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Dear Town of Fairfield c/o Alisha Larocque,

Please be advised that there are Class II wetlands within the proposed Guyette Subdivision, St. Pierre Road. This determination is based on a desk review conducted by Brock Freyer.

PRESUMPTION OF SIGNIFICANCE:

The subject wetland complex is identified as a palustrine wetland on the Vermont Significant Wetlands Inventory maps and is therefore designated as a Class II wetland in the Vermont Wetland Rules.

The Secretary has determined based on an evaluation of the functions and values of the subject wetland that it is a significant wetland and is therefore designated as a Class II wetland. At minimum, the subject wetland provides the following functions: water storage, water quality protection, erosion control, fish and wildlife habitat, and open space. Class II wetlands are protected under the Vermont Wetland Rules (VWR). Any activity that is not an Allowed Use designated in §6 of the VWR will require a State Wetland Permit. In addition, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulates discharge of dredge and fill material and mechanized land clearing in wetlands. For detailed information on Corps permits and regulations call (802)872-2893. In addition, your town may have local regulations regarding wetland protection.

DELINEATION:

A wetland delineation for the wetland complex is required given the proximity of the proposed project to the wetland in questions. Wetland delineations follow the Army Corps of Engineers methods (ACOE 1987 Manual and Regional Supplement) and must be performed in the growing season by trained professionals. The following is a list of consultants who are willing to perform wetland delineations in Vermont: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wetlands/what/id/wetland-consultant-list>. Once a delineation is completed, please contact me for further review.

PROJECT:

The following project is proposed: multi-lot subdivision with associated infrastructure. A Vermont Wetland Permit will be required for the proposed wetland and buffer impacts to the wetland complex in question. For tracking purposes, this project has been assigned to wetland project number 2016-411 Guyette Subdivision - Fairfield.

The developer will need to apply for an Individual Wetland Permit. Please have them complete all applicable sections of the Vermont Wetland Permit application form and follow the instructions provided in this link: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wetlands/jurisdictional/permit-info>. An application checklist is provided to help ensure the application is complete upon submittal. Individual Wetland Permits typically take approximately 3-4 months from submittal to issuance. If you would like to learn more about wetlands or the Vermont Wetlands Program, please visit our website at the following link: <http://dec.vermont.gov/watershed/wetlands>.

Regards,

Brock Freyer