



**Planning Board
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RE: **MAS PB 26-01**

Thank you for your June 17, 2026, correspondence and submittals to the excavation application. The Board appreciates your briefings to the Board. The complex nature and regional impact of issues discussed during public hearings, site walks and Board meetings have been challenging, even for Board members who have prior professional experience with land use matters.

I write first to correct a statement in your letter of June 17, 2026, in which he states, “[t]here is no provision in either RSA 155-E nor the Mason Excavation Regulations allowing the Planning Board to condition or deny an excavation permit based on road degradation concerns.” With due respect to Attorney Tierney, the Town is authorized to consider potential damage to town roads that may be caused by the project. Section XII(A) of the Excavation Regulations states, “[o]ff-site improvement for potential damage of Town roads or facilities caused by the transportation of earth materials shall be discussed [prior to grant of approval].”

The Board received the Traffic Study on June 17, 2026, which is necessary for the Board to consider the potential damage to Town roads or facilities caused by the proposed project. Pursuant to RSA 155-E:3, VII and Section XIV(E)(5) of the Excavation Regulations, the Board will engage engineering and legal review of the application materials, including, but not limited to, the Traffic Study, sufficient to permit the Board to make a fully informed decision on the application. The cost of those reviews will be paid by the Applicant prior to approval or disapproval of the Plan.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

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