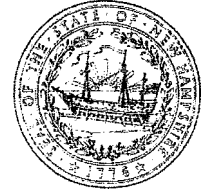




The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

August 21, 2026

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
 and The Honorable Council
 State House
 Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve Tara L and Thomas R Benson's request for a five-year permit time extension of NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) Wetland Bureau permit #2021-00493, to perform the following work on Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford, in accordance with RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a. This project was previously approved by the Governor and Executive Council on October 13, 2021, Item #720. No comments were submitted by the Gilford Conservation Commission regarding the time extension.

Permanently remove an existing 6 foot x 40 foot seasonal pier, two 6 foot x 4 foot concrete pads, and a 7 foot x 21 foot deck with attached 3 foot x 21 foot access stairs; install a 15 foot x 10 foot deck with 4 foot wide access stairs; dredge 1.5 cubic yards from 300 square feet of lakebed; place approximately 120 cubic yards of fill on 880 square feet of lakebed to construct a 70 linear feet of breakwater in a dog-leg configuration with a 6 foot x 26 foot cantilevered pier connected to a 6 foot x 34 foot 3 inch pilling pier; install a 14 foot x 24 foot seasonal canopy, a single permanent boatlift, a single seasonal personal watercraft lift, and two three-pile ice protection clusters on an average of 113 feet of frontage along Lake Winnepesaukee in Gilford.

NHDES imposed the following conditions as part of this approval:

1. In accordance with Env-Wt 307.16, all work shall be done in accordance with the revised plans revision dated July 19, 2021 by Ames Associates, as received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on July 26, 2021.
2. This permit shall not be effective until it has been recorded in the Belknap County Registry of Deeds and a copy of the recorded permit has been provided to the department as required pursuant to RSA 482-A:3, and Env-Wt 314.02.
3. The applicant shall permanently remove all existing docking structures along the frontage prior to the installation of the proposed docking structures in accordance with Rule Env-Wt 513.22 and Rule Env-Wt 513.12.
4. Any subdivision of the property frontage will require removal of a sufficient portion of the docking structures to comply with the dock size and density requirements in effect at the time of the subdivision as required to maintain compliance with Env-Wt 314.02 and Env-Wt 513.12.
5. Only those structures shown on the approved plans shall be installed or constructed along this frontage as required per Env-Wt 513.22, (a).
6. All portions of the docking structures, including the breakwater toe -of-slope, shall be located at least 20 feet from the abutting property lines and no watercraft shall be secured to the docking facility such that it crosses over the imaginary extension of the property lines over the surface water as required by RSA 482-A:3, XIII.

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7. In accordance with Env-Wt (e) 512.04(e), the breakwater, when measured from the normal high water line (Elev. 504.32), shall have no point more than 49 feet from the normal high water line, a total length of no more than 70 feet and a gap of 6 feet or more between the breakwater and shoreline.
8. In accordance with Env-Wt 512.05(c), any rocks stockpiled in jurisdictional areas shall be removed as soon as practicable and in every case, by the conclusion of construction on the breakwater.
9. No portion of the docking structures shall extend more than 50 feet from the shoreline at full lake elevation (Elev. 504.32) pursuant to Env-Wt 513.22, (a).
10. The canopy, including the support frame and cover, shall be designed and constructed to be readily removed at the end of the boating season and shall be removed for the non-boating season as required per Env-Wt 513.19.
11. Pursuant to Env-Wt 102.33 and Env-Wt 513.19, (a) no sides may be attached to, or hung beneath any seasonal canopy.
12. The use of this structure shall be limited to the docking and securing of watercraft as required to comply with Env-Wt 307.09.
13. Owners of permanent docking structures which are not maintained so as to be structurally sound and usable for their intended purpose shall remove those docking structures in accordance with Env-Wt 513.22(c), to prevent hazards to public safety, navigation, and recreation.
14. The owner understands and accepts that should these docking structures be found to have an unreasonable impact on the ability of abutting owners to use and enjoy their properties or the public's right to navigation, passage, and use of the resource for commerce and recreation the structures shall be subject to removal pursuant to RSA 482-A:1, RSA 482-A:11, II, and Env-Wt 513.03 (a).
15. No agitating or heating device shall be installed for the purpose of inhibiting the formation of ice in proximity to the approved structures unless it has been registered with the municipal clerk of the town in which such device shall be operated pursuant to RSA 270:34 Registration Required.
16. Pursuant to RSA 270:33, Heating, Agitating, or Other Devices in Public Waters; Safety Hazard, no agitating or heating device installed in accordance with RSA 270:34 shall inhibit or prevent the natural formation of ice in such a manner as to impede either the ingress or egress to or from the ice from any property other than that of the owner of the device.
17. 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 as required pursuant to RSA 483-B:3.
18. Work authorized shall be carried out in accordance with Env-Wt 307 such that appropriate turbidity controls are in place to protect water quality, that no turbidity escapes the immediate dredge area, and that appropriate turbidity controls shall remain until suspended particles have settled and water at the work site has returned to normal clarity.
19. 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.
20. Pursuant to RSA 482-A:14, RSA 482-A:14-b, and RSA 482-A:14-c, NHDES is authorized to take appropriate compliance actions should it be determined that, based upon additional information which becomes available, any of the structures depicted as "existing" on the plans submitted by or on behalf of the permittee were not previously permitted or grandfathered.

EXPLANATION

NHDES approved this project on July 27, 2026. NHDES supported its decision with the following findings:

1. Per Rule Env-Wt 314.05(b), the permittee submitted a written request to the department for an extension of permit 2021-00493 prior to the expiration of the permit.
2. Per Rule Env-Wt 314.05(b), the permittee submitted a written request to the department for an extension of permit 2021-00493 prior to the expiration of the permit.
3. Per Rule Env-Wt 314.05(c)(2), the submitted request included a statement, signed and certified in accordance with Env-Wt 311.11, that: the permit for which extension is sought has not been revoked or suspended without reinstatement; extension of the permit would not violate a condition of law or rule; the project is proceeding towards completion in accordance with plans and other documentation referenced by the permit; the applicant proposes reasonable mitigation measures to protect the public waters of the state from deterioration during the period of extension; and the wetland delineation is still valid pursuant to Env-Wt 406.01(b).
4. Per Rule Env-Wt 314.05(d), as specified in RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a), the department finds the permittee has submitted the request as specified in Env-Wt 314.05(b) and (c) and the mitigation measures proposed by the permittee are adequate to protect public waters from deterioration. The department therefore grants one extension of 5 additional years for permit 2021-00493.

NHDES Wetlands Bureau permit #2021-00493 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



REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WETLANDS OR SHORELAND PERMIT

Water Division / Land Resources Management



RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A:3 XIV-a; RSA 483-B:5-b, VI/ Env-Wt 314.05

	Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	Permit Not to Extend Beyond New Permit Expiration Date: ____/____/____
			Authorized By:
			Printed Name:
			Date:

Under state statutes RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a and RSA 483-B:5-b, VI, applicants may request an extension of a permit if certain conditions are met. These are described in Section 3 of this form. You may use this optional form to request an extension, before the permit expires. Once the permit expires, it is no longer eligible for an extension.

SECTION 1 - PROJECT INFORMATION			
PERMIT NUMBER: <u>2021-00493</u>		PERMIT TYPE: ☐ SHORELAND ☒ WETLAND	
PERMIT EXPIRATION DATE (request must be filed before the permit expires): <u>August 25, 2026</u>			
SECTION 2 - APPLICANT INFORMATION			
APPLICANT TYPE: ☒ OWNER ☐ AGENT			
OWNER/AUTHORIZED AGENT NAME: <u>THOMAS BENSON</u>			
MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED]		TOWN/CITY: [REDACTED]	STATE: [REDACTED] ZIP CODE: [REDACTED]
EMAIL: [REDACTED]		PHONE: [REDACTED]	FAX: [REDACTED]
SECTION 3 - REQUIRED INFORMATION			
If your request includes all required materials, initials, and signatures demonstrating that the following conditions have been met, it will be granted. If granted, you will receive an amended permit with the extension. If your request does not include all the required materials, initials and signatures, a copy of the request will be returned to you with the missing or non-compliant items indicated. Please enter the length of the requested extension in the box below, and then initial each box to accept the conditions, or check "N/A" if not applicable.			
The length of the requested extension, not to exceed five years: (RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a) and RSA 483-B:5-b, VI). <u>5 years</u>			
Initials: <u>T.B.</u>	The permit for which the extension is sought has not been revoked or suspended without reinstatement (RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a) and RSA 483-B:5-b, VI(a)).		
Initials: <u>T.B.</u>	An extension would not violate a condition of law or rule (RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a) and RSA 483-B:5-b, VI(b)).		
Initials: <u>T.B.</u>	The project is proceeding towards completion in accordance with plans and other documentation referenced by the permit (RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a) and RSA 483-B:5-b, VI(c)).		

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Initials: <i>T.B.</i>	The applicant proposes reasonable mitigation measures to protect the public waters of the state from deterioration during the period of extension (RSA 482-A:3, XIV-a(a) and Env-Wt 314.05(c)). Please check "N/A" (Not Applicable) if this is a Shoreland Permit: ☐ N/A	
Initials: <i>T.B.</i>	The wetland delineation is still valid pursuant to Env-Wt 406.01(b) (Env-Wt 314.05(c)). Please check "N/A" if this is a Shoreland Permit: ☐ N/A	
Initials: <i>T.B.</i>	The applicant proposes reasonable mitigation measures to protect the shorelands and public waters of the state from deterioration during the period of extension (RSA 483-B:5-b, VI(d)). Please check "N/A" if this is a Wetlands Permit: ☒ N/A	
SECTION 4 - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS (Required for Wetlands Permit Only)		
☐ N/A: If this is a Shoreland Permit, please check N/A.		
Initial each box below to certify:		
Initials: <i>T.B.</i>	To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.	
Initials: <i>T.B.</i>	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: <i>T.B.</i>	The signer understands that: - The submission of false, incomplete, or misleading information constitutes grounds for NHDES to: - Deny the application. - Revoke any approval that is granted based on the information. - 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: <i>T.B.</i>	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.	
SECTION 5 - SIGNATURE(S) (Required for Wetlands Permit Only)		
☐ N/A: If this is a Shoreland Permit, please check N/A.		
SIGNATURE (OWNER): 	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY: <i>Thomas R Benson</i>	DATE: <i>7/23/2026</i>
SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER):	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:	DATE:
SIGNATURE (AGENT, IF APPLICABLE):	PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:	DATE:



**STANDARD DREDGE AND FILL
WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION**
Water Division/Land Resources Management
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RSA/Rule: RSA 482-A/Env-Wt 100-900

APPLICANT'S NAME: Benson, Thomas & Tara

TOWN NAME: Gilford

			File No.: 2021-00493
			Check No.: 3154
			Amount: \$3,728.40
			Initials: BH

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? - If yes, species or habitat name(s): - NHB Project ID #:	☐ 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:	☐ Yes ☒ No
- Name of Local River Management Advisory Committee (LAC): - A copy of the application was sent to the LAC on Month: Day: Year:	

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For dredging projects, is the subject property contaminated? • If yes, list contaminant: _____	☐ Yes ☒ No
Is there potential to impact impaired waters, class A waters, or outstanding resource waters?	☐ Yes ☒ No
For stream crossing projects, provide watershed size (see WPPT or Stream Stats): _____	
SECTION 2 - 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.	
Permanently remove an existing seasonal dock, along with existing stairs and deck that lead to the dock. Construct a new set of stairs and deck over the bank and located centrally± along the waterfront, leading to the proposed dock. Construct a breakwater that begins 6' off the north end of the shoreline and wraps E/SE for a distance not to exceed 70' lakeward end of the exposed breakwater will not exceed a distance of 50' from the shoreline. Dredge along the south side of the breakwater, and extending SE, to provide sufficient depth for boat access to the proposed dock throughout the boating season. Construct a permanent piling-supported dock between the proposed breakwater and the shoreline. Drive three fender pilings along the breakwater, within the proposed primary boat slip. Install a permanent boat lift and seasonal canopy within the slip located between the proposed breakwater and dock. Install a seasonal personal water craft lift adjacent to the dock. Install an ice cluster SE of the proposed dock and SE of the proposed breakwater. Install a buried electric line leading to the dock.	
SECTION 3 - PROJECT LOCATION	
Separate wetland permit applications must be submitted for each municipality within which wetland impacts occur.	
ADDRESS: 56 Terrace Hill Road	
TOWN/CITY: Gilford	
TAX MAP/BLOCK/LOT/UNIT: 267 / 161	
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY (USGS) TOPO MAP WATERBODY NAME: Lake Winnepesaukee ☐ N/A	
(Optional) LATITUDE/LONGITUDE in decimal degrees (to five decimal places):	
	43.57115° North
	71.33884° 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: Thomas & Tara Benson

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 5 - AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION (Env-Wt 311.04(c))☐ N/A

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: Roseberry, Nicol

COMPANY NAME: Ames Associates

MAILING ADDRESS: 164 NH Route 25

TOWN/CITY: Meredith

STATE: NH

ZIP CODE: 03253

EMAIL ADDRESS: nicol@amesassociates.com

FAX: 603-279-7878

PHONE: 603-279-5705

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here [REDACTED], 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 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 313.01(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):

400, 600, 700, 900 N/A

511: Stairs and deck to be constructed over the bank. Stairs not to exceed 6' wide. Deck surface to pitch away from the lake. A crushed stone trench will be installed under the upslope perimeter of the deck.

512: The proposed rock breakwater will be located >20' from property lines, along a shoreline frontage of >100' that is exposed to >4 miles of fetch between compass headings 300-330 degrees. Exposed breakwater will not exceed a distance of 50' from the normal high water line, overall length will not exceed 70'. It will begin a min. 6' from the normal high water line. This shoreline falls within highlighted areas of the Env-Wt Appendix D Breakwater Map.

513: The proposed permanent dock will be located >20' from property lines, and width will not exceed 6'. The dock will extend NE (perpendicular±) from the normal high water line for 26', then turn E for a distance of 34.3'. A 4'x6' section of dock at its east end will allow for a guest slip in that location. The dock will be supported by pilings, and three fender pilings will be driven along the south side of the breakwater. Pilings will be spaced no less than 12' on center.

523: Proposed dredge to a lake bed elevation of 499.8' will provide 3' depth of water during the summer boating season. Per the NHDES Dam Bureau Lake Winnepesaukee Operating Information, during the summer recreation season, lake "levels are managed between 504.32' and 502.80' to facilitate the use of the lake for recreational enjoyment."

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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: Day: Year:

☒ 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			☐			☐
	Scrub-shrub Wetland			☐			☐
	Emergent Wetland			☐			☐
	Wet Meadow			☐			☐
	Vernal Pool			☐			☐
	Designated Prime Wetland			☐			☐
	Duly-established 100-foot Prime Wetland Buffer			☐			☐
Surface Water	Intermittent / Ephemeral Stream			☐			☐
	Perennial Stream or River			☐			☐
	Lake / Pond	886		☐	550		☐
	Docking - Lake / Pond	695		☐			☐
	Docking - River			☐			☐
Banks	Bank - Intermittent Stream			☐			☐
	Bank - Perennial Stream / River			☐			☐
	Bank / Shoreline - Lake / Pond	310		☐	60		☐
Tidal	Tidal Waters			☐			☐
	Tidal Marsh			☐			☐
	Sand Dune			☐			☐
	Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)			☐			☐
	Previously-developed TBZ			☐			☐
	Docking - Tidal Water			☐			☐
TOTAL		1,891			610		

SECTION 12 - APPLICATION FEE (RSA 482-A:3, I)

☐ **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):	1806 SF	×	\$0.40 =	\$ 722.4
Seasonal docking structure:	337 SF	×	\$2.00 =	\$ 674.0
Permanent docking structure:	358 SF	×	\$4.00 =	\$ 1432
Projects proposing shoreline structures (including docks) add \$400 =				\$ 400.00
Total =				\$ 3228.4

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The application fee for minor or major impact is the above calculated total or \$400, whichever is greater = \$ 3228.4

SECTION 13 - PROJECT CLASSIFICATION (Env-Wt 306.05)

Indicate the project classification.

☐ Minimum Impact Project

☐ Minor Project

☒ Major Project

SECTION 14 - REQUIRED CERTIFICATIONS (Env-Wt 311.11)

Initial each box below to certify:

Initials:

T.B.

To the best of the signer's knowledge and belief, all required notifications have been provided.

Initials:

T.B.

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:

T.B.

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.
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Initials:

T.B.

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SECTION 15 - REQUIRED SIGNATURES (Env-Wt 311.04(d); Env-Wt 311.11)

SIGNATURE (OWNER):

Thomas Benson

PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:

Thomas Benson

DATE:

10-Feb-2021

SIGNATURE (APPLICANT, IF DIFFERENT FROM OWNER):

PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:

DATE:

SIGNATURE (AGENT, IF APPLICABLE):

PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:

Nicol Roseberry, Ames Associates

DATE:

SECTION 16 - TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE (Env-Wt 311.04(f))

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:

Danielle Lafond

PRINT NAME LEGIBLY:

Danielle Lafond

TOWN/CITY: Gilford

DATE: 2/24/21

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.

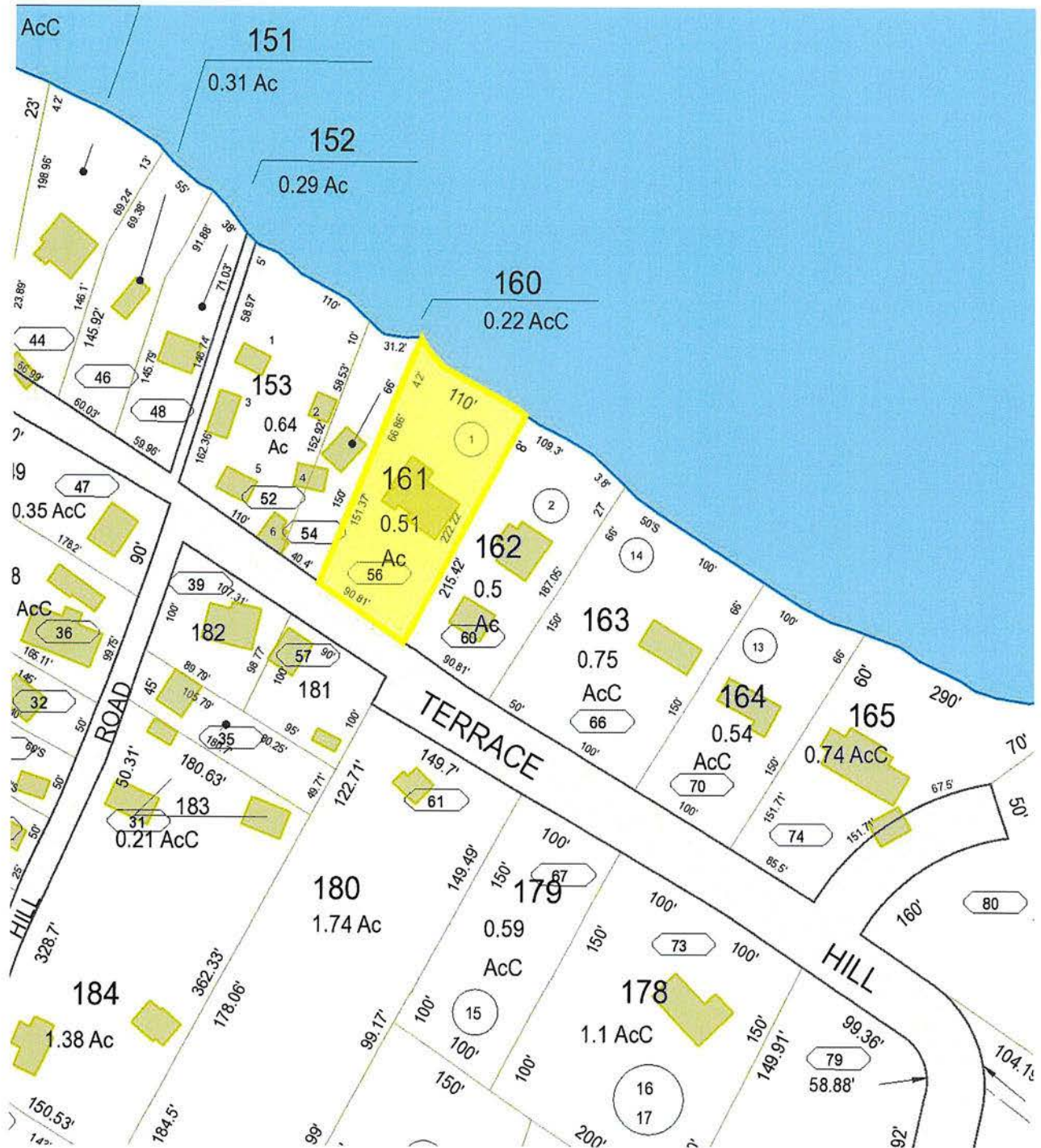
DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

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".

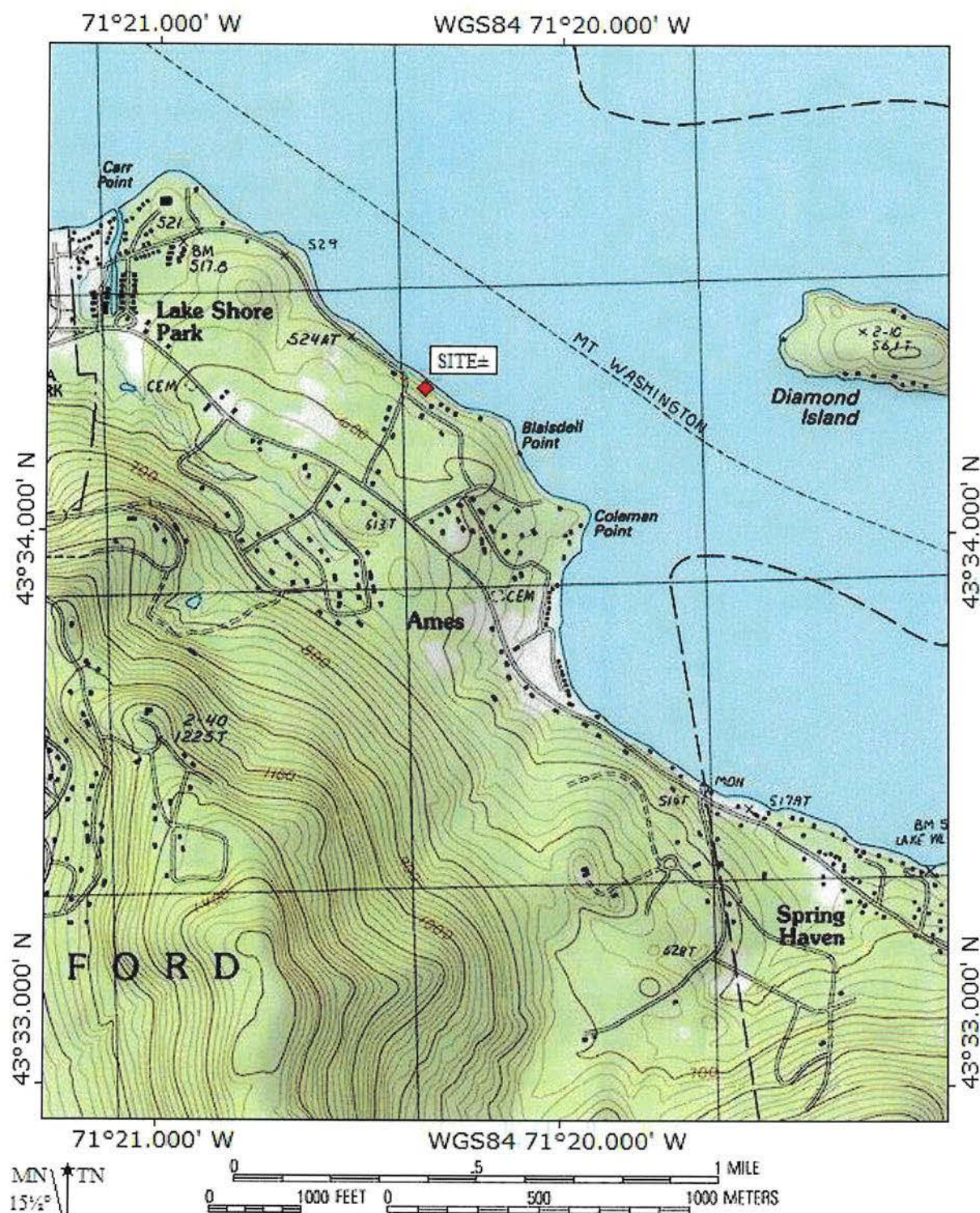
WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION FORM: Section 7 – continued

In both the 2019 and 2020 boat seasons, the property owners sustained major damage to their boat because of impact with the lake bottom due to a combination of low water and significant wave action. No invasive species are present.

TAX MAP



USGS MAP





New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau

To: Nicol Roseberry
164 NH Route 25
Meredith, NH 03253

Date: 12/22/2020

From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request dated 12/22/2020
NHB File ID: NHB20-3752

Applicant: Nicol Roseberry

Location: Tax Map(s)/Lot(s): 267-161
Gilford

Project Description: Construct a rock breakwater, permanent dock, permanent boat lift, seasonal canopy, two ice clusters, and three fender pilings within the water. Dredge 970 sq ft of lake bed (4 cu yds). Construct a set of stairs and landing above the bank.

The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government. We currently have no recorded occurrences for sensitive species near this project area.

A negative result (no record in our database) does not mean that a sensitive species is not present. Our data can only tell you of known occurrences, based on information gathered by qualified biologists and reported to our office. However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. An on-site survey would provide better information on what species and communities are indeed present.

This report is valid through 12/21/2021.



MAP OF PROJECT BOUNDARIES FOR NHB FILE ID: NHB20-3752





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**TOWN OF GILFORD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

47 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH 03249 Phone: (603) 527-4727 Fax: (603) 527-4731

March 2, 2021

State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services
Land Resources Management
Wetlands Bureau
29 Hazen Drive
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095



RE: Wetlands Permit Application, Standard Dredge and Fill for Thomas & Tara Benson
at 56 Terrace Hill Road on Tax Map & Lot #267-161.000.

In accordance with RSA 36-A:2, the Gilford Conservation Commission will review the above referenced application at their next regularly scheduled meeting and may also consider completing an on-site inspection before commenting on the application. Please place a statutory "Hold" on this application.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Carole Hall, Chairman
Gilford Conservation Commission

Cc: File
Applicant
Agent



2021-00493

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March 23, 2021

NHDES Wetlands Bureau
29 Hazen Drive
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095



Re: Thomas & Tara Benson, 56 Terrace Hill Road, Tax Map & Lot #267-161.000

Dear Wetland Bureau Staff:

The Gilford Conservation Commission received a standard dredge and fill application for Thomas & Tara Benson at 56 Terrace Hill Road, Tax Map & Lot #267-161.000.

The proposed project description is:

- to permanently remove an existing seasonal dock, with stairs and deck that lead to the dock; to construct a new set of stairs and deck;
- to construct an "L" breakwater 70' not to exceed 50' from shore;
- to dredge south side of breakwater to provide sufficient depth for boat access;
- to construct a permanent piling dock between the breakwater and the shoreline;
- to drive three fender pilings along the breakwater;
- to install a permanent boatlift and seasonal canopy within the slip;
- to install a seasonal personal water craft lift adjacent to the dock;
- to install an ice cluster SE of the proposed dock; and
- to install a buried electric line leading to the dock.

The Gilford Conservation Commission placed a statutory 'hold' on this application until its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Gilford Conservation Commission met virtually to review this application and plans via Go ToMeeting technology due to Covid-19 restrictions at its regularly scheduled posted meeting held on Tuesday March 16, 2021.

There was considerable discussion on this application. Members think that the location due to winds and weather and fetch does warrant the additional protection of the breakwater and ice cluster as proposed. Concern was raised as to the proposed dredge area that it would not last long due to the northeasterly winds in this area of the lake that the dredge area would refill and regular maintenance permits from DES would be required to keep the dredged area open. There was also no comment as to proposed location of dredge spoils. There was a question raised as to whether or not a shoreland application was needed for the proposed anchor pad.

There was a quorum present at the meeting.

The commission members voted to recommend approval of this application and plan although they voiced reservations as to whether or not the proposed dredge would work long term. Motion passed unanimously.

Sincerely,


Carole Hall,
Chairman Gilford Conservation Commission

cc: Thomas & Tara Benson, [REDACTED]
Ames Associates, [REDACTED]

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OwnerTax Map-LotGary & Paula Parker
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Michael & Patricia Difeo
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