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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday**, **March 1**st, **2016 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

- 1. Introduction of Members Present
- 2. Public Comment

Action Items

- 1. Minor Impact Dredge and Fill Wetland Application for the Phillips Exeter Academy South Campus Stormwater Outfalls, Tax Map 83, Lot 1 (*Jeffery Clifford*)
- 2. Committee Reports
 - a. Property Management
 - i. 80 Epping Road Conservation Restriction
 - ii. Timber Harvest Update
 - b. Trails
 - c. Outreach
- 3. Approval of Minutes: January 12th, February 2nd, 2016
- 4. Correspondence
- 5. Other Business
- 6. Next Meeting
 - a. Date (4/12/16)
 - b. Submission Deadline (4/1/16)
 - c. Agenda Items

Work Session

All Boards Meeting Discussion

2016 Trail Management Planning & Work Plan Development

Jay Gregoire, Chair Exeter Conservation Commission February 25th, 2016 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.

TOWN OF EXETER PLANNING DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date:	February 19 th , 2016
To:	Conservation Commission Board Members
From:	Kristen Murphy, Natural Resource Planner
Subject:	March 1 st Conservation Commission Meeting

PEA South Campus Outfall Replacement (Map 83/Lot1)

Received by Town Clerk: 2/7/15 40 Day NHDES Response Deadline: N/A Expedited Request – CC Signature required at meeting

The project involves upgrading of 4 existing drainage outfalls that are undersized and will become hanging culverts with predicted river edge drawdown resulting from the removal of Great Dam. Replacement will occur in the same location as existing outfalls where possible. Replacement will impact 132 linear feet of shoreline and 290 square feet of wetlands . Temporary impacts will not exceed 2,125 square feet.

Wetland Application Review

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Application included items in "Required Information" check list

- Wetland application appears to be filled out accurately
 - NH Heritage Bureau and NHFG had the following comments:
 - Coordinate a site walk in June to review project areas for presence of state-endangered plants within the project area and incorporate measures to minimize/avoid impacts.
 - Inform personnel at worksite of potential to encounter protected turtles, especially during breeding season (May through end of June) and report any nesting turtles in project area to NHFG
 - Avoid the use of welded plastic or "biodegradeable" erosion control netting at job site.

Town Application Review

Project is part of the larger south campus improvements and has several applications before the town for improvements.

Points for Consideration:

Replacement will improve existing conditions at outfall sites and ensure hanging culverts do not occur after the dam removal.

Recommendation:

Should you concur with the applicant's response to Attachment A. 20 Questions, I recommend signing the application for approval of expedited review subject to the following conditions:

- Applicant shall coordinate a site walk with NHB staff in June and incorporate measures to avoid/minimize impacts of the project to state-endangered plant species into project implementation.
- Applicant shall inform workers of potential to encounter turtles and report any nesting individuals to NHFG
- Erosion control measures shall not include welded plastic or 'biodegradeable' netting on the job site. Options for "wildlife friendly" measures include erosion control berms or woven organic materials (e.g. coco matting).



Civil Site Planning Environmental Engineering

133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801-4413

February 12, 2016

NHDES Wetlands Bureau Attn: Tom Burack, Commissioner 29 Hazen Drive P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Minor Impact Wetlands Permit Application Phillips Exeter Academy Tax Map 83, Lot 1 Court Street Exeter, NH P-4393

Dear Commissioner:

This cover letter accompanies a Standard Review, Minor Impact Wetlands Permit Application package for the subject property (Map 83, Lot 1). This application is being filed on behalf of Phillips Exeter Academy (PEA) for work associated with the upgrade of four (4) existing drainage outfalls that are significantly undersized and the pending removal of Exeter's Great Dam downstream. However, the applicant requests that this project be considered for an Expedited Review as it is time sensitive due to the upcoming dam removal, and having a contractor under contract and ramped up for construction.

The gates of the Great Dam (located in central Exeter) are scheduled to be opened in June 2016 to facilitate removal of the dam in July. According to studies by the Town's consultant's, during average flow conditions, the water level at the confluence of the Exeter River and the Little River is expected to be approximately 4.5 feet lower than the existing condition. Once the water level is lowered, the existing outfalls will become susceptible to scouring and erosion with no existing outlet protection in place.

The drain outfalls will be upgrade as part of PEA's South Campus Master Plan, a major capital improvement program to upgrade athletic facilities, buildings, and aging infrastructure at PEA's 49-acre parcel situated south of Court Street and bounded to the east by the confluence of the Exeter River and Little River. Design of new outfalls has taken into account the pending lower water level. The new outfalls will be constructed upon the lowering of the water level at the Great Dam.

The South Campus Master Plan consists of three (3) separate, but integrated projects, involving approximately 23-acres of construction activity and restoration, therefore an Alteration of Terrain application will be submitted to NHDES. Upon buildout of the *South Campus Master Plan* projects there is effectively no increase of impervious area. To provide a comprehensive approach for the overall South Campus Master Plan improvements, the stormwater management systems address the buildout of the entire proposed infrastructure including the *Center for Theater and Dance* (CTD), the *New Field House*, the relocated tennis courts, the drop-off area and the new walks. Construction of

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multiple stormwater best management practices (BMPs) will provide a significant improvement to the water quality of runoff draining to the river. Each outfall will be constructed with a concrete flared end section with grate and plunge pool. Naturalized riverbank stabilization practices will be utilized at disturbed areas to further protect the river's edge. One new drain line allows for abandonment and plugging of three (3) existing outfalls, thereby reducing the number of outfalls and potential source of erosion.

The installation of the outfall pipes will be installed in the same location of the existing pipe where possible to protect existing vegetation within the protected shoreland zone. Landscape shrubs may be transplanted, removed or replaced as part of the construction. Best management practices will be employed during construction to minimize effects on stormwater runoff and temporary erosion control devices will be installed per the attached plans and details. The South Campus Master Plan project will provide a significant improvement to the water quality of runoff draining to the river with the construction of multiple best management practices (BMPs) to treat runoff of impervious area that is are currently untreated.

Construction of the new outfalls will impact approximately 132 linear feet of shoreline and 290 square feet of wetlands permanently, based on the lowering of the water level. Temporary impacts will not exceed 2,125 square feet. There will be no work within 20 feet of the property line.

It is our opinion that this project is time sensitive with the lowering of the water level and the need to construct the outfalls at the initial stages of the project to avoid erosion of the river bank. An expedited review will ensure a minimal lag time between lowering water level and the upgrade of the existing outfalls.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

ALTUS ENGINEERING, INC.

Jeffery K. Clifford, P.E. Vice President

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Enclosures

e-copy:

Roger Wakeman, PEA Mark Leighton, PEA Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Eben Lewis, NHDES

STANDARD REVIEW - MINOR IMPACT

WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

for

Phillips Exeter Academy

South Campus Stormwater Outfalls

at

Tax Map 83, Lot 1

Court Street Exeter, NH

February 2016

Prepared For:

Phillips Exeter Academy 20 Main Street Exeter, NH 03833



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Altus Project #4747



Civil Site Planning Environmental Engineering

133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801-4413

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NHDES-W-06-012



WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

Water Division/ Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management

Check the status of your application: www.des.nh.gov/onestop



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

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7. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Desired permit holder)			· · ·		
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TRUST / COMPANY NAME: Phillips Exeter Academy	MA	LING ADDRES	s: 20 Main Stree	•t	
TOWN/CITY: Exeter			STATE: nh	ZIP CODE: 03833	
EMAIL or FAX: mleighton@exeter.edu		PHONE: 603	-777-4529		
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TRUST / COMPANY NAME: Phillips Exeter Academy	MA	LING ADDRES	s: 20 Main Stre	et	
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MAILING ADDRESS: 133 Court Street					
TOWN/CITY: Portsmouth			STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03801	
EMAIL or FAX: jclifford@altus-eng.com	PH	ONE: 603-43	3-2335		
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 I have submitted a Request for Project Review (RPR) Form (<u>www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review</u>) to the NH State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) at the NH Division of Historical Resources to identify the presence of historical/ archeological resources while coordinating with the lead federal agency for NHPA 106 compliance. 					
I authorize NHDES and the municipal conservation	commission to	inspect the sit	e of the proposed	project.	
9. I have reviewed the information being submitted and	d that to the be	st of my knowl	edge the informati	ion is true and accurate.	
 I understand that the willful submission of falsified or Environmental Services is a criminal act, which may 	r misrepresente / result in legal	ed informátion action.	to the New Hamp	snire Department of	
11 I am aware that the work I am proposing may requir	e additional sta	te, local or feo	leral permits whicl	h I am responsible for obtaining.	
12. The mailing addresses I have provided are up to da	te and appropri	ate for receipt	of NHDES corres	pondence. NHDES will not	
= MC	Mark La	ighton		211212016	
Property Owner Signature	Print name legib	ý		Date	
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MUNICIPAL SIGNATURES

	11. CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGNATURE					
1. 2.	The signature below certifies that the municipal conservation commission has reviewed this application, and: 1. Waives its right to intervene per RSA 482-A:11; 2. Believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project; and 3. Has no objection to permitting the proposed work.					
	Print name legibly Date					
	DIRECTIONS FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
	1. Expedited review ONLY requires that the conservation commission's signature is obtained in the space above.					
1	2. Expedited review requires the Conservation Commission signature be obtained prior to the submittal of the original application to the Town/City Clerk for signature.					
	3. The Conservation Commission may refuse to sign. If the Conservation Commission does not sign this statement for any reason, the application is not eligible for expedited review and the application will reviewed in the standard review time frame.					

12. TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE

As required by Chapter 482-A:3 (amended 2014), 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.

DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

Per RSA 482-A:3,I

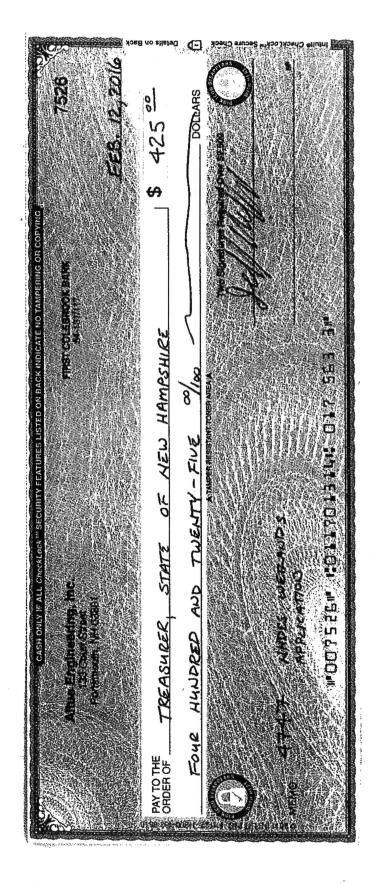
- 1. For applications where "Expedited Review" is checked on page 1, if the Conservation Commission signature is not present, NHDES will accept the permit application, but it will NOT receive the expedited review time.
- 2. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above;
- 3. 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.
- 4. 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; and
- 5. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

1. Submit the single, 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.

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Narrative

for

South Campus Stormwater Outfalls

Phillips Exeter Academy

Introduction

Phillips Exeter Academy (PEA) is undertaking a major capital improvement program to upgrade athletic facilities, buildings, and address aging infrastructure at their 49-acre parcel situated south of Court Street and bounded to the east by the confluence of the Exeter River and Little River. PEA's *South Campus Master Plan* consists of three (3) separate, but integrated projects: the *Center for Theater and Dance* (CTD), the *New Field House*, and relocation of the tennis courts. Associated site improvements include new stormwater best management practices throughout the project. The replacement of four (4) drainage outfalls requires a NHDES Dredge and Fill Permit.

The new CTD building adjacent to Court Street, with its integrated landscaping improvements, will provide the anchor building for PEA's South Campus. At a Special Town Meeting held in 2015, the town voted to discontinue Gilman Street as a public street, relieving the Town of responsibility for maintenance of the street. PEA obtained ownership of the 60-foot wide right-of-way providing an opportunity for enhancing pedestrian safety, and providing flexibility for siting the CTD building and for enhancing the adjacent landscape. The Gilman Street corridor will be converted to a 16-foot wide promenade to safely accommodate pedestrians, as well as emergency vehicles when necessary. The *New Field House* building is being designed to replace the existing Thompson Cage, (a field house built in 1931). The *New Field House* is being constructed with a basement level garage providing 169 parking spaces. Total parking capacity will increase in the South Campus, but the amount of exterior parking and associated pollutant loads will be decreased. The South Campus Master Plan also includes the relocation of tennis facilities. The existing 19 outdoor courts are being replaced by fourteen (14) relocated outdoor courts and four (4) new indoor courts.

Stormwater Management

The three (3) projects involve approximately 23-acres of construction activity and restoration, therefore an Alteration of Terrain application is being submitted to NHDES. To provide a comprehensive approach for the overall South Campus Master Plan improvements, the stormwater management systems address buildout of the CTD, Field House, the relocated tennis courts, the drop-off area, and the new walks. Upon buildout of the *South Campus Master Plan* projects, there is effectively no increase of impervious area. However, since runoff from much of the existing impervious surfaces is not currently treated, construction of multiple stormwater best management practices (BMPs) will provided a significant improvement to the water quality of runoff draining to the river. These BMP's include: a large (>10,000 cubic-foot) rain garden to treat and cool building and promenade runoff; the use of pervious pavers at the drop-off areas and parking areas; two (2) underdrained grassed filters (> 8,700 cubic-foot total) at the second phase of the tennis court relocations; and the recently constructed underdrained grassed filters at the first phase of the tennis court relocations, completed in the summer of 2015. During earlier site improvements, PEA has installed a small rain garden off O'Neil Court; a grassed swale and four (4) water quality inlet structures at the Facilities Management area. The void space within the 3-foot stone layer under the tennis courts along with the rain garden and grassed soil filters will reduce the net post-development runoff from the site.

Replacement Outfalls

As part of the site improvements, four (4) drain outfalls (#1 through #4) will be replaced to address existing drain lines that are significantly undersized and the pending dam removal downstream. A concrete flared end section with plunge pool and naturalized riverbank stabilization will be installed at each outfall. Installation of Outfall #2 results in the abandonment and plugging of three (3) existing outfalls, thereby reducing the overall number of outfalls.

The gates of the Great Dam (located in central Exeter) are scheduled to be opened in June 2016 to facilitate removal of the dam in July. According to studies by the Town's consultant, the water level at the confluence of the Exeter River and the Little River is expected to be approximately 4.5 feet lower than the existing condition (during average flow conditions). To void "hanging" pipes, high up the river bank, design of the new outfall pipes accounts for the lower water level by lowering the invert to the new normal water level. The new outfall will be constructed upon the lowering of the water level at the Great Dam. Construction of the outfalls will impact approximately 132 linear feet of shoreline and 290 square feet of wetlands permanently. Temporary impacts will not exceed 2,125 square feet. Coir fiber logs with live stakes will be used to stabilize the banking adjacent to the outfalls.

WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION – ATTACHMENT A MINOR AND MAJOR - 20 QUESTIONS

Water Division/ Wetlands Bureau/ Land Resources Management Check the Status of your application: <u>http://des.nh.gov/onestop</u>



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

<u>Env-Wt 302.04 Requirements for Application Evaluation</u> - For any major or minor project, the applicant shall demonstrate by plan and example that the following factors have been considered in the project's design in assessing the impact of the proposed project to areas and environments under the department's jurisdiction. Respond with statements demonstrating:

1. The need for the proposed impact.

As part of Phillips Exeter Academy's South Campus Master Plan, four (4) drain outfalls to the Exeter River and Little River will replace existing drain lines that are significantly undersized. Outfall #2 will allow for the abandonment and plugging of three (3) existing outfalls and stabilizing areas of eroded riverbank.

The pending removal of the Great Dam in central Exeter is scheduled for summer 2016. According to studies by the Town's consultant's, during average flow conditions the normal water level at the confluence of the Exeter River and the Little River is expected to be approximately 4.5 feet lower than the existing condition. Design of the four replacement outfall pipes has accounts for the pending lower water level. Construction of the outfalls will not commence until the water level is lowered in June 2016.

Construction of the outfalls will permanently impact and stabilize approximately 132 linear feet of shoreline and 290 square feet of wetlands. Another 2,125 square feet of wetlands will be temporarily disturbed.

2. That the alternative proposed by the applicant is the one with the least impact to wetlands or surface waters on site.

Impacts to wetlands and surface waters have been minimized to the greatest extent possible. The pending lowering of the Exeter River and Little River will result in "hanging" outfalls that would cause erosion of the newly exposed riverbanks. Outfall #1 is a new 24" drain line that replaces an exising 16" AC line. Outfall #2 is a new 36" drain line that replaces an existing 8" line, and eliminates two (2) other outfall lines that would have required remedial work. Therefore, impacts are confined to only one (1) outfall versus the three (3) existing outfalls. To address the Town's drainage standards, Outfall #3 & #4 are new 24" drain lines replacing existing 15" and 18" line, respectively. The outfall pipes will be installed in the current location the existing pipes to protect existing vegetation within the protected shoreland zone. In lieu of riprap, naturalized river bank restoration techniques will be used to the maximum extent possible.

In addition, numerous BMPs are being constructed at the site to treat and cool the sites runoff. Proposed 10,000 cubic foot rain garden, 3,550 and 1,350 cubic foot grassed soil filters, five (5) areas of pervious pavers along with existing rain garden, vegetated swales and water quality units will treat runoff discharging to the river via the new outfall.

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shoreland@des.nh.gov NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095 www.des.nh.gov 7. The impact on plants, fish and wildlife including, but not limited to:

a. Rare, special concern species;

- b. State and federally listed threatened and endangered species;
- c. Species at the extremities of their ranges;
- d. Migratory fish and wildlife;
- e. Exemplary natural communities identified by the DRED-NHB; and

f. Vernal pools.

NH NHB has determined that none of these will be effected.

8. The impact of the proposed project on public commerce, navigation and recreation.

The project will have no impacts on public commerce, navigation and recreation during or after construction.

9. The extent to which a project interferes with the aesthetic interests of the general public. For example, where an applicant proposes the construction of a retaining wall on the bank of a lake, the applicant shall be required to indicate the type of material to be used and the effect of the construction of the wall on the view of other users of the lake.

The project will positively impact the aesthetic interests of the general project. The project will provide stormwater treatment to a large impervious area that currently is not treated; will consolidate three (3) outfalls to one (1) outfall which will be lowered, eliminating hanging outfalls; and restore areas where riverbank erosion at the existing outfalls.

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10.	The extent to which a project interferes with or obstructs public rights of passage or access. For example, where the	3
	applicant proposes to construct a dock in a narrow channel, the applicant shall be required to document the extent t	
	which the dock would block or interfere with the passage through this area.	

The new outfall will not interfere with or obstruct public rights of passage or access of Little and Exeter Rivers. An
existing gravel parking area immediately adjacent to the Gilman Park footbridge over the Little River will be
relocated southerly to provide more buffer to river, yet maintain public parking and access.

11. The impact upon abutting owners pursuant to RSA 482-A:11, II. For example, if an applicant is proposing to rip-rap a stream, the applicant shall be required to document the effect of such work on upstream and downstream abutting properties.

A flared end section and plunge pool is proposed at the end of the outfall to dissipate the energy and prevent scouring. The water level upstream or downstream will not be impacted by the flared end section or plunge pool.

12. The benefit of a project to the health, safety, and well being of the general public.

The project will have a positive improvement to the stormwater currently flowing to the rivers by decreasing sedimentation and erosion and increasing the water quality of the discharge. Numerous BMPs are proposed to treat and cool the sites runoff. Proposed 10,000 cubic foot rain garden, 3,550 and 1,350 cubic foot grassed soil filters, five (5) areas of pervious pavers along with existing rain garden, vegetated swales and water quality units will treat runoff discharging to the river via the new outfall.

shoreland@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2147 NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095 www.des.nh.gov 13. The impact of a proposed project on quantity or quality of surface and ground water. For example, where an applicant proposes to fill wetlands the applicant shall be required to document the impact of the proposed fill on the amount of drainage entering the site versus the amount of drainage exiting the site and the difference in the quality of water entering and exiting the site.

The site improvements will not increase impervious area. Stormwater quality of runoff to the rivers will be signaificantly improved by the installation of stormwater best management practices throughout the site.

14. The potential of a proposed project to cause or increase flooding, erosion, or sedimentation.

The project will not result in an increase of impervious area. The project will have temporary erosion control measures in effect during construction and until the site is stabilized. Permanent erosion control measures implemented will reduce the potential for erosion & sedimentation. The proposed BMPs will significantly reduce the peak discharge to the rivers thereby reducing any potential for flooding.

15. The extent to which a project that is located in surface waters reflects or redirects current or wave energy which might cause damage or hazards.

Specified erosion controls and diligent construction means & methods will minimize any chance of damage or hazard created by the construction.

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This project's impact is minimal compared to the overall length of shoreline (approx. 3600 feet) owned by the applicant. The lowering of the water level by the removal of the Great Dam may impact other outfalls owned by others along the rivers. The work being undertaken on this property to protect the riverbank from erosion upon lowering the Exeter River and Little River water levels will have a positive impact to the river.

17. The impact of the proposed project on the values and functions of the total wetland or wetland complex.

There will be a positive impact on the values and functions of the total wetland complex in that the water quality of the discharge will improve and the potential for sedimentation and erosion will be reduced. The site improvements include expansion of the woodland buffer along the Little River.

18.	The impact upon the value of the s	ites included in the	e latest publishe	d edition of the	National Register	of Natural
	Landmarks, or sites eligible for suc	h publication.				

The project will have no impact on such sites.

19. The impact upon the value of areas named in acts of congress or presidential proclamations as national rivers, national wilderness areas, national lakeshores, and such areas as may be established under federal, state, or municipal laws for similar and related purposes such as estuarine and marine sanctuaries.

No impact is to occur on any such areas, as none are present in the proposed area of impact.

20. The degree to which a project redirects water from one watershed to another.

The project does not redirect water from one watershed to another.

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September 25, 2015

Jeffrey K. Clifford, P.E. Altus Engineering, Inc. 133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801

Subject: Wetland Delineation Report Phillips Exeter Academy South Campus

Dear Mr. Clifford:

Per your request, this letter is to verify that Gove Environmental Services, Inc., performed a site inspection to identify wetlands at the above-referenced property. Wetlands were evaluated utilizing the following standards:

- 1. US Army Corps of Engineers Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region, Technical Report ERDC/EL TR-10-12 (Oct 2012).
- Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, A Guide for Identifying and Delineating Hydric Soils, Version 7.0. United States Department of Agriculture (2010).
- 3. North American Digital Flora: National Wetland Plant List, Version 2.2.1 (2009).
- 4. USFW Manual FWS/OBS–79/31 (1979).

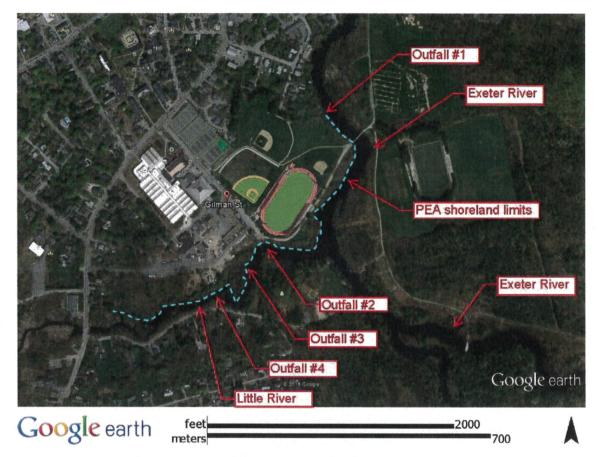
Wetlands were identified within the area designated for the scope of work. The wetland is delineated along the banks of the Exeter River and is classified as R2UB3,4. The wetland is dominated by red maple and yellow birch in the tree layer, some regenerating saplings of the canopy species in the shrub layer, as well as highbush blueberry, speckled alder and gray dogwood, and cinnamon and sensitive fern in the herbaceous layer.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (603) 778-0644.

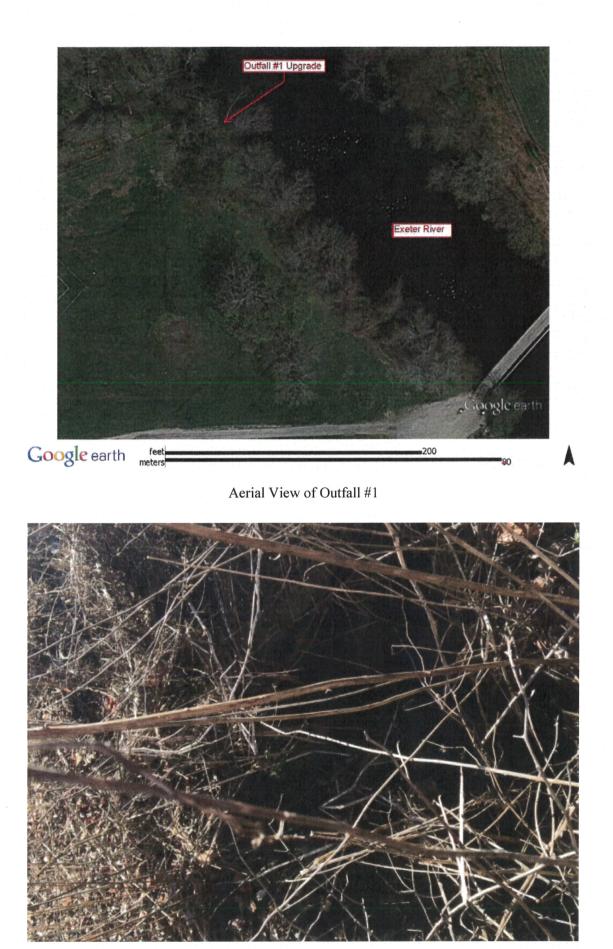
Sincerely,

Luke D. Hurley, CWS, SSA, CESSWI Vice President Gove Environmental Services, Inc.

> 8 Continental Dr Unit H, Exeter, NH 03833-7507 Ph (603) 778 0644 / Fax (603) 778 0654 www.gesinc.biz info@gesinc.biz



Aerial Overview of Phillips Exeter Academy's South Campus



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Photo #1a - Looking at the pipe outfall (February 2016).



Photo #1 - Looking northeast at outfall route (January 2016).



Photo #2 - Looking northeast at headwall of existing outfall (January 2016).



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Photo #3 – At river edge, looking northwest at existing outfall (January 2016).

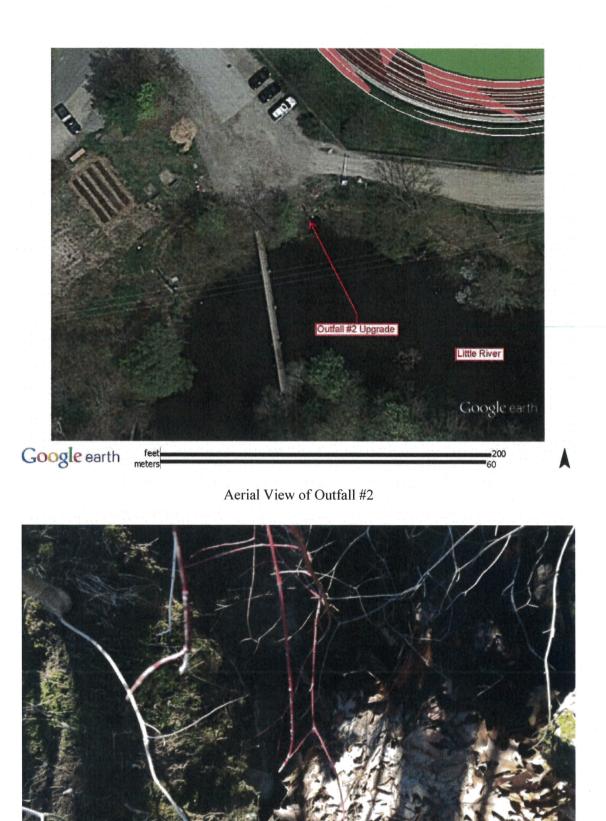


Photo #4a - Looking at the pipe outfall (February 2016).



Photo #4 - Looking northwest at existing outfall (November 2015).



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Photo #5 – Looking east at existing outfall, showing existing erosion of bank (November 2015).



Photo #6 – Looking southwest at existing outfall (November 2015).



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Aerial View of Outfall #3



Photo #7 – At river edge, looking south at headwall of existing outfall (January 2016).



Photo #8 – At river edge, looking northeast at existing outfall (January 2016).



Photo #9 – Looking at existing outfall (January 2016).



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Aerial View of Outfall #4

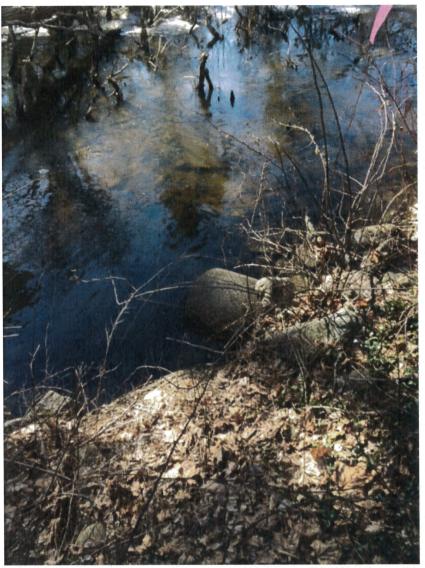


Photo #10 - Looking at the pipe outfall (February 2016).



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Photo #11 - Looking east at existing outfall (January 2016).



Photo #12 – At river edge, looking northeast at existing outfall and bank erosion (January 2016).

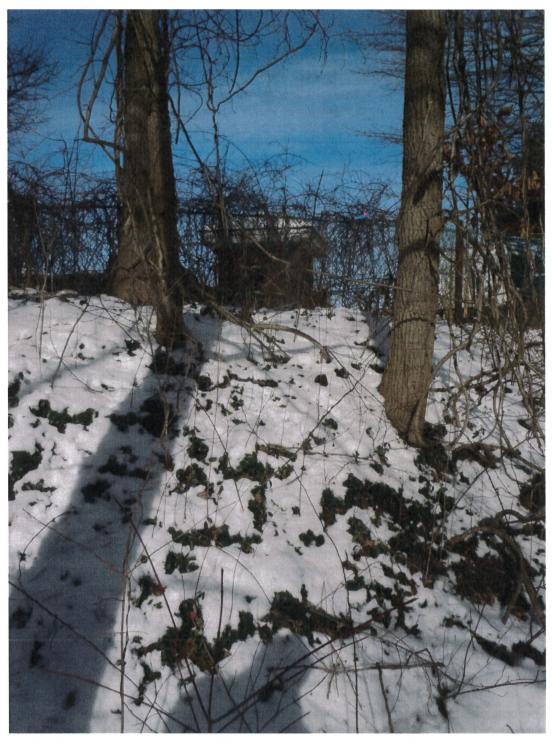


Photo #13 – At river edge, looking northwest along existing pipe route (January 2016).



NEW HAMPSHIRE NATURAL HERITAGE BUREAU

DRED - DIVISION OF FORESTS & LANDS 172 PEMBROKE ROAD, CONCORD, NH 03301 (603) 271-2214

To: Ronald Beal, PE, Altus Engineering, Inc.

From: Amy Lamb, Ecological Information Specialist, NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Date: February 8, 2016

Subject: Re: NHB15-3406, Second Follow-Up Memo

A request for NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) data was submitted on October 29, 2015 by Altus Engineering, Inc., for review of four projects associated with the school's South Campus Master Plan. This work included replacement of a single culvert and construction of a plunge pool. Natural Heritage Bureau records indicated the presence of three state-endangered plants, one state-endangered animal, and one animal of special concern in the vicinity of the project area. (Note: This memo refers only to impacts to rare plants, as wildlife is not NHB's area of expertise.) All three plants records were associated with the river system, and were thus include in our review (NHB15-3406).

The three plants in the vicinity of the project are:

Climbing hempvine (*Mikania scandens*) - E

Spongy-leaved arrowhead (Sagittaria montevidensis ssp. spongiosa) - E Stout dotted smartweed (Persicaria robustior) - E

Initially, concerns were dismissed about these three plants based on photographs of the area where the single culvert replacement would occur. However, the project has since expanded to include the replacement of three additional culverts. Based on photos provided by Altus Engineering, Inc., it was determined that appropriate habitat for *Mikania scandens* and *Persicaria robustior* exist within the proposed impact areas. Both species can occur along riverbanks with open/disturbed characteristics; State Botanist Bill Nichols of NHB noted that they can be 'weedy' species and could occur at some of the culvert locations. (*Sagittaria montevidensis* ssp. *spongiosa* is a brackish species and would not be present within the freshwater stretches of the Exeter and Little Rivers, where work will occur.)

The culvert upgrades are planned to occur in June, shortly after water levels are lowered in preparation for the July removal of Great Dam on the Exeter River. NHB requests a site walk in June (as late as possible to increase chances of observing rare plants) to review the project areas and determine if either of the two state-endangered plants noted above exist within the project areas. Depending on the results of the site walk, NHB will provide recommendations for avoiding/minimizing impacts to any rare plants, as needed.



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To: Ronald Beal, PE, Altus Engineering, Inc.

From: Amy Lamb, Ecological Information Specialist, NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Date: November 20, 2015

Subject: Phillips Exeter Academy Site Improvements, NHB15-3406

A request for NH Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) data was submitted on October 29, 2015 by Altus Engineering, Inc., for review of four projects associated with the school's South Campus Master Plan. This work included impacts to the Little River, where a replacement culvert and plunge pool were proposed, near the end of the now discontinued Gilman Street. Natural Heritage Bureau records indicated the presence of three state-endangered plants, one state-endangered animal, and one animal of special concern in the vicinity of the project area. *(This memo refers only to impacts to rare plants, as wildlife is not NHB's area of expertise.)* All three plants records were associated with the river system, and were thus include in our review (NHB15-3406).

The three plants in the vicinity of the project were:

Climbing hempvine (*Mikania scandens*)*

Spongy-leaved arrowhead (Sagittaria montevidensis ssp. spongiosa) Stout dotted smartweed (Persicaria robustior)*

(* indicates a historic record, >20 years old.)

Upon further review, climbing hempvine was determined to be unlikely to occur in the project area, since it was known to occur below Great Dam. The project area is above the dam and it is unlikely that seed from the plant would reach and propagate at the project site. It was also determined that spongy-leaved arrowhead would be unlikely to occur in the project area, since it occurs in the brackish part of the Squamscott River below Great Dam, and Little River is a fresh water river. The last plant, stout dotted smartweed, has been known to occur along the bed and banks of Little River, upstream from the project area. NHB asked for photos of the project area to determine if stout dotted smartweed (*Persicaria robustior*) could potentially occur onsite.

Altus Engineering, Inc. provided photos and a verbal description of the vegetation in the project area. The photos indicated that the vegetation is maintained close to the river's edge, with shrubs (gray dogwood, winterberry, alder, and sweet pepper bush) dominant along the bank, with swamp dewberry, grasses, and other common herbs comprising the dominant herbaceous vegetation. Additionally from the photos it appeared that the site was subject to disturbance and erosion around the culvert.

Based on the nature of the project area, which is dominated by shrubs and is in a partially erosive state, NHB does not expect that stout dotted smartweed (*Persicaria robustior*) is likely to occur onsite. If, during construction, a suspect plant that could be stout dotted smartweed is observed along the banks or muddy riverbed of Little River, please contact NHB for guidance. Thank you for coordinating with us. Ron,

The NHFG Nongame and Endangered Species Program has reviewed NHB15-3406 for the proposed four new drain outfalls to the Little River at Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter. The NHB database check identified the following species in the vicinity of the project:

American Eel (*Anguilla rostrata*) SC --Blanding's Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*) E – 1Codes: "E" = Endangered, "T" = Threatened, "SC" = Special Concern

We do not expect impacts to American eel based on the revised project plans as long as appropriate measures are taken at each outfall to stabilize the bank to eliminate future erosion. Personnel working at this job site should be made aware of the potential to encounter protected turtles especially during turtle nesting season which extends from late May through the end of June. Nesting turtles may be attracted to the disturbed soils at the job site. If protected turtle species are found laying eggs in a work area, please contact myself or Mike Marchand, Wetlands Systems Biologist at 271-3016 for instructions. A description of Blanding's and other protected turtle and snake species including photos may be found at:

http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/reptiles-amphibians.html

Avoid the use of welded plastic or 'biodegradable' erosion control netting at this job site. There are numerous documented cases of wildlife being trapped and killed in erosion control netting. Several 'wildlife friendly' options such as erosion control berms or woven organic material (e.g., coco matting) are commercially available. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions about this review.

Sincerely,

Kim Tuttle Certified Wildlife Biologist NH Fish and Game 11 Hazen Drive Concord, NH 03301 603-271-6544

Check out reptiles and amphibians of NH!!: http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/reptiles-amphibians.html

<u>Report your sightings of reptiles and amphibians in 3 ways:</u> 1) Email details of observation or completed form to <u>RAARP@wildlife.nh.gov</u> or 2) Enter your observation online at <u>http://nhwildlifesightings.unh.edu</u>.
3) Mail your reporting slip <u>http://www.wildlife.state.nh.us/nongame/documents/raarp-report-form.pdf</u>

Northeast Partners of Amphibian and Reptile Conservation: <u>http://www.northeastparc.org/</u>

From: Ron Beal [mailto:rbeal@altus-eng.com] Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2016 1:56 PM To: Lamb, Amy; Tuttle, Kim Cc: Jeff Clifford Subject: RE: 4747 PEA outfall NHB review: NHB15-3406

Amy/Kim,

As part of the South Campus Master Plan, Phillips Exeter Academy was initially upgrading only one (1) outfall, but further design review indicated three (3) additional outfalls were also undersized and require upgrading. Attached is photos showing of the outfall locations and surrounding vegetation. The design of outfall pipe will accounted for the pending lower water level with the removal of Great Dam. The water up-gradient of the dam is planned to be lowered mid-July. Soon after, construction of the outfalls will be slated to begin. Based on the lowering of the water level , construction of the outfalls will impact:

	Length of shoreline	wetlands impacts
#1	21 l.f.	640 s.f.
#2	26 l.f.	870 s.f
#3	24 l.f.	155 s.f.
#4	61 l.f.	750 s.f.

Call if you need additional information or do not receive photos. Thanks.

Ron

From: Lamb, Amy [mailto:Amy.Lamb@dred.nh.gov] Sent: Friday, November 20, 2015 10:56 AM To: Ron Beal Subject: RE: 4747 PEA outfall NHB review: NHB15-3406

Good morning Ron,

Attached please find our formal review letter. Let me know if you have any comments or changes.

Thank you, Amy

Amy Lamb Ecological Information Specialist



US Army Corps of Engineers ® New England District

New Hampshire Programmatic General Permit (PGP) Appendix B - Corps Secondary Impacts Checklist (for inland wetland/waterway fill projects in New Hampshire)

Attach any explanations to this checklist. Lack of information could delay a Corps permit determination.
 All references to "work" include all work associated with the project construction and operation. Work

includes filling, clearing, flooding, draining, excavation, dozing, stumping, etc.

3. See PGP, GC 5, regarding single and complete projects.

4. Contact the Corps at (978) 318-8832 with any questions.

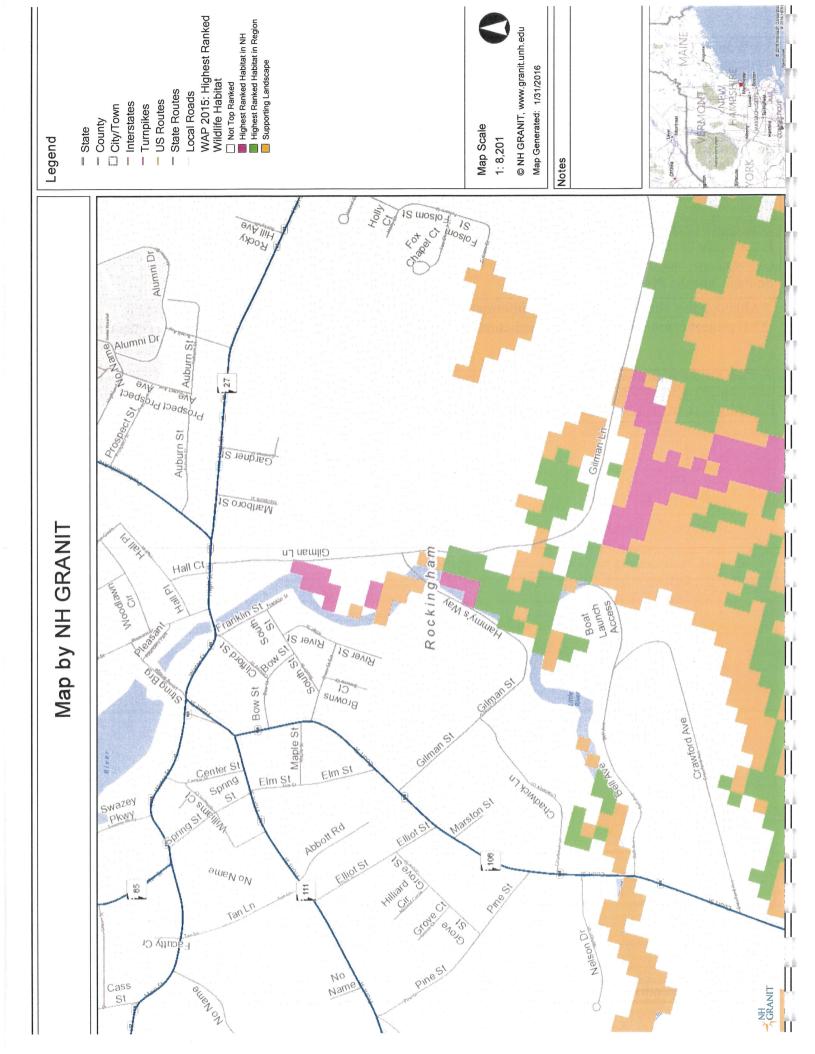
1. Impaired Waters	Yes	No
1.1 Will any work occur within 1 mile upstream in the watershed of an impaired water? See http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/impaired_waters.htm	х	
o determine if there is an impaired water in the vicinity of your work area.*		
2. Wetlands	Yes	No
2.1 Are there are streams, brooks, rivers, ponds, or lakes within 200 feet of any proposed work?	х	2 P
2.2 Are there proposed impacts to SAS, shellfish beds, special wetlands and vernal pools (see PGP, GC 26 and Appendix A)? Applicants may obtain information from the NH Department of Resources and Economic Development Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) website, www.nhnaturalheritage.org, specifically the book <u>Natural Community Systems of New</u>	с. 	X
Hampshire.		
2.3 If wetland crossings are proposed, are they adequately designed to maintain hydrology, sediment transport & wildlife passage?	N/A	
2.4 Would the project remove part or all of a riparian buffer? (Riparian buffers are lands adjacent to streams where vegetation is strongly influenced by the presence of water. They are often thin lines of vegetation containing native grasses, flowers, shrubs and/or trees that line the stream banks. They are also called vegetated buffer zones.) Restoring buffer after outfall installation	х	
2.5 The overall project site is more than 40 acres. Project impact 23-acre; Outfall project less than 2,500	square f	eet ^X
2.6 What is the size of the existing impervious surface area?	770,	300 s
2.7 What is the size of the proposed impervious surface area?	770,9	950 s
2.8 What is the % of the impervious area (new and existing) to the overall project site?	36.1%/	36.1
3. Wildlife	Yes	No
3.1 Has the NHB determined that there are known occurrences of rare species, exemplary natural communities, Federal and State threatened and endangered species and habitat, in the vicinity of the proposed project? NHB15-3406. Do not expect any negative impact by project.	х	
3.2 Would work occur in any area identified as either "Highest Ranked Habitat in N.H." or "Highest Ranked Habitat in Ecological Region"? (These areas are colored magenta and green, respectively, on NH Fish and Game's map, "2010 Highest Ranked Wildlife Habitat by Ecological Condition.") Map information can be found at:		
 PDF: www.wildlife.state.nh.us/Wildlife/Wildlife_Plan/highest_ranking_habitat.htm. Data Mapper: www.granit.unh.edu. GIS: www.granit.unh.edu/data/downloadfreedata/category/databycategory.html. 		Х

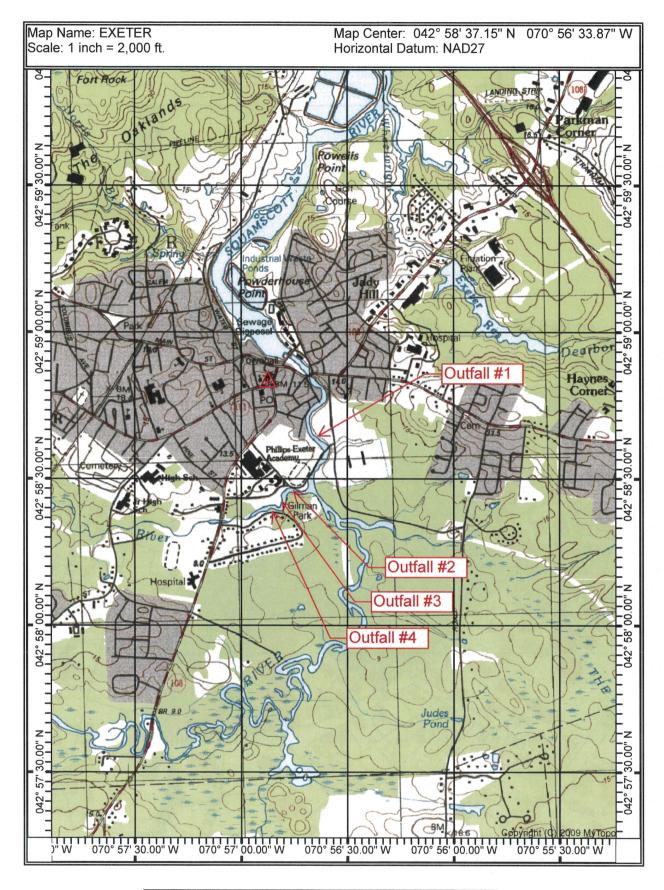
3.3 Would the project impact more than 20 acres of an undeveloped land block (upland,			x
wetland/waterway) on the entire project site and/or on an adjoining property(s)?			А
3.4 Does the project propose more than a 10-lot residential subdivision, or a commercial or			
industrial development?	Project is a parial redevelopment of 49-acres.	X	
3.5 Are stream crossings designed in accordance with the PGP, GC 21?			
4. Flooding/Floodplain Values		Yes	No
4.1 Is the proposed project within the 100-year floodplain of an adjacent river or stream?		Х	
4.2 If 4.1 is yes, will compensatory flood storage be provided if the project results in a loss of			
flood storage?			يستعم
5. Historic/Archaeological Reso	<u>urces</u>		
For a minor or major impact proje	ct - a copy of the Request for Project Review (RPR) Form		
(www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review) shall be sent to the NH Division of Historical Resources as required			
on Page 5 of the PGP**			
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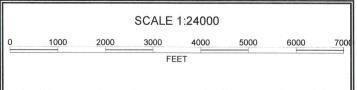
*Although this checklist utilizes state information, its submittal to the Corps is a Federal requirement.

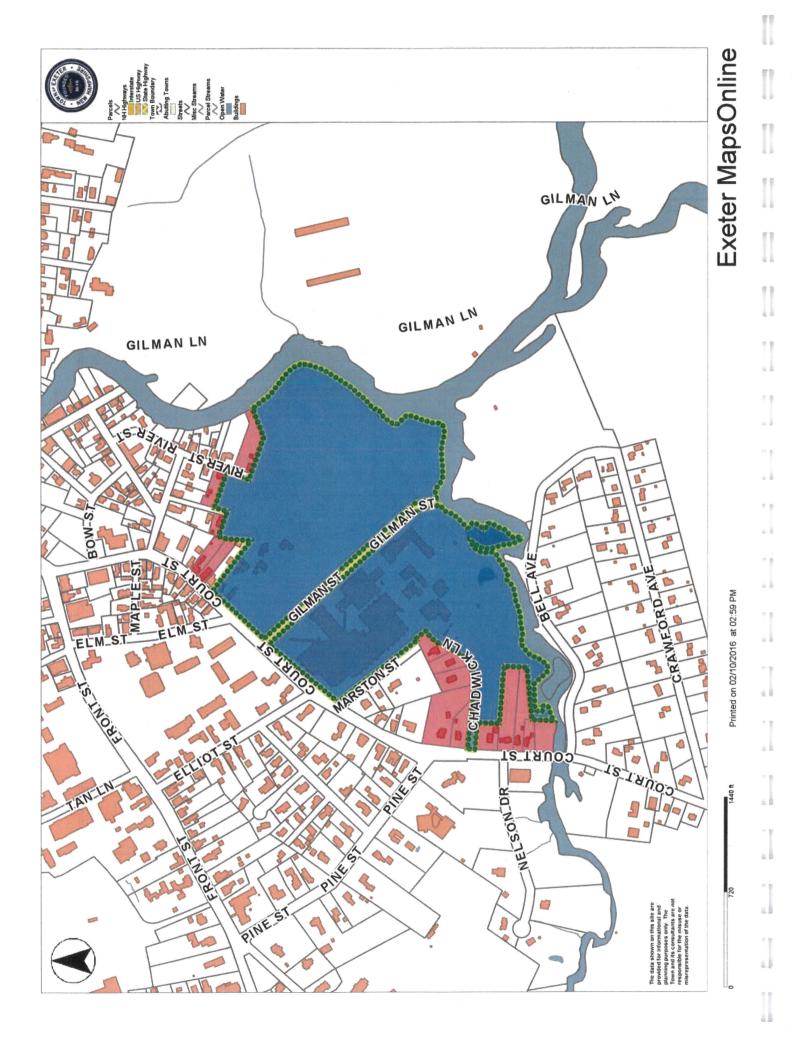
** If project is not within Federal jurisdiction, coordination with NH DHR is not required under Federal law..

* The flood storage loss with by the construction of the tennis courts will be offset be the construction of two (2) grassed soil filters and the installation of 3-feet base layer of open-graded stone under the courts.









NEW FIELD HOUSE Phillips Exeter Academy Tax Map 83 Lot 1 Exeter, NH

Tax Map 72 Lot 135 Paul Letourneau 8 Tallowood Lane Amesbury, MA 01913-2193

Tax Map 72 Lot 134 Winged Foot Realty Trust Wayne Perkins Trustee 46 Yale Street Winchester, MA 01890

Tax Map 72 Lot 103 Anthony Jackson 761 Washington Avenue Rye, NH 03870

Tax Map 72 Lot 98 Roger & Robin Wakeman 44 River Street Exeter, NH 03833

Tax Map 83 Lot 19 Town of Exeter 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

Tax Map 83 Lot 18 Marci & Bonnie Linscott 19 Bow Street Exeter, NH 03833

Tax Map 83 Lot 17 Brian & Paula Fraser 98 Court Street Exeter, NH 03833

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Tax Map 83 Lot 10 Christopher & Sheryl Dion 86 Court Street Exeter, NH 03833

Tax Map 83 Lot 9 Jendiss Frizzell 84 Court Street Exeter, NH 03833

Owner/Applicant:

Tax Map 83 Lots 1, 11, 12, 13 Tax Map 71 Lot 119 Tax Map 72 Lot 99 Phillips Exeter Academy 20 Main Street Exeter, NH 03833

Prepared By:

February 10, 2016



Civil Site Planning Environmental Engineering 133 Court Street Portsmouth, NH 03801-4413

February 11, 2016

Re: South Campus Master Plan Tax Map 83, Lot 1 Court Street Exeter, New Hampshire P4747

Dear Abutter:

Pursuant to State of New Hampshire *RSA Chapter 482-A*, this letter is to notify you, that Phillips Exeter Academy (PEA) is submitting a Wetlands Permit Application to the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) Wetland Bureau for work at the property identified on Town of Exeter as Tax Map 83, Lot 1. Your parcel abuts land owned by the Applicant.

As part of the South Campus Master Plan, the applicant proposes to upgrade four (4) drain outfalls to the Exeter and Little Rivers; replacing existing campus drain lines that are significantly undersized. The project will result in the abandonment and plugging of two (2) existing outfalls, and stabilizing existing areas of eroded riverbank. The new outfalls will be located at the west side of the rivers.

The area of wetlands impact is only 2,415 square feet. <u>There will be no construction within 20-feet of your property line and therefore no action is required by you</u>.

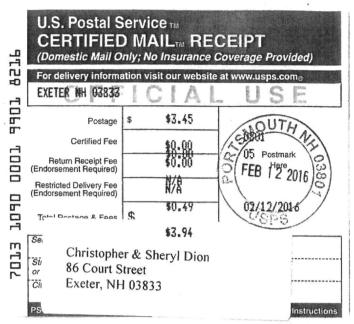
Plans are on file for your review at the Town of Exeter Clerk's office or at the NHDES offices by scheduling a file review at (603) 271- 8876. Please feel free to contact us, the Applicant's engineering consultant, at (603) 433-2335 or Mark Leighton, PEA at (603) 777-4529, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey K. Clifford, P.E. Vice-President

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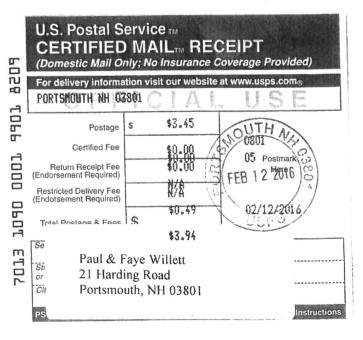






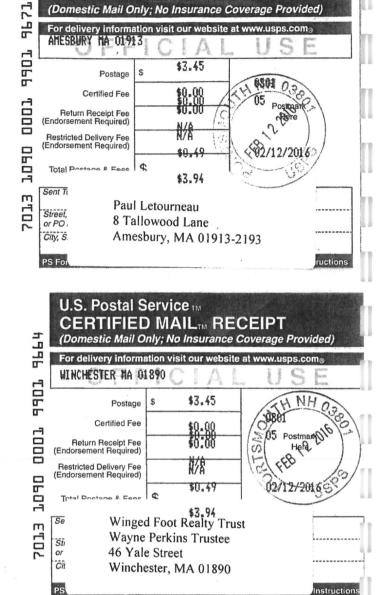






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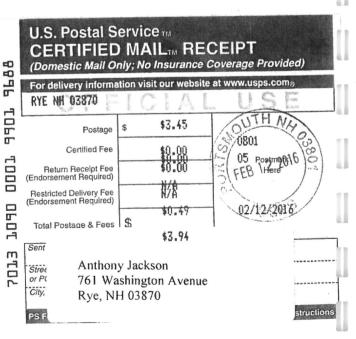
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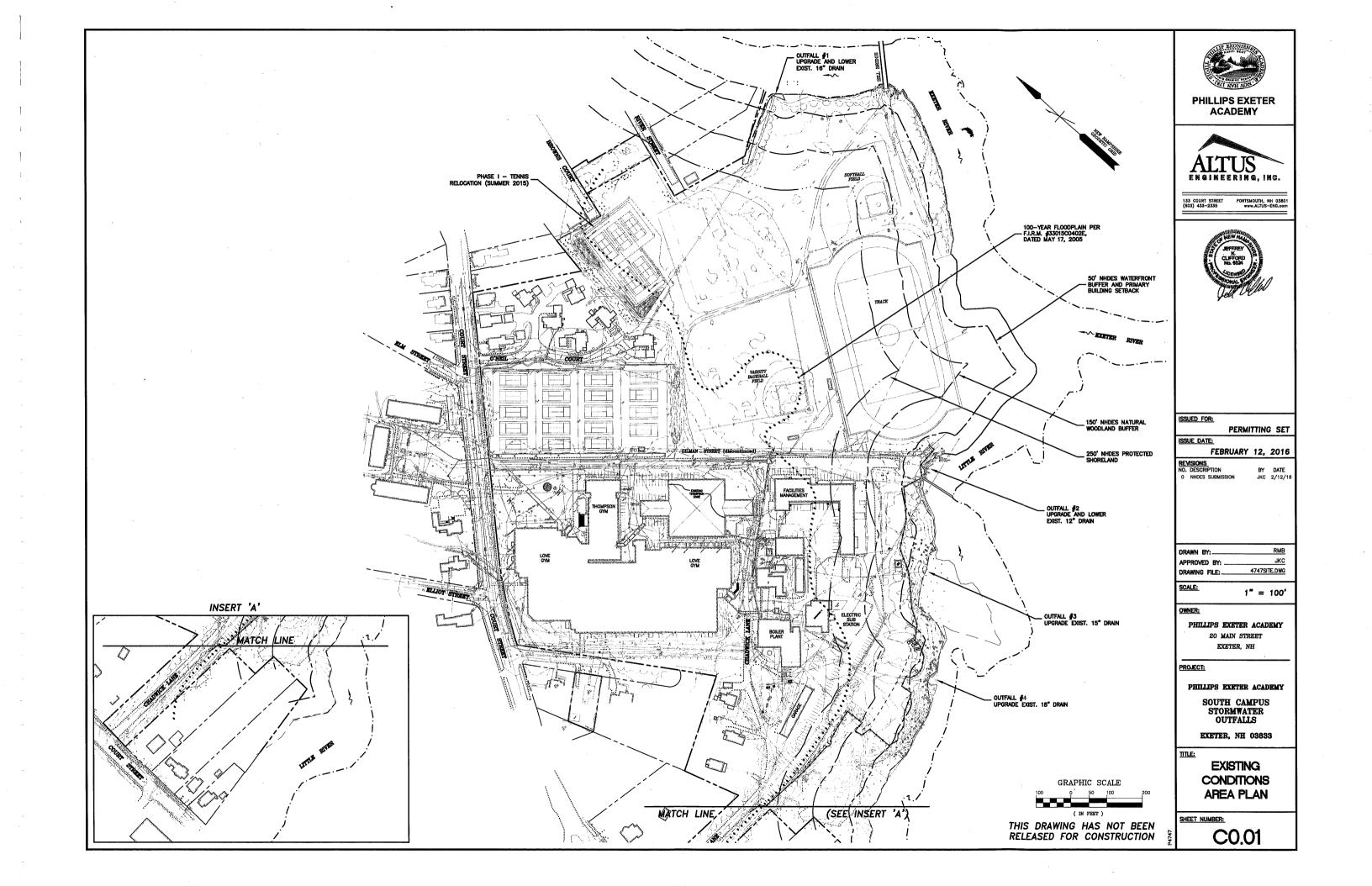
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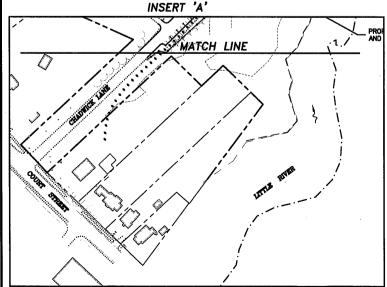


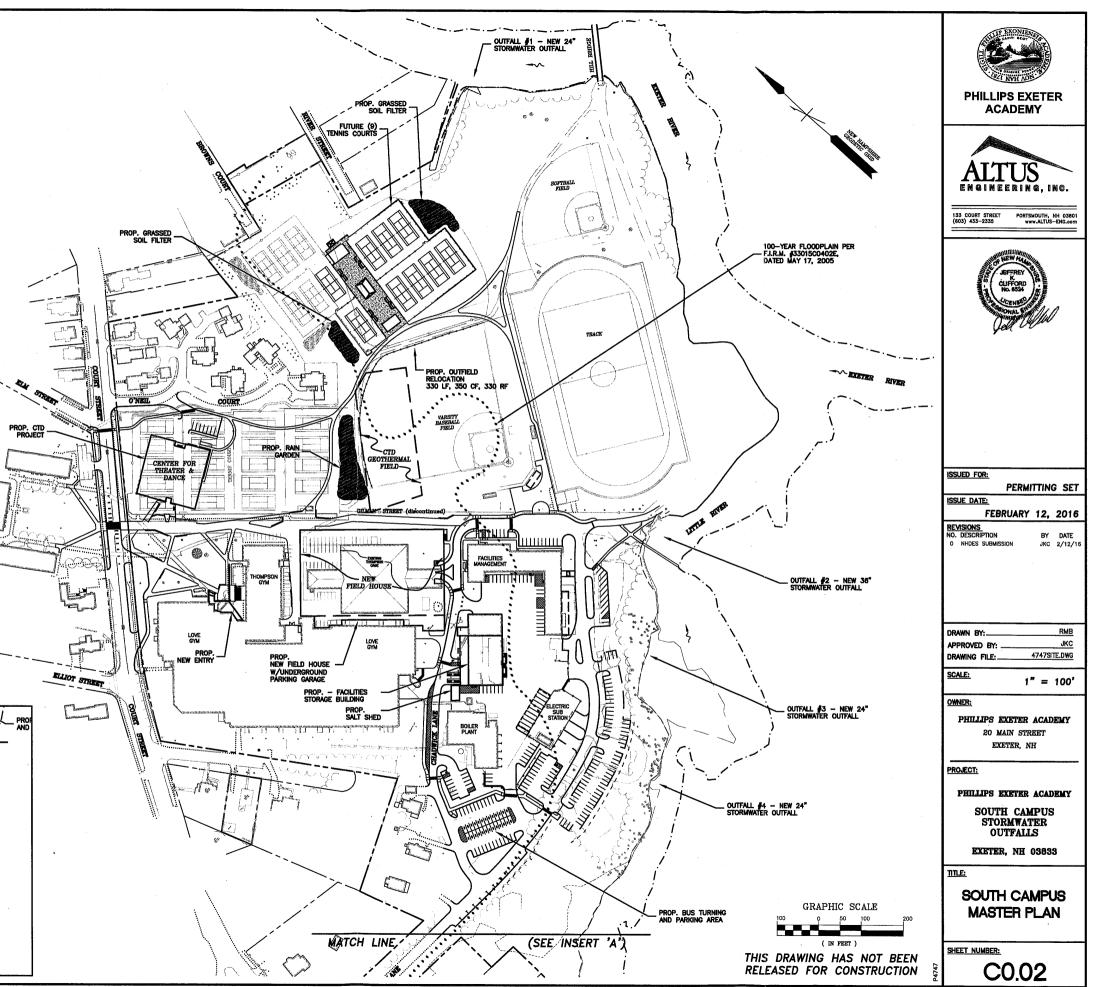
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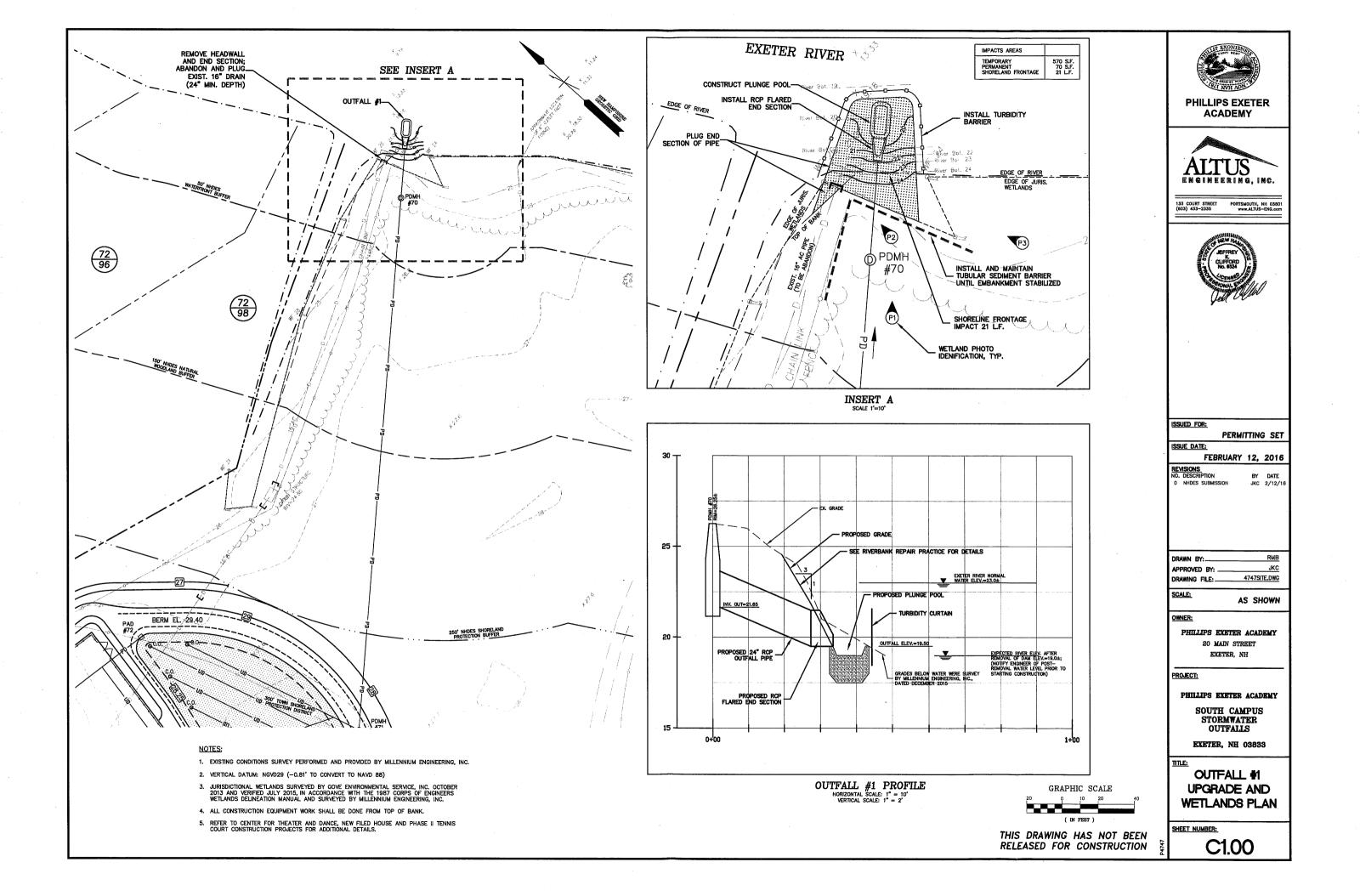
- . DO NOT BEGIN CONSTRUCTION UNTIL ALL LOCAL PERMITS HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVED. THE LANDOWNER AND CONTRACTOR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL WELLANDS REGULATIONS, INCLUDING ANY PERMITING AND SETBACKS REQUIREMENTS REQUIRED UNDER THESE REGULATIONS. SEE PROJECT MANUAL APPENDICES FOR COPY OF FERMITS.
- 2. CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN A "DIGSAFE" NUMBER AND NOTIFY <u>OWNER'S AUTHORIZED</u> <u>REPRESENTATIVE</u> AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION.
- SITE CONSTRUCTION SHALL COMPLY WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) AS PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER, VOL. 56, NO. 144, DATED JULY 26, 1991.
- 4. CONTRACTOR SHALL REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF EXISTING STRUCTURES, BITUMINOUS CONCRETE, DEBRIS, AND CONSTRUCTION WASTE PRODUCTS WHICH ARE NOT AUTHORIZED, TO BE USED AS PART OF CONSTRUCTION. DISPOSE OF EXCESS MATERIALS OFF-SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NH DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REQUIREMENTS.
- 5. UPON COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION, THE DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE SHALL BE CLEANED OF ALL DEBRIS AND SEDIMENT.
- 6. PROTECTION OF SUBGRADE: THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN STABLE, DEWATERD SUBGRADES FOR FOUNDATIONS, FAVEMENT AREAS, UTILITY TRENCHES, AND OTHER AREAS DURING CONSTRUCTION, SUBGRADE DISTURBANCE MAY BE INFLUENCED BY EXCAVATION METHODS, MOISTURE, PRECIPITATION, GRUINDWATER CONTROL, AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT ONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PREVENT AWAY FROM CONSTRUCTION AFEAS, REDUCING THATEFC IN SENSITIVE AREAS, MOI TEATINITIES AWAY FROM CONSTRUCTION AFEAS, REDUCING THATEFC IN SENSITIVE AREAS, MOI TEATINITIES AWAY FROM CONSTRUCTION AFEAS, SOLS EXHIBITING HEAVING OR INSTABILITY SHALL BE OVER EXCAVATED TO MORE COMPETENT BEARING SOL AND REPLACED WITH FREE DRAINING STRUCTURAL FILL.
- 7. IF THE EARTHWORK IS PERFORMED DURING FREEZING WEATHER, EXPOSED SUBGRADES ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO FROST. NO FILL OR UTILITES SHALL BE PLACED ON FROZEN GROUND. THIS WILL UKELY REQUIRE REMOVAL OF A FROZEN SOIL CRUST AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH DAY'S OPERATION. THE FINAL SUBGRADE ELEVATION WOULD ALSO REQUIRE AN APPROPRIATE DEGREE OF INSULTATION AGAINST FREEZING.
- 8. EXCAVATED MATERIAL NOT USED AS FILL MATERIAL ON SITE, SHALL ONLY BE PLACED IN UPLANDS AREA OUTSIDE OF THE 100 YEAR FLOOD ZONE.
- 9. PLACEMENT OF BORROW MATERIALS SHALL BE PERFORMED IN A MANNER THAT PREVENTS LONG TERM DIFFERENTIAL SETILEMENT. EXCESSIVELY WET MATERIALS SHALL BE STOCKPILED AND ALLOWED TO DRAIN BEFORE PLACEMENT. FROZEN MATERIAL SHALL NOT BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION, VOIDS BETWEEN STONES AND CLUMPS OF MATERIAL SHALL BE FILLED WITH FIRE MATERIALS.
- All disturbed areas not to be paved or otherwise treated shall receive six (6") Inches of loam, limestone, fertilizer, seed, mulch, and appropriate soil Stabilization techniques.
- 11. CONTRACTOR TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY BENCHMARKS (TBMS) AND PERFORM CONSTRUCTION SURVEY LAYOUT.
- 12. THE LOCATION OF EXISTING UNDERGROUND UTILITIES IS APPROXIMATE AND THE LOCATIONS ARE NOT GUARANTEED BY THE ENGINEER, SURVEYOR, OR OWNER. IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO LOCATE ALL UTILITIES, ANTIGIPATE CONFLICTS, REPAIR DAMAGE TO EXISTING UTILITIES, AND RELOCATE EXISTING UTILITIES AT NO EXTRA COST TO THE OWNER.
- 13. CONTRACTOR SHALL MAINTAIN AND PROVIDE RECORD DRAWINGS TO PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY AND TO THE TOWN OF EXETER.
- 14. CONTRACTOR SHALL CONTROL DUST BY SPRAYING WATER, SWEEPING PAVED SURFACES AND VEGETATION AND/OR MULCHING STOCKPILES.
- 15. Work hours for construction will be as approved by phillips exeter academy and the town of exeter, standard work hours shall be 7am to 6 pm.

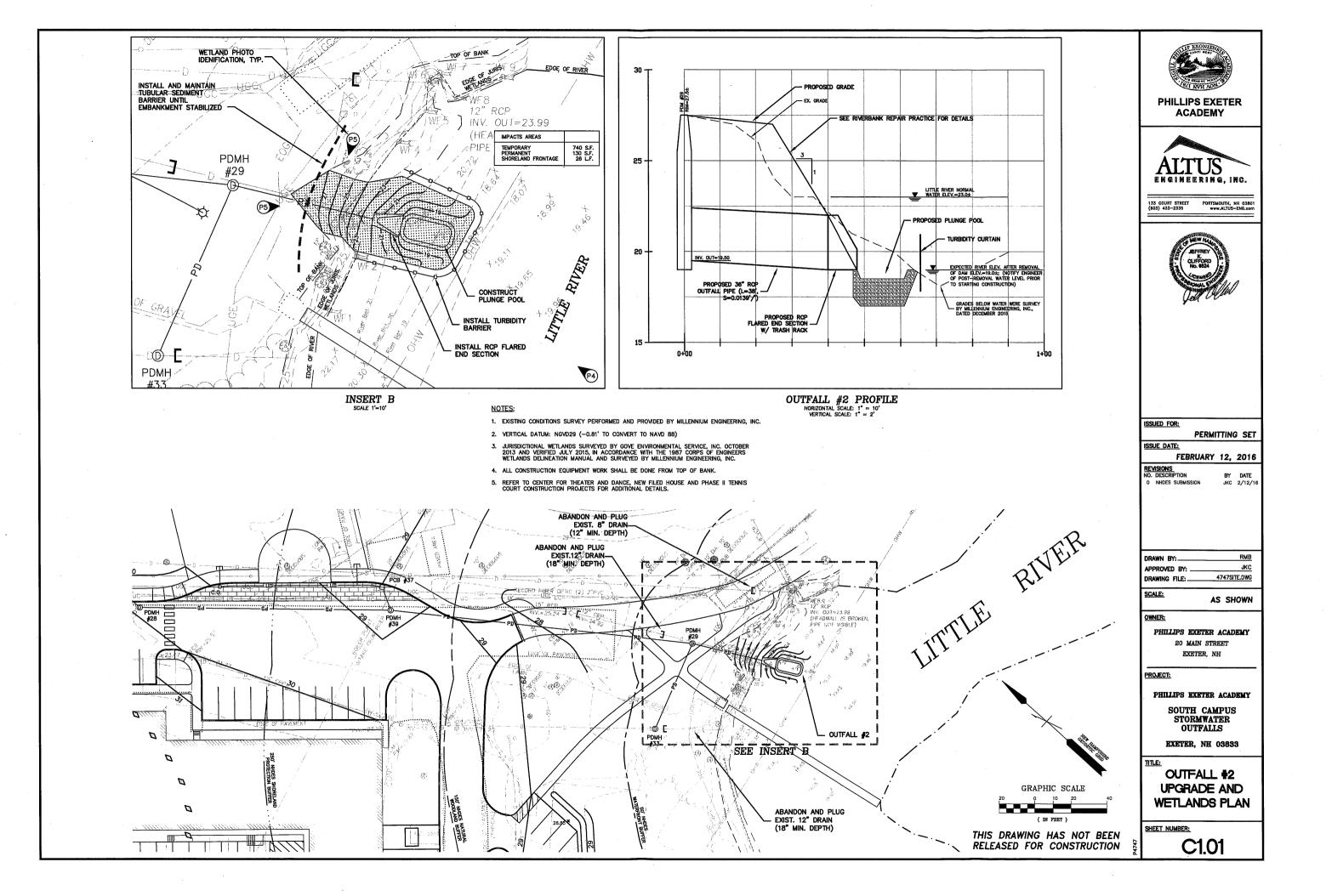
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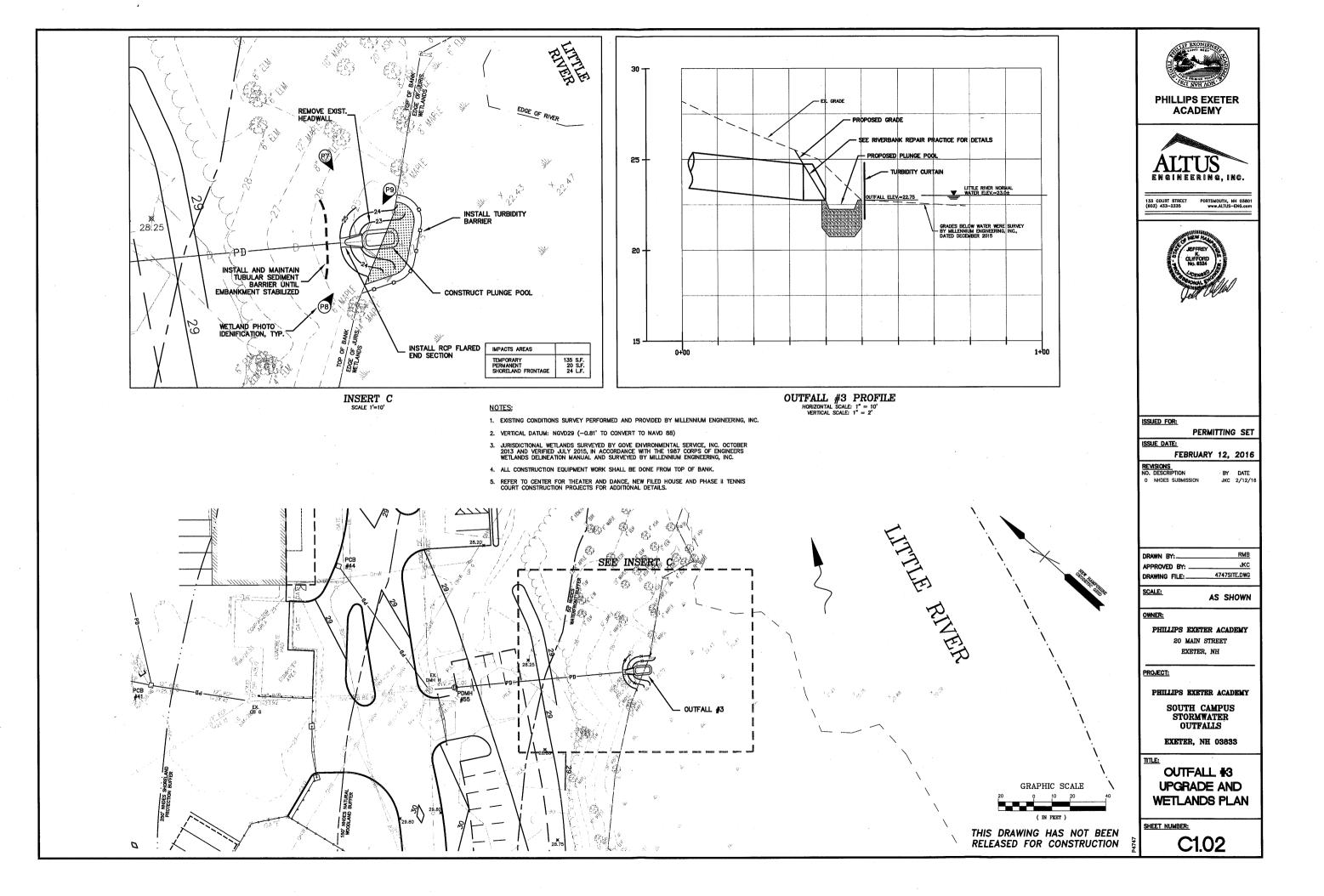
- WHERE PROPOSED GRADES MEET EXISTING GRADES, CONTRACTOR SHALL BLEND GRADES TO PROVIDE A SMOOTH TRANSITION BETWEEN EXISTING AND NEW WORK. PONDING AT TRANSITION AREAS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ABRUPT RIDGES AT TOPS AND BOTTOM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
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- 3. CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST UTILITY ELEMENTS MEANT TO BE FLUSH WITH GRADE (CLEANOUTS, UTILITY MANHOLES, CATCH BASINS, INLETS, ETC.) THAT IS AFFECTED BY SITE WORK OR GRADE CHANGES, WHETHER SPECIFICALLY NOTED ON PLANS OR NOT.
- 4. ALL UNSUITABLE MATERIALS AND SURPLUS MATERIALS WHICH CAN NOT BE APPROPRIATELY WASTED ON SITE SHALL BE REMOVED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE OWNER.
- 5. THE GRADING ON THIS PLAN SHOWS THE GENERAL INTENT AND DIRECTION OF THE STORWWATER FLOW. CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTIFY THE ENGINEER IMMEDIATELY OF ANY FIELD CONDITIONS THAT WILL IMPACT THE GRADING DESIGN SHOWN ON THIS PLAN FOR RESOLUTION.
- 6. SITE PROTECTION FENCE SHALL BE INSTALLED TO MINIMIZE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC OVER RECENTLY SEEDED LANDSCAPE AREAS.

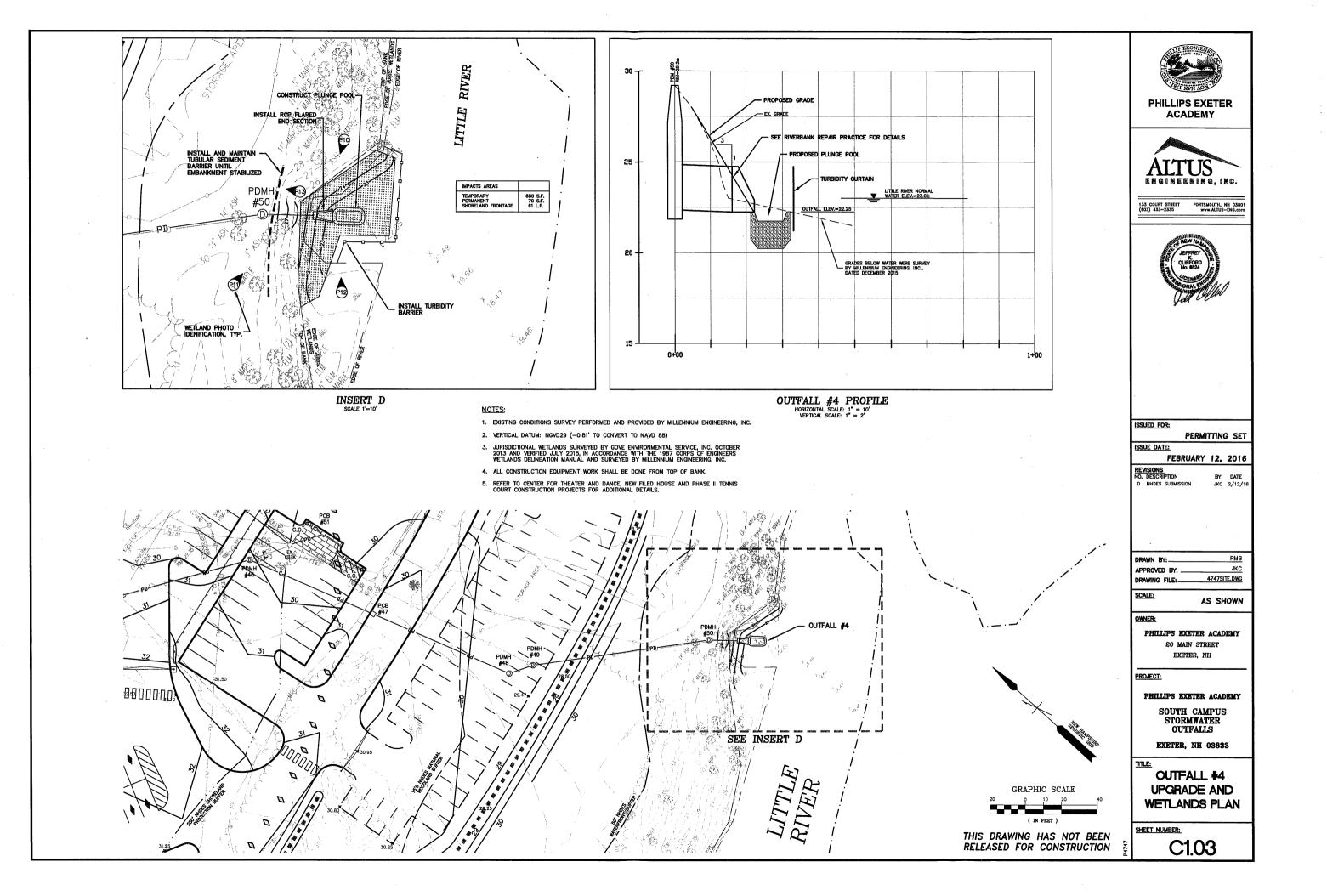












SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL NOTES

PROJECT NAME AND LOCATION

SOUTH CAMPUS STORMWATER OUTFALL UPGRADE TAX MAP 83 LOT 1 GILMAN STREET EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

LATITUDE: 042' 58' 40" N LONGITUDE: 070' 56' 46" 1

APPLICANT: PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY 20 MAIN STREET EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

DESCRIPTION

The project consists of the upgrading/lowering four (4) existing outfalls to the Exeter River and Little River as part of the South Campus Master Plan.

DISTURBED AREA

The total area to be disturbed is approximately 3,000 square feet.

NPDES CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT

Contractor shall prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is accordance with federal storm water permit requirements. The SWPPP must be prepared in a format acceptable to the Owner and three (3) copies provided to the Town at least fourteen (14) days prior to initiating construction. Contractor is responsible for all cost associated with preparation and implementation of SWPPP including any temporary erosion control measures (whether indicated or not on these drawings) as required for the contractor's sequence of activities.

The Contractor and Owner shall each file a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the U.S.E.P.A. under the NPDES Construction General Permit. (U.S.E.P.A., 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460) All work shall be in accordance with NPDES General Permit: NHR120000, including NOI requirements, effluent limitations, standards and management for

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining a USEPA Construction Dewatering Permit, if required.

NAME OF RECEIVING WATER

Closed drainage system draining into the Exeter River.

TEMPORARY EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL AND STABILIZATION PRACTICES

All work shall be in accordance with state and local permits. Work shall conform to the practices described in the "New Hampshire Stormwater Manual, Volumes 1 – 3", issued December 2008, as amended. As indicated in the sequence of Major Activities, the silt fences shall be installed prior to commencing any oleaning or grading of the site. Structural controls shall be installed concurrently with the applicable activity. Once construction activity ceases permanently in an area, silt fences and any earth/dikes will be removed once permanent measures are established.

During construction, runoff will be diverted around the site with stabilized channels where possible. Sheet runoff from the site shall be filtered through hay bale barriers, stane check dams, and slit fences. All storm droin inlets shall be provided with hay bale filters or stone check dams. Stone rip rap shall be provided at the outlets of drain pipes and outverts where shown on the drawings.

Stabilize all ditches, swales, stormwater ponds, level spreaders and their contributing areas prior to directing flow to them.

Temporary and permanent vegetation and mulching is an integral component of the erosion and sedimentation control plan. All areas shall be inspected and maintained until vegetative cover is of anothet in alternative cost of the second second second second second cost prevention and also reduce costly rework of anothet in the alternative cost of the second secon of graded and shaped areas.

Temporary vegetation shall be maintained in these areas until permanent seeding is applied. Additionally, erosion and sediment control measures shall be maintained until permanent vegetation is

INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

A. GENERAL

- These are general inspection and maintenance practices that shall be used to implement the plan:
- The smallest practical partian of the site shall be denuded at one time, but in no case shall it exceed 5 cares at one time.
 All control measures shall be inspected at least once each week and following any storm event
- All control measures shall be inspected at least once each week and following any storm ev of 0.5 finches or gracter.
 All measures shall be maintained in good working order; if a repair is necessary, it will be initiated within 24 hours.
 Bullit-up sediment shall be removed from slit fence or other barriers when it has reached one-third the height of the fence or bale, or when "bulges" occur.
 All diversion diles shall be inspected on any bracches promptly repoired.
 Temporery seding and beinght shall be inspected on any sense spots, weahouts, and unhealthy
- 7. The owner's authorized engineer shall inspect the site on a periodic basis to review compliance

- with the Plans. 8. All readways and parking lots shall be stabilized within 72 hours of achieving finished grade. 9. All cut and fill signes shall be seaded/and within 72 hours of achieving finished grade. 10. An area shall be considered stabilized formed within 72 hours of achieving finished grade. 10. An area shall be considered stabilized in a stabilized for a stabilized
- or –
 d. Erosion control blankets have been properly installed.

11. The length of time of exposure of greg disturbed during construction shall not exceed 45 days B. MULCHING

- Mulch shall be used on highly erodible soils, on critically eroding areas, on areas where conservation of moisture will facilitate plant establishment, and where shown on the plans.
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INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES FOR TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES (CON'T)

2. Guidelines for Winter Mulch Application -

Type Hay or Straw	<u>Rate per 1.000 s.f</u> 70 to 90 lbs.	<u>Use and Commenta</u> Must be dry and free from mold. May be used with plantings.
Wood Chips or Bark Mulch	460 to 920 lbs.	Used mostly with trees and shrub plantings.
Jute and Fibrous Matting (Erosion Blanket	As per manufacturer Specifications	Used in slope areas, water courses and other Control areas.
Crushed Stone 1/4" to 1-1/2" dia.	Spread more than 1/2" thick	Effective in controlling wind and water erosion.
Erosion Control Mix	2" thick (min)	* The organic matter content is between 80 and 100%, dry weight basis. Particle size by weight 100% possing 6 "screen and a minimum of 70 %, machum of 65%, paeling a 0.75 screen. * The organic particle and a 0.75 screen. * The organic particle and a content of the source of departicle. * Large particles of alts, days or fine source and integrated.

are not acceptable in the mix. • Soluble solts content is less than 4.0 mmhoe/om. * The pH should fail between 5.0 and 8.0.

- Maintenance All mulches must be inspected periodically, in particular after reinstorms, to check for rill erosion. If less than 90% of the soil surface is covered by mulch, additional mulch shall be immediately applied.
- C. TEMPORARY GRASS COVER
- 1. Seedbed Preparation -

Apply fartilizer at the rate of 600 pounds per acre of 10–10–10. Apply limestone (equivalent to 50 percent calcium plus magnesium oxide) at a rate of three (3) tons per acre.

- 2. Seading
 - a. Utilize annual nye grass at a rate of 40 lbs/acre.
 b. Where the soli has been compacted by construction operations, loosen soli to a depth of two (2) inhese before applying fertilizer, line and seed.
 c. Apply seed uniformly by hand, cyclone seeder, or hydrosecter (durry including seed and fertilizer). Hydrosectlags, which include mulch, may be left on soil surface. Seeding rates must be increased 10% when hydrosecting.
- 3. Maintenance -
- Temporary seedings shall be periodically inspected. At a minimum, 95% of the soil surface should be covered by vegetation. If any evidence of erasion or sedimentation is apparent, repairs shall be made and other temporary measures used in the interim (mulch, fitter barriers, check dams, etc.).
- D. FILTERS
- Silt Fence

 Synthetic filter fabric shall be a pervious sheet of propylene, nylon, polyester or etrylene yourn and shall be certified by the manufacturer or supplier as conforming to the following requirements:

Physical Property	Test	<u>Requirementa</u>
Filtering Efficiency	VTM-51	75% minimum
Tensile Strength at 20% Maximum Elongation*	VTM-52	Extra Strength 50 lb/lin in (min) Standard Strength 30 lb/lin in (min)

- VTM-51 0.3 gal/sf/min (min) Flow Rate
- Requirements reduced by 50 percent after six (6) months of installation.
- Synthetic filter fabric shall contain ultraviolet ray inhibitors and stabilizer to provide a minimum of six (6) months of expected usable construction life at a temperature range of 0 degrees f to $120^\circ\,f$.
- b. Posts shall be spaced a maximum of ten (10) feet apart at the barrier location or as recommended by the manufacturer and driven securely into the ground (minimum of 16 inches).
- c. A trench shall be excavated approximately six (6) inches wide and eight (8) inches deep along the line of posts and upslope from the barrier.
- d. When standard strength filter fabric is used, a wire mesh support fence shall be fastened securely to the upslope side of the posts using heavy duty wire staples at least one (1) inch long, the wires or hog rings. The wire shall extend no more than 36 inches above the original ground surfaces.
- e. The "standard strength" filter fabric shall be stapled or wired to the fence, and eight (8) inches of the fabric shall be extended into the trench. The fabric shall not extend more than 36 inches above the original ground surface. Filter fabric shall not be stapled to existing trees.

- f. When extra strength filter fabric and closer post spacing are used, the wire mesh support fence may be eliminated. In such a case, the filter fabric is stapied or wired directly to the posts with all other provisions of item (g) opplying.
- a. The trench shall be backfilled and the soil compacted over the filter fabric.
- h. Silt fences shall be removed when they have served their useful purpose but not before the upslope areas has been permanently stabilized.

2. Sequence of installation

- Sediment borriers shall be installed prior to ony soil disturbance of the contributing upslope drainage area.
- 3. Maintenance a. Silt fence barriers shall be inspected immediately after each rainfall and at least daily during prolonged rainfall. They shall be repaired if there are any signs of erosion or sedimentation below them. Any required repairs shall be made immediately. If there are signs of undercutting at the center or the addes, or impounding of large volumes of water, the sediment barriers shall be replaced with a temporary stone check dam.
- b. Should the fabric on a silt fence or filter barrier decompose or become ineffective prior to the end of the expected usable life and the barrier still is necessary, the fabric shall be replaced promptly.
 - c. Sediment deposits must be removed when deposits reach approximately one-third (1/3) the height of the barrier.
- d. Any sediment deposits remaining in place after the silt fence or other barrier is no longer required shall be removed. The area shall be prepared and seeded.
- Additional stone may have to be added to the construction entrance, rock barrier and riprop lined swales, etc., periodically to maintain proper function of the erosion

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E. PERMANENT SEEDING -

- Bedding stones larger than 1¹/2^{*}, trash, roots, and other debris that will interfere with seeding and future maintenance of the area should be removed. Where feasible, the soil
- should be tilled to a depth of 5" to prepare a seedbed and mix fertilizer into the soil.

2. Fertilizer - lime and fertilizer should be applied evenly over the area prior to or at the time seeding and incorporated into the soil. Kinds and amounts of lime and fertilizer should be based on an evaluation of soil tests. When a soil test is not available, the following minimu amounts should be applied:

Agricultural Limestone © 100 lbs. per 1,000 s.f. 10-20-20 fertilizer © 12 lbs. per 1,000 s.f.

3. Seed Mixture (recommended):

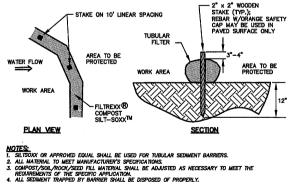
- Lawn seed mix shall be a fresh, clean new seed crop. The Contractor shall furnish a dealer's guarantsed statement of the composition of the mixture and the percentage of purity and germination of each variety.
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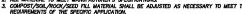
4. Sodding - sodding is done where it is desirable to rapidly establish cover on a disturbed area. Sodding an area may be substituted for permanent seeding procedures anywhere on site. Bed preparation, fertilizing, and placement of sod shall be performed according to the S.C.S. Handbook. Sodding is recommended for steep sloped areas, areas immediately adjacent to semelike vator courses, easily exotible solis (fine sand/sit), etc.

WINTER CONSTRUCTION NOTES

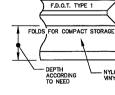
- All proposed vegetated areas which do not exhibit a minimum of 85% vegetative growth by October 15th, or which are disturbed after October 15th, shall be stabilized by seeding and installing variation control blankets on slopes growter than 3:1, and elsewhere seeding and placing 3 to 4 tons of mulch per acre, secured with anchored netting. The installation of eracion control blankets or mulch and netting shall not occur over accumulated snow or on frozen ground and shall be completed in advance of thew or spring molt events;
- All ditches or swales which do not exhibit a minimum of 85% vegetative growth by October 15th, or which are disturbed after October 15th, shall be stabilized temporarily with stone or eresion centrol blankest appropriate for the design flow conditions; and

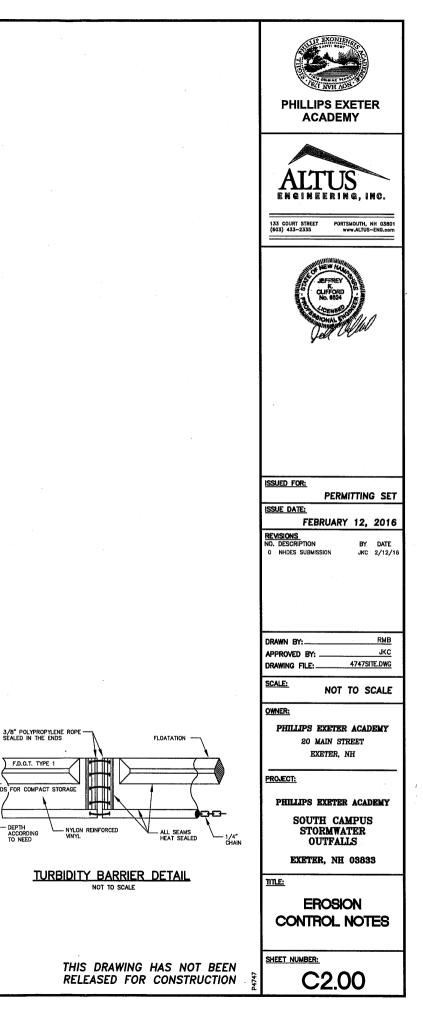
After November 15th, incomplete road or parking surfaces where work has stopped for the winter secton shall be protected with a minimum of 3 inches of crushed gravel per NHDOT item 304-3.

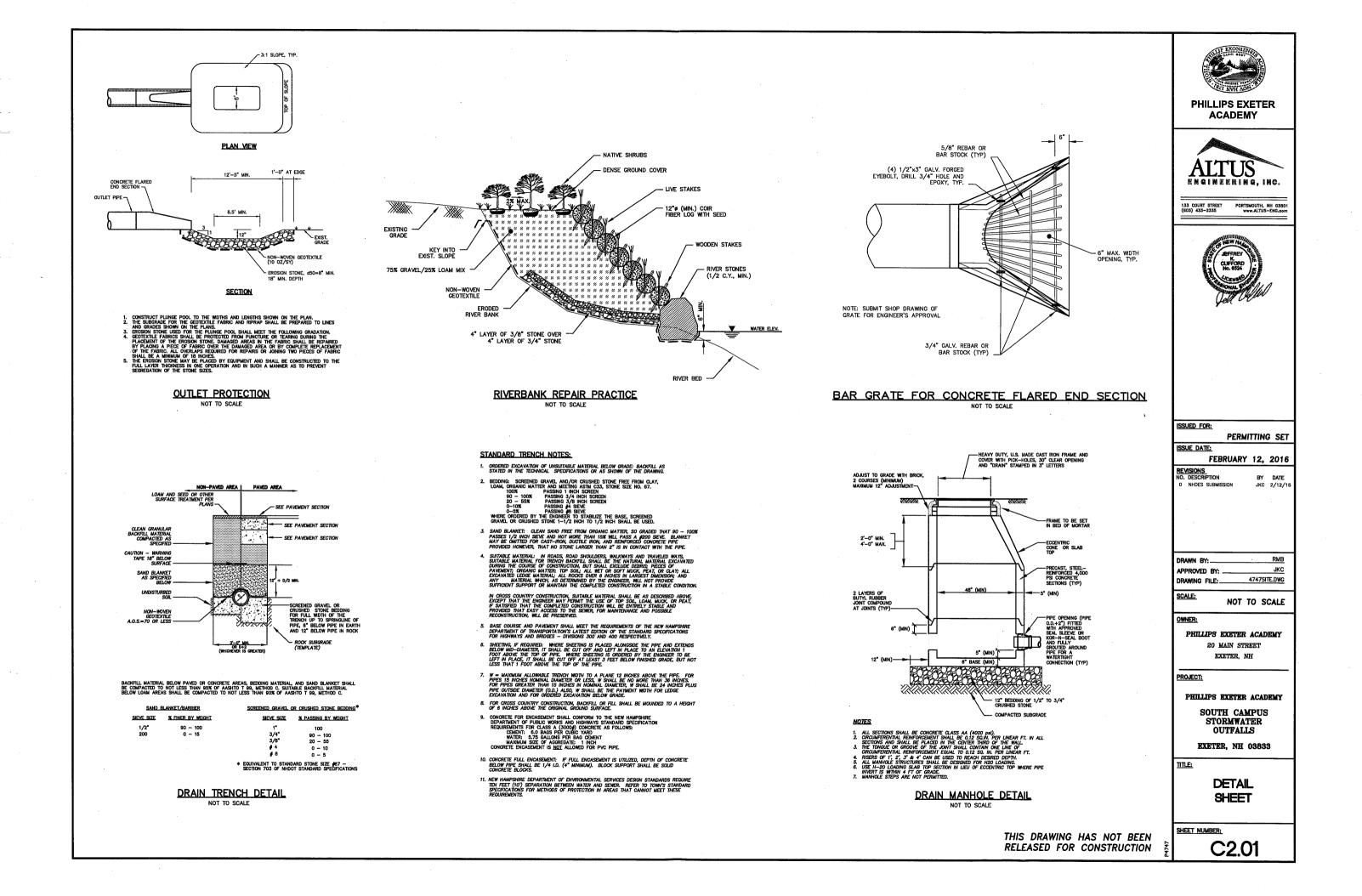




TUBULAR SEDIMENT BARRIER DETAIL NOT TO SCALE







Exeter Conservation Commission DRAFT MINUTES February 2, 2016

Call to Order

Mr. Gregoire called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices on the above date.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Belanger (BOS Rep), Alyson Eberhardt, Jay Gregoire (Chair), Ginny Raub, Andrew Koff,

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy (Natural Resource Planner), Sarah McGraw (Recording Secretary)

2. Public Comment: None

Action Items

- 1. Request for Conducting Tours/Rentals in Town Forest Cecil Ables not present
- 2. Event Agreement Orienteering Program February 13th

Adam Mangan spoke about the organization that provides volunteers for disaster relief efforts. The event is an orienteering workshop on February 13th at 9:00 am along the Red Loop of the Town Forest. The group is part of a national organization.

BOARD COMMENT:

Mr. Richardson was concerned about the early spring thaw and impacts to the trails. Mr. Mangan said he understood the concern and will keep an eye on the weather. Mr. Gregoire said that the CC will keep an eye on the weather as well.

Mr. Gregoire motioned to allow orienteering event, second by Mr. Richardson. VOTE: Unanimous

3. Expedited Minimum Impact Dredge and Fill Application for the Construction of a Concrete Pad and Enclosure for a New Cooling Tower at 10 Chestnut Street, Tax Map 64/ Lot 51

Mike Wynkoop introduced the project as a concrete pad to replace and secure the current cooling tower for apartment buildings owned by Chinberg Properties. There is 238 square feet of impact. Other locations have been considered but the final

version was decided on after considering comments by abutting neighbors and Town staff.

BOARD COMMENT

Ms. Eberhardt inquired to how a cooling tower works. Jim Gove of Gove Environmental Services spoke about the mechanics of the cooling tower. The old cooling tower used to pump water from the river to cool the air conditioning system but Town water will be used in the new unit. Some objections to the tower is the possible noise made from the motor running. The Applicant is applying for an expedited application. The coastal tidal area is known to be a disturbed site before construction. Mr. Gove said that an assessment was conducted by the Natural Heritage Bureau in 2012 and no endangered species were found.

Ms. Murphy commented that there is impact to the existing buffer, and the original application did not have permanent impacts. Mr. Gove said that the plan now contains erosion and sediment control.

Mr. Koff asked if the water for the new system will be supplied from the river. Mr. Gove said it would be a closed system.

Discussion ensued about photos of the site. There was discussion about sea level rise and potential future impacts to the pad. Ms. Eberhardt commented about the Climate Adaptation Study and its use for projects such as this. There was some concern about the height of the tower. Mr. Gove said that the tower will not stick above the buildings located behind the towers.

Ms. Murphy explained that because it is an expedited permit the CC needs to sign the Application. Ms. Belanger commented that it is also contingent upon Planning Board approval.

Mr. Gove replied that the application relies on local, state and federal approvals. If the Planning Board disapproves, the application returns to the beginning.

Ms. Raub motioned to approve the expedited application and send a memo to the Planning Board highlighting concerns, second by Mr. Richardson. **VOTE**: Unanimous

Comments for Memo

- 1. Application did not discuss temporary impacts
- 2. NHB review is three years old and derived from a different project

- 3. Suggestions to plan native species
- 4. Height of base and flooding

4. Rehabilitation of the String Bridge on both sides of Kimball Island

Jennifer Mates, Assistant Town Engineer, stated that String Bridge is out of compliance with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. The bridge can be rehabilitated instead of reconstructed. Work will not be done "in-water" prior to July. The project will take 3 to 4 weeks with a 2-3-month buffer and is due to be completed by August 2016.

BOARD COMMENT:

Ms. Eberhardt asked how the water will be diverted to work in the river. Ms. Mates said that there are large bags blown up to create a small dam.

Mr. Koff asked if the work will be done in conjunction with the Great Dam removal. Ms. Mates said that HTA will be working the dam engineers and coordinating diversions.

Mr. Gregoire motioned to approve the String Bridge Rehabilitation project, second by *Mr.* Richardson. **VOTE**: Unanimous

5. Committee Reports

a) Property Management

i) Timber Harvest Update

Ms. Murphy stated that the timber harvest had begun at two sites. Mr. Briselden, Mr. Campbell and Mr. Richardson had volunteered to close trails with signs and ribbons. Ms. Murphy said the loggers had reported rocky terrain making it harder to navigate. A skid road was created as a landing for downed trees. Mr. Briselden had met with the contracted forester, Charlie Moreno, to ensure Fort Rock is retained. Some trail work will have to be done after the logging operation. Ms. Murphy suggested that the Commission consider long term goals for trails. Ms. Murphy said that the logging company is currently holding equipment in the Henderson-Swasey trail parking lot to wait out the warm weather.

Mr. Gregoire had witnessed kids playing on equipment and in closed trails. Ms. Murphy said that the logger is about half way through and is waiting for the ground to harden. The backup plan is to continue logging

in the dryer summer months. She noted that while observing the process firsthand the equipment and operation is bigger than she had envisioned. Discussion continued about educating citizens on trail safety, forestry and possible harvest tours. Mud season may come early and produce more trail closures. Ms. Murphy read a trail closure notice drafted by Mr. Briselden. Ms. Belanger said she can read the notice at the next BOS meeting. Ms. Murphy suggested posting the notice on Facebook, the Town newsletter, Town Website and Visit NH web page.

ii) Raynes Farm Signage

Ms. Murphy said that there was a concern about people shooting guns around Raynes Farm property. Ms. Murphy said that hunting is permitted during certain seasons. Ms. Murphy said that a sign would state what is permitted, active crop management areas and no driving in the fields.

Ms. Eberhardt motioned to approve an expenditure up to\$ 38 plus shipping and handling for a Raynes Farm sign, second by Mr. Gregoire. **VOTE:** Unanimous

iii) Trails Sign Estimate

Ms. Murphy said that they have found a person to router a sign as requested by the White Family for the Macdonald Conservation easement. Ms Murphy met with the family to discuss the language of the sign. Ms. Raub suggested checking with other places for an estimate. Ms. Murphy said that junction signs are also on the list. The Commission decided to table spending funds on signs due to a tight 2016 budget.

b) Outreach

Ms. Eberhardt said that there is a Phillips Exeter Academy Climate Action Day where she has volunteered. The students requested more hands on projects and Ms. Eberhardt suggested including PEA students in Commission projects. Mr. Richardson said that they could find projects for PEA students.

Mr. Richardson suggested creating a timeline of projects 6 months in advance to prepare for the year.

Ms Murphy said that February 20th is the date of the Raynes Farm Full

Moon Snowshoe event contingent upon the presence of snow. Ms. Murphy made a list of support tasks. Last year's event brought an abundance of attendees. The Commission decided to keep an eye on the weather and track down Don Briselden and Bill Campbell as they volunteered the past year.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Raub reported the new budget for the year 2016 as \$10,057. At the end of 2015 there was \$650.49 left that was given back to the Town. There is currently 3,012.35 of cash on hand.

Mr. Gregoire motioned to approve the budget, second by Mr. Richardson. **VOTE:** *Unanimous*

7. Approval of Minutes: January 12, 2015

Tabled to the next meeting

8. Correspondence

a. Request to Oppose Bobcat Legislation

Ms. Eberhardt explained the letter from the Stoddard Conservation Commission opposing the proposed New Hampshire Fish and Wildlife ruling to allow Bobcat hunting. Ms. Eberhardt said she was willing to support the opposition letter. Ms. Belanger stated that it was allowed in 38 other states by permit.

Mr. Gregoire motioned to approve signing and submitting a letter to NH Fish and Wildlife, opposing the proposed Bobcat Hunting legislation, second by Ms. Eberhardt. **VOTE:** Unanimous

9. Next Meeting: March 8, 2016

Mr. Gregoire motioned to adjourn, second by Mr. Richardson. VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The meeting moved into a short work session.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah McGraw

Exeter Conservation Commission DRAFT MINUTES January 12, 2016

Call to Order

Ms. Raub, acting chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices on the above date.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Clement (BOS Rep), Don Briselden, Bill Campbell, Ginny Raub, Pete Richardson, Alyson Eberhardt

Staff Present: Kristen Murphy (Natural Resource Planner), Sarah McGraw (Recording Secretary)

2. Public Comment: None

Action Items

1. Snowshoe Hullabaloo February Snow Shoe Race Even Request February 20 (Ri Fahnstock, Sarah Sallade

Sarah Sallade spoke about the snowshoe Hullabaloo event for February 20, 2016. She said the event will begin at 6 Commerce Way starting at 11:00 am with registration at 9:30 am. She commented that last year's event had been successful. She then outlined the plan for race cancellation. There will be online registration the week before the race. She and Ri will make a decision on race cancellation before February 12th. Ri said he is in charge of logistics and added that there may be issues coordinating the race with tree harvesting activities. The route may have to be re-routed. Ginny asked what they need for snow cover to have a race. Ri said at least 6 inches.

Mr. Richardson moved to approve the application second by Mr. Briselden. VOTE: Unanimous

2. Standard Dredge and Fill Application for a Light Industrial/Distribution Facility at 12 Continental Drive, Tax Map 46, Lot 1 (Jim Petropulos, Brendan Quigley)

James Petropulos, civil engineer with Hayner/Swansen introduced himself and was accompanied by Brendan Quigley representing Gove Environmental Services. Mr. Petropulos said the Applicant was seeking a standard dredge and fill permit approval. The Applicant is also meeting with the Exeter Planning Board for a conditional use permit. The property abuts Continental Drive, FW Webb, and conservation land to the north. Eight lots were created on the property of which four were developed into what is known as a "pork chop lot." Mr. Petropulos said the lot was mostly wooded. The wetlands have been surveyed and poorly drained wooded wetlands were found. Mr. Petropulos explained the facility will consist of offices and an assembly distribution facility. The goal is to retain a New Hampshire business.

There will be a shared entrance with FW Webb and a 99 space parking lot. The facility will connect with the town water and sewer. Mr. Petropulos explained that there will be 6,178 square feet of wetland impacts and 59,600 square feet of buffer impacts. Storm water treatment will consist of curbing and catch basins as well as planting in wet areas with with aquatic plants. The Applicant has filed with the Department of Environmental Services for a dredge and fill permit. Mr. Petropulos explained the Conditional Use Permit from section 9.1.6.A, Wetlands Conservation Overlay District. Mr. Petropulos said that the applicant has tried to minimize affects to nearby wetlands. The Applicant is not proposing industrial discharge and there will not be detrimental affects to public safety.

Mr. Briselden asked about draining and curbing. Mr. Petropulos answered that curbing and catch basins will be used as well as controlling runoff. Driveway runoff will be captured and piped into catch basins as well as runoff from the roof. Mr. Briselden inquired about percolation. Mr. Petropulos said that the soil density was tight with not much recharge. A precast box will slow down the filtering process. Mr. Campbell asked where all the water will run to. Mr. Quigley said that the wetlands are part of Little River and Bloody Brook complex. Mr. Campbell was concerned with drainage into an abutting lot. Mr. Mr. Petropulos said that future developments will sit higher than the wetlands.

Mr. Richardson said the wetlands are lower than the parking lot. Mr. Petropulos said that the land was 7 to 8 feet above the wetland. Mr. Richardson asked if the surveyor has surveyed the property corners. Mr. Petropulos said that at the end of construction there will be monuments set down. Mr. Quigley said that the conservation land has been marked. The property corners are present as well as markers for the conservation corners. Mr. Briselden commented that the Commission spends time searching for monuments in the field.

Ms. Raub asked about the TRC meeting. Mr. Petropulos said that they will be resubmitting changes made from the TRC meeting to the town. One of the buffers was mislabeled and corrected. There were no big storm water changes or land development changes.

Mr. Briselden recognized a discrepancy with the buffer square footage. Mr. Petropulos said this will be corrected. Ms. Eberhardt asked about the seeding plan. Mr. Petropulos said that there will be a better buffer. Trees, shrubs and aquatic plants will also be incorporated.

Mr. Briselden moved the recommendation of concurrence with the application and to send a letter of recommendation to NHDES, second by Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Richardson asked if there were any invasive species that could be spread during construction. Mr. Quigley said after his investigation, the area doesn't seem to be affected by invasive species.

With no further discussion, VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Briselden moved to send a memo recommending the conditional use permit as presented to the Planning Board, second by Mr. Campbell. **VOTE:** Unanimous

3. Raynes Foundation Repairs Engineering

Mr. Briselden referred to a memo he submitted via email and in the packets about repairing the foundation of the barn. Mr. Briselden recommended an estimate not to exceed \$2,000 for the north east foundation.

Mr. Campbell said that they should do an engineering report and estimate. Mr. Briselden said this would put them in a position for a warrant article for 2017 as the cost of the repairs could exceed \$40,000. For this reason an engineering study and cost estimate would be required.

Mr. Campbell motioned to hire Emanuel Engineering for the study not to exceed \$2,000, second by Ms. Eberhardt.

Mr. Clement asked if the town was considered as an engineering consultant. Mr. Briselden said that he has talked to the town and this type of work is not generally what they do but have been helpful in other aspects of the barn.

Without further discussion, VOTE: Unanimous

Ms. Murphy explained that the proposed budget for 2016 was \$10,058.00. Ms. Murphy handed out the requested budget. Some numbers needed to be moved around based on increased costs which are why there is \$2,000 available in the budget for engineering.

4. All boards meeting – February 10, Exeter Public Library 6 pm

Ms. Raub said that one talking point for the meeting is the MRI report and how the boards can work together. Ms. Raub said that Jay Gregoire met with the Planning Board. Ms. Murphy said that the outcome of the meeting was to communicate more often and if the Commission has a recommendation, to put in memo format.

Mr. Briselden asked if tonight's discussion fit the recommendation. Ms. Murphy said that due to the Planning Board schedule applications will not be able to meet the Commission first.

Ms. Murphy said that she had sent out a copy of the MRI report. Ms. Eberhardt suggested childcare be available at the All Boards Meeting. Ms. Murphy said that a contact from Phillips Exeter Academy community action group offers childcare services. Mr. Clement said he will also bring this up at the BOS meeting.

5. Committee Reports

- a) Property Management
 - i. Timber Harvest Update

Ms. Murphy said there was a Conservation Commission special session in December where Sweets Logging was contracted for timber harvesting services. Charlie Moreno put together a contract which went before legal counsel.

Ms. Murphy said that legal counsel suggested the town get reimbursed for what the mill paid for the timber and get invoiced for expenses. Language was added about the logging company having responsibility for leaving the site and out into the main road. Ms. Murphy suggested that the Commission authorize the Commission chair to sign the logging contract.

Ms. Raub clarified that changes were presented to the logging company by Charlie Moreno. Ms. Murphy said that the logger is ready to work but it is weather dependent. The logging company is ready to go as soon as contract is signed.

Mr. Briselden said that the Commission needs to decide who will sign the contract. Discussion ensued about how to get the contract to the chair.

Mr. Campbell moved to allow the Chair or appointee to sign the harvesting contract second by *Mr. Richardson.* **VOTE:** Unanimous

ii. Chamberlin Easement Paddock Notification

Ms. Murphy said she had met with the new landowners. They discussed the conditions of the easement and siting for four horse paddocks within the twelve acre exclusion area which overlaps 50 feet to the west and 100 feet to the south into the conservation easement. This requires notification to Commission should the landowners want to exercise their reserved rights. Ms. Murphy said after checking, an Alteration of Terrain Permit is not required which is waived for agricultural areas. The reason for the conservation land overlap is that there are soils that the landowners want to avoid.

The owners provided notification to Ms. Murphy and she allowed them to move forward. Ms. Murphy said she believes that they are fit as good stewards of the land.

Mr. Clement said that RCCC could be a good resource for manure management. Ms. Murphy spoke with Glen Greenwood Interim Planner to see if this is considered agricultural. Mr. Greenwood provided a best practices book.

b. Trails

i. Closure Process for Harvest

Ms. Murphy said that trail closure is necessary for public safety. The southern part of the trail network is within harvest area one and two. It is up to the Commission to put up posting on the trails. Someone would have to change the signs as the harvesting operation moves. Ms. Murphy said that the Public Works Department has old barricades not in use.

Mr. Briselden said that he will be available to move signs. It was not certain how long the harvesting would take place in each section. Ms. Murphy said that they could close off the whole southern

portion to walkers if need be. Ms. Eberhardt said she could be of assistance to post signs along with Mr. Campbell. Mr. Briselden said that flagging and barriers would suffice for notification. Ms. Murphy also suggested sawhorses. Ms. Murphy drafted up a closure sign for the trails and notification on the town website with a map of locations.

ii. Sign estimate

c. Outreach

i. Bobcat Hunting Legislation

Ms. Raub said that they had received a letter from StoddardConservationCommission about the proposed bobcat huntinglegislation. Mr. Campbell said that he thinks thelegislation ispremature. Ms. Eberhardt said she had read that there will be an
estimated population increase of 70 bobcats. And there is someroom to trap.

Mr. Clement asked if there might be a lottery. Ms. Eberhardt said she was not positive. Mr. Briselden said that the action is to support the draft letter from Stoddard. Ms. Eberhardt asked if this was within the Commission purview. Ms. Murphy said that there is precedence for joining with other conservation commissions. Ms Murphy said the options are to not sign off in opposition, to sign individually or to sign as a Commission.

Mr. Campbell asked if there have been evidence of bobcats in this area. Ms. Murphy said that they put out trap cameras in conjunction with UNH and haven't seen evidence of bobcats. Ms. Murphy said that the legislation going before the State in the coming months. Ms. Raub didn't feel the board has enough information to decide. Ms. Eberhardt suggested letting people make their own decision on signing the petition. Mr. Campbell asked what further information was needed to make a decision. Discussion ensued about what information is available on bobcat population numbers. Ms. Eberhardt said that the anticipated number of additional bobcats is 70. Mr. Briselden said that the letter stated 1,100 bobcats.

Mr. Clement also said he does not know enough about this to sign the petition as a Commission. Ms. Eberhardt suggested for the Commission to not sign if there is no consensus. Mr. Briselden and Ms. Raub agreed. Ms. Raub said seeing no consensus that individuals sign the letter on their own.

ii. Soak NH Spring Rain Garden Installation

Ms. Murphy said that Mr. Richardson, Ms. Raub and Ms Murphy had met with Soak NH to look at properties for a rain garden installation project. They chose Marshall Farms as a site for a rain

garden. Ms. Murphy said she did not think that the Commission has enough funds to help finance a rain garden but as a Commission reach out to the West Side Drive neighborhood. Soak NH would help with the installation but they want locals to reach out to homeowners.

Ms. Murphy suggested looking at Cockly road in Portsmouth to see examples of smaller rain gardens that would fit into similar neighborhoods in Exeter. She suggested once they find an interested homeowner to have an event showcasing the rain garden.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ms. Raub reported that the 2015 budget is \$10, 057 dollars. Funds approved for expenditure by November 30, 2015: \$1023,53.

Final Total: \$1,332.00 Cash on hand: \$ 3,012.27

Ms. Raub said she will try and resolve the discrepancy with the finance department.

Mr. Campbell motioned to approve the budget, second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous

7. Minutes from December 8, 2015, Site Walk from December 15, 2015, Minutes from December 15, 2015

Mr. Campbell motioned to accept the site walk minutes, second by Mr. Briselden. VOTE: 5 Yays : 1 Abstention

- Mr. Campbell motioned to accept the minutes from December 15, 2015 second by Mr. Briselden. VOTE: Unanimous
- Mr. Campbell motioned to accept the minutes from December 8, 2015, second by Ms. Raub. VOTE: Unanimous

8. Other Business

Ms. Raub asked if there will be a snowshoe event at Raynes given the full moon is on February 22. Mr. Campbell suggested Sunday February 21st. Mr. Briselden suggested settling on the 21st and talking about it at the next meeting.

Mr. Briselden commented that they should reach out to the Police Department and Public Works on the logging operation. Ms. Murphy said from the special meeting held, the goal is to do both harvest areas at one time to

make use of time. They will have to pay out of town funds which are why the budget is so tight.

Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn second by Mr. Richardson. VOTE: Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Ms. Raub said the chamber will not hold their fall festival. She suggested the Conservation Commission organizing a fall festival in coordination with the Recreation department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

9. Next meeting: February 9, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah McGraw