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July 12, 2016

Collis Adams, Wetlands Bureau (collis.adams@des.nh.gov)
Ridgely Mauck, Alteration of Terrain Bureau (ridge.mauck@des.nh.gov)
NH DES
PO Box 95
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Re: Northern Pass and the NHDES progress report to the
Site
Evaluation Committee

Dear Mr. Adams and Mr. Mauck:

The Bethlehem Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Planning Board would like to discuss with a NHDES representative several matters related to Northern Pass, specifically the department's findings in its progress report to the Site Evaluation Committee dated May 16, 2016 and the department's granting of a permit for geotechnical boring.

We request that DES send a representative to meet with us about these matters.

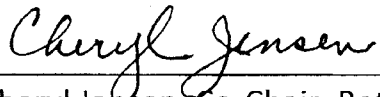
In your progress report on page 4, point 11, the department refers to Transition Station #5 and says: "Given the amount of wetland impacts and the steep slopes in the area, alternative sites should be considered that further avoid wetland impacts."

Given that statement, we find it difficult to understand why you would grant a permit for geotechnical boring at that site.

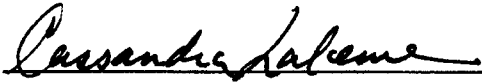
We would like to discuss this before DES is scheduled to submit its final report to the Site Evaluation Committee, which is August 15.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing from you. This is an issue of great importance to the town and this could be arranged through the Selectman's office at 869-3351, ext. 10.

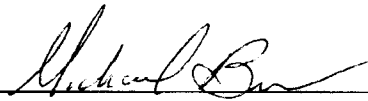
Sincerely,



Cheryl Jensen, Co-Chair, Bethlehem Conservation Commission



Cassandra Laleme, Bethlehem Board of Selectmen



Michael Bruno, Bethlehem Planning Board

Cc: Thomas Burack, Commissioner (Thomas.Burack@des.nh.gov)

Subj: **RE: Bethlehem requests a meeting with NH DES regarding Northern Pass**
Date: 8/3/2016 4:49:44 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time
From: Collis.Adams@des.nh.gov
To: CherylKJensen@aol.com, Ridgely.Mauck@des.nh.gov, Thomas.Burack@des.nh.gov
CC: selectman3@bethlehemnh.org, planning@bethlehemnh.org, admin@bethlehemnh.org, lmoore4055@gmail.com, cfillmore@townandcitylaw.com

Hi Cheryl and others –

Thank you for your continued interest regarding the Northern Pass project. I apologize for the delay getting back to you.

The department is preparing a formal response to your letter of July 12, 2016 and that letter will be going out to you by week's end. I will also e-mail you an electronic copy so that you have it prior to the weekend.

Best regards;

Collis G. Adams, CWS, CPESC
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Land Resources Management
Wetlands Bureau Administrator

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From: CherylKJensen@aol.com [mailto:CherylKJensen@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, August 01, 2016 4:22 PM
To: Adams, Collis; Mauck, Ridge; Burack, Thomas
Cc: selectman3@bethlehemnh.org; planning@bethlehemnh.org; admin@bethlehemnh.org; lmoore4055@gmail.com; cfillmore@townandcitylaw.com
Subject: Re: Bethlehem requests a meeting with NH DES regarding Northern Pass

Dear Mr. Adams:

We haven't heard anything since your e-mail of 7/20 and only 15 days remain, as we understand it, before NH DES must submit its final recommendations regarding Northern Pass to the Site Evaluation Committee.

You mentioned a formal response in your e-mail, but we were hoping for a dialogue and did not put all our questions in the e-mail.

A couple of us are willing to come to Concord, if a meeting could be arranged at a mutually convenient time.

Thank you, Cheryl Jensen

Sunday, August 07, 2016 AOL: CherylKJensen

In a message dated 7/20/2016 10:35:42 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time, Collis.Adams@des.nh.gov writes:

Ms Jensen –

This is to confirm that DES has received your request for a meeting as well as your letter dated July 12, 2016.

We are working on a formal response to your request and letter and I anticipate having that response to you by week's end.

Regards;

Collis G. Adams, CWS, CPESC
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From: CherylKJensen@aol.com [mailto:CherylKJensen@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, July 15, 2016 11:06 AM
To: Adams, Collis; Mauck, Ridge; Burack, Thomas
Cc: selectman3@bethlehemnh.org; planning@bethlehemnh.org; admin@bethlehemnh.org;
lmooore4055@gmail.com; cfillmore@townandcitylaw.com
Subject: Bethlehem requests a meeting with NH DES regarding Northern Pass

Dear Mr. Adams and Mr. Mauck:

In our signed letter attached the Bethlehem Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Planning Board are requesting a meeting with a representative of NH DES about several matters related to Northern Pass before DES has to submit its final report to the Site Evaluation Committee on August 15.

This is an important matter to the town and we appreciate your attention to our request. It would help to have acknowledgment that this request was received. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Jensen, Co-Chair, Conservation Commission