



Town of Sugar Hill

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Good Afternoon,

This request may be too late, but I would like to ask for an extension on behalf of the Conservation commission in Sugar Hill to study further the Shoreland permit for Coffin Pond that is part of the Northern Pass Wetlands submission.

Our Commission meets monthly and has not had time to adequately review the proposal. However, at first look:

NP spends time on Coffin Pond but as we see it the most critical shoreland area is south of that on Rt. 18 near the lot they identify on the map as "3550" on the preliminary construction plan where 18 goes very near the Gale River. The documents specify w/in the right of way not w/in the road surface and if they went west of the road toward the river they would be chewing up the bank which is subject to erosion as it is.

This part of Route 18 floods not infrequently if there is an ice dam on the river and we see no recognition that the work is well within the river flood plain.

In this narrow strip between the river and the road, we would hope to get assurances that equipment would not disrupt vegetation between the river and the road even if it is within the right of way.

We also noted that there are two small stream culverts to cross. Both that go into Coffin Pond. One is the one that empties into the parking area and the other much larger one joins the stream that has the beaver dam on it at the south end of the parking area. Both of these are less than the 3' deep trench and casing of the underground power line and we don't see how they manage to cross them without the culverts being much deeper. We are sure they have some way of doing that. But they don't indicate how that we could find.

I will send the above text in a letter from the town, hopefully tomorrow, but was hoping to make the 14 day deadline for comments.

Thank you very much!


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Sugar Hill Conservation Commission