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Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Ms. Christy Witters  
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation  
Watershed Management Division  
1 National Life Drive  
Montpelier, VT 05620-3522



**RE: Town of St Albans October 1 2016 MS4 Compliance Item (Section IV.C.3.3)**

Attachment 1: Letter from Selectboard regarding expired permits

Dear Christy,

The Town of St Albans is providing the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC) information in accordance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit #3-9014 Subpart IV.C.1 as a part of the Stormwater Management Program (SWMP). This letter and the associated information are the annual progress report toward meeting compliance items under MS4 General Permit (3-9014) and verification for creation of Flow Restoration Plans (FRP) for Stevens Brook and Rugg Brook.

Additionally, the town has been working and will continue working on the following items.

- Use the FRP's for Stevens Brook and Rugg Brook as long term planning and as a basis to work with expired permit holders to implement stormwater best management practices (BMPs) throughout the watersheds in the effort to return Rugg Brook and Stevens Brook to attainment condition.
- Modernize Town Zoning and other regulations towards reducing high stormwater flow.
- Update the Town Plan to fully identify and integrate the influence of stormwater on water quality in Lake Champlain to all sections of the plan.
- Create an ordinance that will ensure proper erosion and sediment control; and control stormwater to reduce high flows equivalent to a 1-year design storm.
- Enact procedures to detect and deter illicit stormwater discharges.
- Continue working with the City of St Albans, Northwest Regional Planning Commission, and others related to stormwater and the MS4 Minimum Control Measures.

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Please find enclosed a CD with digital copies of our FRP's for Rugg Brook and Stevens Brooks.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Edward Connell", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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Cc: Carrie Johnson, Town Manager, St. Albans Town  
Stan Dukas, Selectboard Chair, St. Albans Town

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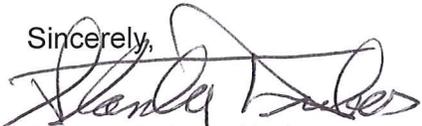
Dear Christy,

We are writing in regard to the request to incorporate State Issued Stormwater Permits into the Town of St. Albans MS4 permit. As previously provided in writing to the Agency of Natural Resources on March 31, 2014, the Town does not request that the State exercise Residual Designation Authority (RDA) on any of the expired permits in Rugg and/or Stevens Brook watersheds at this time. During the summer of 2015, and as documented in a letter to the Agency of Natural Resources on September 28, 2015, the Town performed inspections of each expired permit and determined all sites had generally been built according to the most recent permitted plans, and that some of the sites were in need of routine maintenance.

At this time, the Town is working diligently to contact the homeowners responsible for the expired permits to complete the needed maintenance and discuss the Town's intention of taking over the permits. In many cases this is a difficult and time consuming task given no homeowner associations exist. It remains a possibility that the Town may request RDA assistance from the Agency of Natural Resources, if an agreement for the Town to take over an expired permit cannot be reached.

To allow additional time for the Town to finalize a plan for accepting the expired permits into the MS4, we request that a 12-month extension be granted for the Town to provide a final list of expired permits to incorporate into the MS4. As part of this process, the Town agrees to providing confirmation that needed maintenance has been completed at these sites within the 24-month timeline, as included on the MS4 Incorporation Form you have provided.

Sincerely,



Stanley Dukas, Chair  
Town of St. Albans Selectboard

cc: Carrie H. Johnson, Town Manager  
Ned Connell, Director of Administration