunes, undeveloped 100-foot tidal buffer zone, and tidal waters.

NHDES imposed the following conditions as part of this approval:

1. All work shall be in accordance with revised plans and construction sequence narrative by the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT), N.H. Project No. 15904 including:
   a) Plans dated March 9, 2023, as received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on June 30, 2023; and
   b) The 'Permittee Responsible Mitigation Plan for State-Listed Plant Impacts' by NHDOT received by NHDES on August 2, 2023.
2. This permit is also contingent upon submittal of a check in the amount of $821,349.22 into the Aquatic Resource Mitigation fund by the applicant as calculated per Env-Wt 803.07 and RSA 482-A:30 and work is authorized in RSA jurisdiction under this permit once the full ILF payment has been deposited and cleared.
3. This permit shall not be effective until the permittee records this permit at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds. Any limitations or conditions in the permit so recorded shall run with the land beyond the expiration of the permit. The permittee shall provide the NHDES with a copy of the permit stamped by the registry with the book and page and date of receipt, in accordance with New Hampshire Administrative Rule Env-Wt 314.02(b) and (c).

4. In accordance with Env-Wt 314.03, (a) The permittee shall notify the NHDES in writing at least one week prior to commencing any work under the permit.
5. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.07, all development activities associated with any project shall be conducted in compliance with applicable requirements of RSA 483-B and Env-Wq 1400 during and after construction.
6. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(a), no activity shall be conducted in such a way as to cause or contribute to any violation of surface water quality standards specified in RSA 485-A:8 or Env-Wq 1700; or any provision of RSA 485-A, RSA 483-B, or Env-Wq 1400.
7. All work shall be conducted and maintained in such a way as to protect water quality as required by Rule Env-Wt 307.03(a) through (h).
8. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(f), water quality control measures shall be installed prior to start of work and in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended specifications or, if none, the applicable requirements of Env-Wq 1506 or Env-Wq 1508.
9. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(g), temporary water quality control methods shall be removed upon completion of work when compliance with Env-Wt 307.03(c)(6) is achieved.
10. All dredging activities shall meet all of the conditions listed in Rule Env-Wt 307.10(a) through (n).
11. Dredging and in water work shall occur between November 15 and March 15, in order to protect anadromous fish, in accordance with Env-Wt 307.10(i) and Env-Wt 311.06(g)
12. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.05(e), to prevent the use of soil or seed stock containing nuisance or invasive species, the contractor responsible for work shall follow Best Management Practices for the Control of Invasive and Noxious Plant Species (Invasive Plant BMPs).
13. Restoration of all temporary impacts shall meet all of the conditions listed in Rule Env-Wt 307.12(a) through (i).
14. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(k), the project shall not disturb any sand dune vegetation growing on adjacent properties.
15. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(j), no non-native ornamental plants shall be introduced to or used on the property.
16. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(e), work shall be done in a time and manner so as to not disturb migratory waterfowl breeding and nesting areas.
17. In accordance with Env-Wt 611.05(h), any American Beachgrass (Ammophila breviligulata) that would be disturbed by a project shall be offered to NH Sea Grant for reuse.
18. In accordance with Env-Wt 609.10(b)(4), all work on the shoreline for stabilization purposes shall be done at low tide when the work area is fully exposed.
19. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(f), if any temporary impact area that is stabilized with seeding or plantings does not have at least 75% successful establishment of vegetation after 2 growing seasons, the area shall be replanted or reseeded, as applicable.
20. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(i), wetland areas where permanent impacts are not authorized shall be restored to their pre-impact conditions and elevation by replacing the removed soil and vegetation in their pre-construction location and elevation such that post-construction soil layering and vegetation schemes are as close as practicable to pre-construction conditions.

21. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.12(a), within 3 days of final grading or temporary suspension of work in an area that is in or adjacent to surface waters, all exposed soil areas shall be stabilized by seeding and mulching, if during the growing season; or mulching with tackifiers on slopes less than 3:1 or netting and pinning on slopes steeper than 3:1 if not within the growing season.
22. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.03(e), all exposed soils and other fills shall be permanently stabilized within 3 days following final grading.
23. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.18(b), a construction monitoring plan with inspection reports, and water quality reports prepared by a certified professional erosion and sediment control specialist (CPESC)or certified wetland scientist shall be submitted to the department upon completion of the project.
24. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.18(c), a report that describes the monitoring conducted and date(s) of inspections, and includes photos showing the extent of jurisdictional impacts, areas of restoration, and progress of any plantings shall be submitted to the department upon completion of the project.

EXPLANATION

NHDES approved this project on September 15, 2023. NHDES supported its decision with the following findings:

1. This is classified as a major project per Rule Env-Wt 607.10(a), for all forms of dredging in tidal waters, that exceed the criteria listed in Env-Wt 607.10(b).
2. Per Rule Env-Wt 204.05(a), the NHDES has granted a waiver to the requirement established in Rule Env-Wt 202.01(b) for conducting a public hearing. Granting the waiver will not result in an avoidable adverse impact on the environment or natural resources of the state, including but not limited to jurisdictional areas and protected species or habitat, an avoidable adverse impact on public health or public safety, an impact on abutting properties that is more significant than that which would result from complying with the rule and statutory requirement being waived, and any benefit to the public or the environment from complying with the rule is outweighed by the operational or economic costs to the applicant.
3. Per Rule Env-Wt 202.01(b) and as required by RSA 482-A:8, NHDES finds that the requirements for a public hearing do not apply as the project will not have a significant environmental impact, as defined in Env-Wt 104.19, on the resources protected by RSA 482-A, or, is not of substantial public interest, as defined in Env-Wt 104.32.
4. There is no reasonable/practicable method of replacing the Hampton Seabrook bridge without impacts to sand dunes.
5. Per Rule Env-Wt 311.06(h), the Hampton Conservation Commission (HCC) provided supportive comments on the proposed project on April 26, 2023, stating, "the HCC voted not to oppose the granting of this NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill permit."
6. NHDOT has addressed questions raised by the HCC relative to flooding and erosion impacts and mitigation benefits through the final design details of their approved plans, details, and narratives provided in the application and responses to the Request for More Information received by NHDES on June 29, 2023.
7. Per Rule Env-Wt 311.06(h), the Seabrook Conservation Commission did not provide comments on the proposed project.
8. Per Rule Env-Wt 311.01(b), the applicant coordinated with the NH Fish and Game Department (NHF&G) and the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) to determine how to avoid and minimize project-related impacts on rare or protected animal species and habitat, and on protected plants or exemplary natural communities.

9. The public highway project meets all approval criteria established in Env-Wt 527.02.
10. Per Rule Env-Wt 603.09(a), the applicant submitted a statement from the Pease Development Authority Division of Ports and Harbors ("DP&H") Chief Harbormaster, or designee, for the subject location relative to the proposed structure's impact on navigation.
11. Per Rule Env-Wt 604.03(b), the project has been evaluated by the applicant and meets all criteria listed in Env-Wt 604.03(b)(1) through (7).
12. NHDES has determined that the one-time in-lieu mitigation fee payment of $821,349.22, into the dedicated ARM fund for the Salmon Falls - Piscataqua Rivers watershed per RSA 482-A:29, will provide for adequate compensatory mitigation to offset the project's impacts to tidal surface waters, tidal wetlands, the tidal buffer zone, and sand dunes as required per Env-Wt 605.03(a) and Env-Wt 803.
13. Per Rule Env-Wt 607.02(d), the dredging project has been screened to avoid shellfish beds, submerged aquatic vegetation and essential fish habitat.
14. Per Rule Env-Wt 314.07(a) and subject to Env-Wt 314.07(b), the permittee has requested an amendment to the issued permit to correct impact amounts and clarify conditions.

NHDES Wetlands Bureau permit #2023-00690 application documents are enclosed for review by the Governor and the Executive Council in consideration of this request and in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, II(a), as it is a major project located in New Hampshire public waters.

We respectfully request your approval of this item.

Robert R. Scott
Commissioner

NHDES-W-06-012

STANDARD DREDGE AND FILL WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

Water Division/Land Resources Management

Wetlands Bureau

Check the Status of your Application

RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/Env-Wt 100-900

APPLICANT'S NAME: [redacted] **TOWN NAME:** [redacted]

RECEIVED MAR 26 2021 LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT	COMPLETE Date: MAY 24 2021	Administrative Use Only	File: 2025-00910 Check No: 1763712 Amount: 30.00 Initials: CJ

A person may request a waiver of the requirements in Rules Env-Wt 100-900 to accommodate situations where strict adherence to the requirements would not be in the best interest of the public or the environment but is still in compliance with RSA 482-A. A person may also request a waiver of the standards for existing dwellings over water pursuant to RSA 482-A:26, III(b). For more information, please consult the Waiver Request Form.

SECTION 1: REQUIRED PLANNING FOR ALL PROJECTS (Env-Wt 306.05; RSA 482-A:3, I(d)(2))

Please use the Wetland Permit Planning Tool (WPPT), the Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) Datacheck Tool, the Aquatic Restoration Mapper, or other sources to assist in identifying key features such as priority resource areas (PRAs), protected species or habitats, coastal areas, designated rivers, or designated prime wetlands.

Has the required planning been completed?	☒ Yes ☐ No
Does the property contain a PRA? If yes, provide the following information:	☒ Yes ☐ No
• Does the project qualify for an Impact Classification Adjustment (e.g. NH Fish and Game Department (NHF&G) and NHB agreement for a classification downgrade) or a Project-Type Exception (e.g. Maintenance or Statutory Permit-by-Notification (SPN) project)? See Env-Wt 407.02 and Env-Wt 407.04.	☐ Yes ☒ No
• Protected species or habitat? o If yes, species or habitat name(s): [redacted] seaside threeawn, hairy hudsonia, Gray's umbrella sedge, seaside sandmat, field wormwood, and sand dropseed o NHB Project ID #: [redacted]	☒ Yes ☐ No
• Bog?	☐ Yes ☒ No
• Floodplain wetland contiguous to a tier 3 or higher watercourse?	☒ Yes ☐ No
• Designated prime wetland or duly-established 100-foot buffer?	☐ Yes ☒ No
• Sand dune, tidal wetland, tidal water, or undeveloped tidal buffer zone?	☒ Yes ☐ No

Is the property within a Designated River corridor? If yes, provide the following information: • Name of Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC): [redacted] • A copy of the application was sent to the LAC on Month: [redacted] Day: [redacted] Year: [redacted]	[redacted] Yes [redacted] No
For dredging projects, is the subject property contaminated? • If yes, list contaminant: [redacted]	[redacted] Yes [redacted] No
Is there potential to impact impaired waters, class A waters, or outstanding resource waters?	[redacted] Yes [redacted] No

For stream crossing projects, provide watershed size (see WPPT or Stream Stats):
[redacted]

SECTION 3 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION (Env-Wt 311.04(i))
Provide a brief description of the project and the purpose of the project, outlining the scope of work to be performed and whether impacts are temporary or permanent. DO NOT reply "See attached" - please use the space provided below.

The purpose of the project is to provide a safe, reliable, and structurally sound crossing over the Hampton Harbor Inlet, while also improving mobility for the traveling public. The project is necessary because the existing bridge is structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, and is on NHDOT's "Red-List", which identifies deficient bridge structures that are a priority for the state to address.

The project involves the replacement of the Neil R. Underwood Bridge (Bridge No. 235/025) that carries NH Route 1A over the Hampton River at the inlet to Hampton Harbor. The proposed bridge consists of a 1,300 foot long, seven span, structural steel, fixed bridge located located approximately 75 feet west of the existing bascule bridge. The proposed bridge consists of six piers and two abutments with the end spans measuring approximately 162 feet in length and the five central spans measuring approximately 195 feet in length. The proposed roadway typical section consists of two 11-foot travel lanes with eight-foot shoulders flanked by six-foot sidewalks on each side with four pedestrian bump-outs on the bridge located at Piers 2 and 5. The proposed fixed bridge will provide a 150-foot navigational channel opening (inclusive of bridge fenders) and a vertical waterway clearance of 48 feet. The two abutments will consist of concrete cantilever types and the six piers will consist of reinforced concrete hammerhead pier caps over a concrete column on pier footings supported on deep foundations consisting of drilled shafts. The approach roadway reconstruction will begin approximately 900 feet south of the new bridge and end approximately 800 feet north of the new bridge at a point approximately 200 feet northerly of the State Park Road. Both temporary and permanent impacts are anticipated within the tidal wetlands and buffer zone, to dune habitat (a Priority Resource Area), and to Federal- and state-listed species. Compensatory mitigation will be undertaken by the NHDOT.

SECTION 3 - PROJECT LOCATION
Separate wetland permit applications must be submitted for each municipality within which wetland impacts occur.

ADDRESS: NH Route 1A over Hampton Harbor Inlet

TOWN/CITY: Seabrook and Hampton

TAX MAP/BLOCK/LOT/UNIT: (Map-Block-Lot) State Pier: 299-022-000 and NHDOT right-of-way

US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: Hampton Harbor

☐ N/A		
(Optional) LATITUDE/LONGITUDE in decimal degrees (to five decimal places):	[redacted]° North [redacted]° West	
SECTION 4 - APPLICANT (DESIRED PERMIT HOLDER) INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(a)) If the applicant is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information.		
NAME: New Hampshire Department of Transportation, c/o Jennifer Reczek, P.E.		
MAILING ADDRESS: 7 Hazen Drive		
TOWN/CITY: [redacted]	STATE: [redacted]	ZIP CODE: [redacted]
EMAIL ADDRESS: jennifer.e.reczek@dot.nh.gov		
FAX: [redacted]	PHONE: (603) 271-3401	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here: JER, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		
SECTION 5 - AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(c)) ☒ N/A		
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: [redacted]		
COMPANY NAME: [redacted]		
MAILING ADDRESS: 416 Asylum Steet		
TOWN/CITY: [redacted]	STATE: [redacted]	ZIP CODE: [redacted]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [redacted]		
FAX: [redacted]	PHONE: 860-256-4917	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here DAH, I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		
SECTION 6 - PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (IF DIFFERENT THAN APPLICANT) (Env-Wt 311.04(b)) If the owner is a trust or a company, then complete with the trust or company information. ☒ Same as applicant		
NAME: [redacted]		
MAILING ADDRESS: [redacted]		
TOWN/CITY: [redacted]	STATE: [redacted]	ZIP CODE: [redacted]
EMAIL ADDRESS: [redacted]		
FAX: [redacted]	PHONE: [redacted]	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here [redacted], I hereby authorize NHDES to communicate all matters relative to this application electronically.		

Section 6 – Property Owner

Hampton State Pier (1 Ocean Boulevard, Hampton, NH)

Name: Pease Development Authority; Contact: Geno Marconi, Director of Ports and Harbors

Mailing Address: 555 Market Street

Town/City/State: Portsmouth, NH

ZIP Code: 03801

Phone: (603) 436-8500

Email: G.Marconi@peasedev.org

SECTION 7 - RESOURCE-SPECIFIC CRITERIA ESTABLISHED IN Env-Wt 400, Env-Wt 500, Env-Wt 600, Env-Wt 700 OR Env-Wt 900 HAVE BEEN MET (Env-Wt [illegible](a)(3))

Describe how the resource-specific criteria have been met for each chapter listed above (please attach information about stream crossings, coastal resources, prime wetlands, or non-tidal wetlands and surface waters):

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

SECTION 8 - AVOIDANCE AND MINIMIZATION

Impacts within wetland jurisdiction must be avoided to the maximum extent practicable (Env-Wt 313.03(a)).* Any project with unavoidable jurisdictional impacts must then be minimized as described in the Wetlands Best Management Practice Techniques For Avoidance and Minimization and the Wetlands Permitting: Avoidance, Minimization and Mitigation Fact Sheet. For minor or major projects, a functional assessment of all wetlands on the project site is required (Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10)).*

Please refer to the application checklist to ensure you have attached all documents related to avoidance and minimization, as well as functional assessment (where applicable). Use the Avoidance and Minimization Checklist, the Avoidance and Minimization Narrative, or your own avoidance and minimization narrative.

**See Env-Wt 311.03(b)(6) and Env-Wt 311.03(b)(10) for shoreline structure exemptions.*

SECTION 9 - MITIGATION REQUIREMENT (Env-Wt 311.02)

If unavoidable jurisdictional impacts require mitigation, a mitigation pre-application meeting must occur at least 30 days but not more than 90 days prior to submitting this Standard Dredge and Fill Permit Application.

Mitigation Pre-Application Meeting Date: Month: 12 Day: 02 Year: 2022

(☒ N/A - Mitigation is not required)

SECTION 10 - THE PROJECT MEETS COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS (Env-Wt 313.01(a)(1)c)

Confirm that you have submitted a compensatory mitigation proposal that meets the requirements of Env-Wt 800 for all permanent unavoidable impacts that will remain after avoidance and minimization techniques have been exercised to the maximum extent practicable: ☒ I confirm submittal.

(☒ N/A – Compensatory mitigation is not required)

SECTION 11 - IMPACT AREA (Env-Wt 311.04(g))

For each jurisdictional area that will be/has been impacted, provide square feet (SF) and, if applicable, linear feet (LF) of impact, and note whether the impact is after-the-fact (ATF; i.e., work was started or completed without a permit).

For intermittent and ephemeral streams, the linear footage of impact is measured along the thread of the channel. *Please note, installation of a stream crossing in an ephemeral stream may be undertaken without a permit per Rule Env-Wt 309.02(d), however other dredge or fill impacts should be included below.*

For perennial streams/rivers, the linear footage of impact is calculated by summing the lengths of disturbances to the channel and banks.

Permanent impacts are impacts that will remain after the project is complete (e.g., changes in grade or surface materials).

Temporary impacts are impacts not intended to remain (and will be restored to pre-construction conditions) after the project is completed.

JURISDICTIONAL AREA		PERMANENT			TEMPORARY		
		SF	LF	ATF	SF	LF	ATF
Wetlands	Forested Wetland	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Scrub-shrub Wetland	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Emergent Wetland	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Wet Meadow	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Vernal Pool	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Designated Prime Wetland	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Duly-established 100-foot Prime Wetland Buffer	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
Surface Water	Intermittent / Ephemeral Stream	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Perennial Stream or River	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Lake / Pond	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Docking - Lake / Pond	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Docking - River	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Banks	Bank - Intermittent Stream	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Bank - Perennial Stream / River	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Bank / Shoreline - Lake / Pond	7,542	132	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Tidal	Tidal Waters	24,131	197	[redacted]	318,183	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Tidal Marsh	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
	Sand Dune	50,947 *		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)	3,205		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
	Previously-developed TBZ	16,122		[redacted]	1,655		[redacted]
	Docking - Tidal Water	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]
TOTAL		98,037	529		322,834	[redacted]	

SECTION 12 - APPLICATION FEE (RSA 482-A:3, I) *Note that 10,663 sf of Sand Dune is within TBZ

☒ **MINIMUM IMPACT FEE:** Flat fee of $400.

☒ **NON-ENFORCEMENT RELATED, PUBLICLY-FUNDED AND SUPERVISED RESTORATION PROJECTS, REGARDLESS OF IMPACT CLASSIFICATION:** Flat fee of $400 (refer to RSA 482-A:3, 1(c) for restrictions).

☒ **MINOR OR MAJOR IMPACT FEE:** Calculate using the table below:

Permanent and temporary (non-docking):	420,871 SF	× $0.40 =	$ 30,000
Seasonal docking structure:	[redacted] SF	× $2.00 =	$ [redacted]
Permanent docking structure:	[redacted] SF	× $4.00 =	$ [redacted]
Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add $400 =			$ [redacted]
		Total =	$ 30,000

The application fee for minor or major impact is the above calculated total or $400, whichever is greater = $ 30,000

[redacted]		
[redacted]	[redacted]	☒ Major Project

[redacted]

Initial each box below to certify:

Initials: [redacted]	To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.
Initials: [redacted]	The information submitted on or with the application is true, complete, and not misleading to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief.
Initials: [redacted]	The signer understands that: • The submission of false, incomplete, or misleading information constitutes grounds for NHDES to: 1. Deny the application. 2. Revoke any approval that is granted based on the information. 3. If the signer is a certified wetland scientist, licensed surveyor, or professional engineer licensed to practice in New Hampshire, refer the matter to the joint board of licensure and certification established by RSA 310-A:1. • The signer is subject to the penalties specified in New Hampshire law for falsification in official matters, currently RSA 641. • The signature shall constitute authorization for the municipal conservation commission and the Department to inspect the site of the proposed project, except for minimum impact forestry SPN projects and minimum impact trail projects, where the signature shall authorize only the Department to inspect the site pursuant to RSA 482-A:6, II.
Initials: [redacted]	If the applicant is not the owner of the property, each property owner signature shall constitute certification by the signer that he or she is aware of the application being filed and does not object to the filing.

[redacted]

SIGNATURE (OWNER): [redacted]	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: Jennifer E. Reczek, P.E.	DATE: [redacted]/15/2023
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER): [redacted]	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: [redacted]	DATE: [redacted]
SIGNATURE (AGENT, IF APPLICABLE): [redacted]	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: [redacted]	DATE: [redacted] 15 23

[redacted]

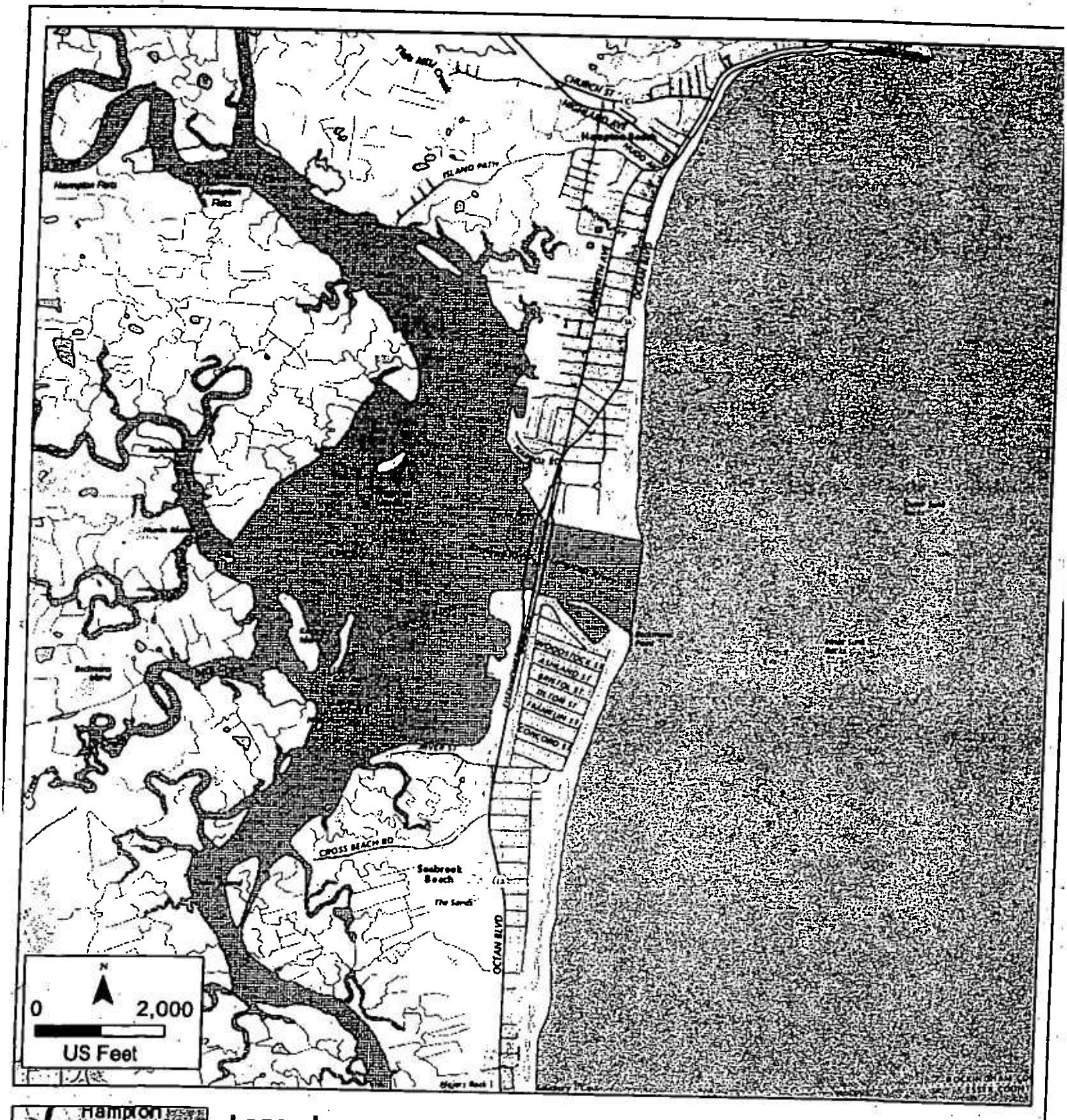
As required by RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed four application forms, four detailed plans, and four USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below.

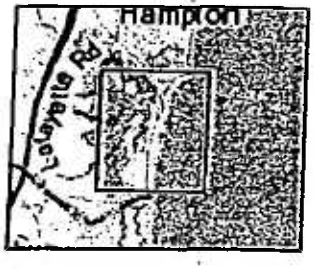
TOWN/CITY CLERK SIGNATURE: [redacted]	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: [redacted]
TOWN/CITY: [redacted]	DATE: [redacted]

DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:
Per RSA 482-A:3, I(a)(1)

1. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above.
2. Return the signed original application form and attachments to the applicant so that the applicant may submit the application form and attachments to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.
3. IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board.
4. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:
Submit the original permit application form bearing the signature of the Town/City Clerk, additional materials, and the application fee to NHDES by mail or hand delivery at the address at the bottom of this page. Make check or money order payable to "Treasurer – State of NH".





Legend

Project Limits of Disturbance

Seabrook-Hampton 15904
Seabrook and Hampton,
New Hampshire

Attachment 1
Project Location

Map Produced: 10/19/2022

Data Source: FHI, USGS, ESRI

FHI studio

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

This application contains confidential information from the NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) Datacheck tool provided by the NH Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, NHB. This information is being withheld from disclosure to the public.

Please direct all questions regarding the confidential information to Pamela G. Monroe, Legal Unit Administrator, NH Department of Environmental Services, at: pamela.g.monroe@des.nh.gov, or (603) 271-3137.

TOWN OF HAMPTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Member: New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions

NHDES Wetlands Bureau
Eben Lewis
Pease District Office
222 International Dr.
Suite 175

Re: NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill
Applicant: NH Department of Transportation
Address: NH Rte 1A Bridge over the Hampton Harbor Inlet, Hampton and Seabrook, NH
Tax Map #299 Lot #22

April 26, 2023

Dear Mr. Lewis,

At the April 25, 2023 Hampton Conservation Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed the proposed plans for Neil Underwood Bridge replacement project. The NHDOT declined our invitation to attend the Conservation Commission's meeting to discuss the project and proposed mitigation plans. The Hampton Conservation Commission voted not to oppose the granting of this NHDES Standard Dredge and Fill permit.

However, the Commission is disappointed by the decision to make a payment to ARM instead of following through with any of the number of mitigation projects that were discussed in the pre-application meetings. The Commission stresses the importance of restoring function and value of resources impacted by the construction of the bridge within the town of Hampton. The public shared concerns as well. There remain several questions, including the following:

- What is NHDOT doing to address and prevent any flooding and erosion impacts during the project's construction?
- How can it be ensured that the location impacted will receive the benefit of mitigation efforts?

The Commission emphasizes the need to continue the conversation regarding mitigation, especially as SB56, which is being relied on to put funds into ARM to address dune impacts, has not yet passed. The Commission urges NHDOT to explore options for dune restoration or beach renourishment in the abutting neighborhoods throughout the construction process.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Wrobel

Deborah Wrobel
Chair
Hampton Conservation Commission

From: Jamie Sullivan
To: Lewis, Eben
Cc: Brianna O"Brien
Subject: RE: NHDES Wetlands File 2023-690, NHDoT; seabrook/hampton bridge - ARM fund calc
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Eben,

The Town of Hampton waives the 30-Day appeal period relating to the amendment to NHDES Wetlands File 2023-690 that has been filed. We understand this is proceeding to the Governor and Executive Council meeting for approval as soon as possible.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Best,

Jamie Sullivan
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NHDES Wetlands File 2023-690 NHDoT Seabrook/Hampton Bridge

September 14, 2023

Dear Eben,

The Town of Seabrook, by and through this letter, waives the 30 day appeal period on the wetlands permit above referenced.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Attachment G

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WETLAND PERMITTING PLANS
FEDERAL AID PROJECT

FEDERAL PROJECT NO. X-A001(026)
N.H. PROJECT NO. 15904
NH ROUTE 1A (OCEAN BOULEVARD)

RECEIVED JUN 30 2023 LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

DESIGN DATA

AVERAGE DAILY TRAFFIC 20 20	9300
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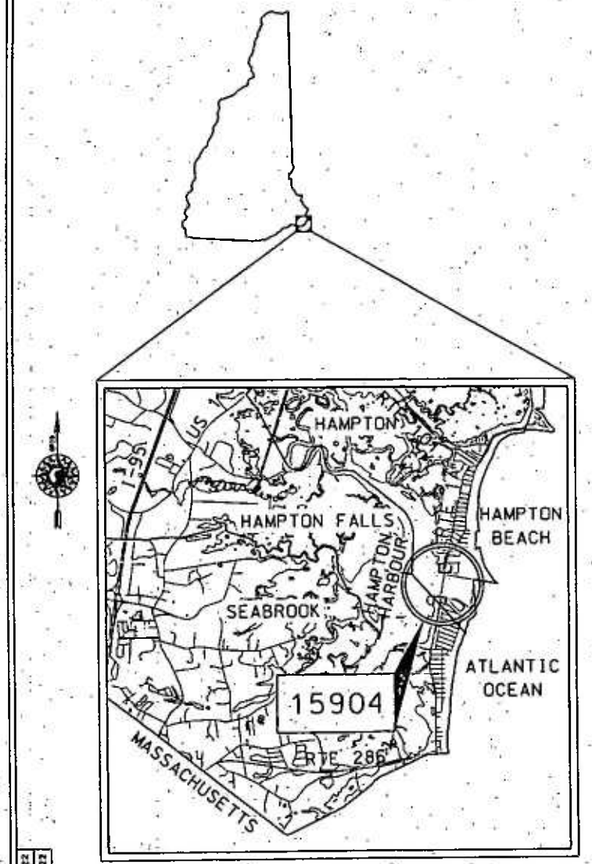
PERCENT OF TRUCKS	7%
DESIGN SPEED	40 MPH
LENGTH OF PROJECT	3000 FT.
PROJECT DATUMS	
HORIZONTAL DATUM	STATE OF NH (ZONE 2800) NAD83
VERTICAL DATUM	NAVD88

THE MLLW TO NAVD88 CORRECTION USED FOR THIS PROJECT IS 5.17 FEET. THIS CORRECTION IS REFERENCE FROM NOAA'S V-DATUM MODEL VERSION 3.9, NA/NH REGION VERSION 1.3, IN THE VICINITY OF HAMPTON HARBOR, NEW HAMPSHIRE. NAVD88 IS ABOVE MLLW; THEREFORE THE CORRECTION SHOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM MLLW TO CONVERT TO NAVD88 (I.E. USING NAVD88 DATUM, MLLW = -5.17 FT.)

PROJECT ELEVATIONS (NAVD88)	
MEAN LOWER LOW WATER (MLLW)	-5.17 FT
MEAN LOW WATER (MLW)	-4.83 FT.
MEAN HIGH WATER (MHW)	3.80 FT.
HIGHEST OBSERVABLE TIDE LINE (HOTL)	6.20 FT.
100 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN (FP100)	8.00 FT.
MEAN HIGH WATER + SEA LEVEL RISE (SLR)	7.18 FT.



LOCATION MAP

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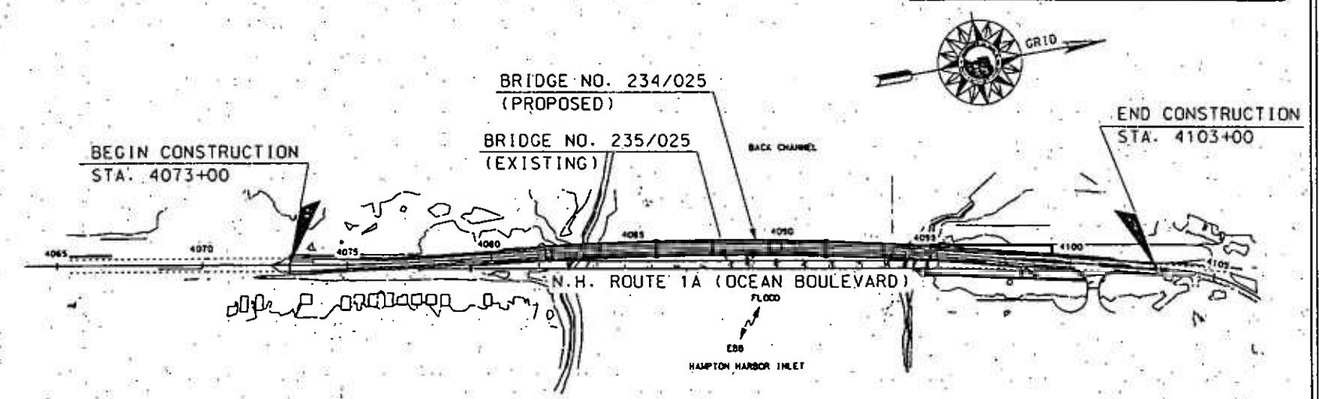
GRAPHIC SCALE



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REVISED JUNE 21, 2023
(RFMI RESPONSE UPDATE)

THESE PLANS HAVE BEEN REDUCED PHOTOGRAPHICALLY TO APPROXIMATELY HALF SCALE

TOWNS OF SEABROOK & HAMPTON
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM
SCALE: 1" = 200'
MARCH 9, 2023

HDR

NHDOT THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

FEDERAL PROJECT NO.	STATE PROJECT NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
X-A001(026)	15904	1	21

DRAWN BY: LHS DATE: 08/2022
CHECKED BY: PJL DATE: 08/2022