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Town of Barrington
Attn: Planning Board
PO Box 660
333 Calef Highway
Barrington, NH 03825

**RE: Project Update – Hard Rock Excavation
Barrington Planning Board Application: 263-13.1-13.2-18-19-RC-SR
Rt. 125 (Calef Highway) & Pierce Road, Barrington, NH
Tax Map 263, Lots 13.1, 13.2, 18 & 19
JBE Project No. 17082.1**

Dear Board Members:

The intent of this letter is to provide the Barrington Planning Board with an update to the Hard Rock Excavation project currently before the Board.

As presented at the previous Planning Board meeting, the applicant has asked for continuance to allow sufficient time to complete the hydrogeological study requested by the Board and by NHDES. The applicant has been in contact with NHDES seeking clarification on the necessary scope of the study to ensure adequate information is provided to answer the questions presented by NHDES. The applicant is currently waiting for the requested clarification and scope from NHDES.

In an effort to expedite this process, the applicant has continued to seek proposals for the work necessary to complete the hydrogeological study required by NHDES and the Board. This process has taken longer than anticipated due to the current work-load of those companies qualified to complete the work as well as it being the construction season and vacation season. Proposals were requested from four qualified companies. After discussions, meetings, and site walks, proposals were received from two of the companies contacted with two others being unable to complete the work in a timely manner. The applicant is currently reviewing these proposals and intends to complete a selection shortly.


The proposed wetland impacts associated with this project have triggered the need for mitigation associated with the impacts. It is the intention of the applicant and land owner to provide additional conservation buffers around environmentally sensitive areas of the property as mitigation. These buffers will be in the form of conservation easements adjacent to the Atlantic Cedar Swamp in the north-western corner of the property and the existing wetland complex system in the south-western portion of the property. The applicant is currently working with the Society for the Preservation of New Hampshire Forests (Society) to act as custodian of these conservation easements. The Society currently holds the existing easements over lands adjacent to the project.

Over the next month, the applicant intends to continue working with NHDES on the required scope for the study as well as contract with a hydrogeologist to complete the necessary study. In addition, the

applicant will continue working with the Society in an effort to obtain an easement holder and custodian for the proposed conservation easements.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please feel free to contact our office. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Very truly yours,
JONES & BEACH ENGINEERS, INC.


Barry Gier, PE
Vice President

cc: Arleigh Greene, Hard Rock Development, LLC (via email)