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August 22, 2019

Eben Lewis NHDES PO Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Gerrish Drive subdivision Tax map 38, Lot 21 Nottingham, NH

File Number: Unknown

Dear Mr. Lewis:

The above-referenced project is within the quarter mile corridor of the North River and is, therefore, subject to review by the Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC) according to NHRSA 483. The project application was received by the LRAC and sent to the Project Review Subcommittee for review. Upon final review, we offer the following comments:

- 1. Documents reviewed were Wetlands Permit Application signed and dated 7-24-2019, site plans dated 8-1-2019, site photos, NHB report and correspondence.
- 2. The proponent wishes to construct a driveway impacting 2,153 square feet of wetlands to reach two buildable lots for private residences. The work will include the installation of two culverts, one with forest and scrub-shrub vegetation and the other on an intermittent stream.
- 3. It is noted that Blanding's turtles, spotted turtles, black racers, and small whorled pogonia might be present near or at the project site. Communications between the applicant and NHB indicate small whorled pogonia, if present, will probably be unaffected. Impacts to turtles will be lessened by using reinforced concrete for culverts instead of PVC piping. Natural fiber erosion control matting has been recommended by NHFG to prevent entanglement and we encourage

the same. In addition to required NHFG turtle sheets, plans include clear photographs of the turtle species that construction workers will need to watch for and report to NH Fish and Game if found.

4. We appreciate that one driveway will be built to serve two lots and that the culvert originally planned was upsized and PVC was replaced with concrete per recommendations from NHFG.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Joseph Foley, chair

cc: Tracie Sales, NHDES

Nottingham Conservation Commission, Planning Board

Luke Hurley, Gove Environmental Services