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(sent only via email)

Re: NHDOT Driveway Permit Application #14656 (GSL Landfill Project)

Dear Commissioner Sheehan and Commissioner Scott:

As the duly elected representatives of the Town of Dalton, the municipality in which the proposed Granite State Landfill development is to be sited in, we write to respectfully request that no determination be made by the New Hampshire Department of Transportation until all necessary local approvals are acquired by the applicant for NHDOT driveway permit application #14656.

In reviewing the GSL letter to Mr. James McMahon, NHDOT District One, dated June 8, 2022, we note that the response to #5 states “GSL does not require any approvals from the Towns of Dalton or Bethlehem for the Project...” However, it is our understanding that the access to the property will be through the Town of Bethlehem, which has zoning and therefore approvals will be required.

It is our understanding that the Town of Bethlehem prohibits landfill activities outside of their District V, according to the zoning ordinance for the Town of Bethlehem. Being that the subject driveway, Douglas Drive, is located within the boundaries of the Town of Bethlehem, more specifically within District III, we feel it would be inappropriate for you to issue any

approvals for the submitted driveway permit application until that issue is resolved between the applicant and the Town of Bethlehem.

Furthermore, we would like to make you aware that the Town of Dalton Planning Board previously denied a “lot line adjustment” application for the proposed GSL Landfill development, based on the assessment that the proposed lot line adjustment was a major subdivision. While the Town of Dalton currently does not have an active zoning ordinance, a subdivision application to the Town of Dalton Planning Board is required, based upon the denial of the lot line adjustment request made by the Town of Dalton Planning Board on April 3, 2019. Thus, the applicant for NHDOT Driveway Permit Application #14656 would still need to obtain local approval by the Town of Dalton Planning Board for a major subdivision within the borders of the Town of Dalton before moving forward with the development of the GSL Landfill project.

We agree with the NHDOT’s initial statement that traffic should take into consideration future activities planned by the property owner, possibly including an industrial park, drag strip and campground with 500 sites. This would have significant impact on traffic throughout the region.

Sincerely,

Select Board, Town of Dalton

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