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To: Town of Hanover Board of Selectmen

From: Nik Fiore

**Re: Fullington Farm Boathouse Project
Public Reviewing Agencies**

Dear Board of Selectmen,

Below is a list of the various reviewing agencies, in addition to you, that will be involved in the Friends of Hanover Crew Fullington Farm Boathouse Project. We are providing this information for your reference and to help clarify the roles of the various reviewing agencies.

Wilson's Landing

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) – An application for the dock must be submitted to the DES Wetlands Bureau. The DES is charged with the protection and wise management of the state of New Hampshire's environment. The department's responsibilities include ensuring high levels of water quality for water supplies, ecological balance, and recreational benefits, and managing water resources for future generations. The mission of the Wetlands Bureau is to protect, maintain and enhance the environmental quality in New Hampshire and to regulate impacts to those areas "wherever the tide ebbs and flows" or "freshwater flows or stands."

The application review will involve input from the following four entities:

New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) – As part of the DES review of environmental impacts they require the submittal of information about endangered or threatened species or exemplary natural communities. Applicants must provide documentation from Department of Resources and Economic Development's Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) indicating that NHB has reviewed the project's location against the information in its database.

Division of Historical Resources – In accordance with state law, DES requires submittal of information about potential effects on historical resources. Applicants must provide the documentation from the Department of Cultural Resources Division of Historical Resources' (DHR) determination of whether the proposed project is located in or may affect historical resources.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – The Army Corps is responsible for reviewing work and structures that are located in, or that affect, navigable waters of the United States and the environmental concerns of such work. The Army Corps will be asked to issue a Programmatic General Permit and their review will include evaluating the impacts to wetlands, wildlife, and floodplains.

Hanover Conservation Commission – The HCC will be asked to review and sign the application to the DES. In signing the application the HCC: 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. Conservation Commission is not required to sign. If Conservation Commission does not sign the application for any reason, then the application shall not be eligible for expedited processing and shall be reviewed as a standard application.

Hanover Planning Commission – The Hanover Planning Commission will provide Site Plan Review of to ensure the project complies with the Town of Hanover Zoning Ordinances and to protect the safety and welfare of the community. This review process will also include Town Planning and Zoning Staff and Town Public Works Department, among others.

Hanover Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) – The ZBA will be asked to review the Wilson’s Landing site for the construction of the dock and shoreline anchor in the Town’s Waterbody Setback and the dock in the Floodplain. The ZBA will be asked to issue a Special Exception based on the criteria laid out in Section 206 of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.

Fullington Farm

FEMA – Reviewing the accuracy of the 100-year floodplain as drawn on their Flood Insurance Rate Maps with reference to more an actual topographic survey of the land.

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) – The DES will review the Fullington Farm site for its compliance with the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act. The CSPA establishes minimum standards for activities within the Protected Shoreland that are designed to protect the water quality of the state’s larger water bodies and to fulfill the state’s role as trustee of those waters. As with the dock application the CSPA application must also be accompanied by a review by the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau.

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Hanover Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) – The ZBA will be asked to review the Fullington Farm site for the construction of the boat sheds in the Town’s Waterbody Setback, site use, and the driveway configuration. The ZBA will be asked to issue Special Exceptions and a Variance based on the criteria put forth in the Town’s Zoning Ordinance.