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From: MacNeil, Jami
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 2:37 PM
To: William A Weary
Cc: Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US)
Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] Application of Jeffry Spinney, 126 Golden Ridge Road, Alna

Mr. Weary,

Your additional comments will be added to the Department's record. The DEP has not yet made a decision on the project and will continue to review. We concur with the Army Corps that the Town's decision or the timing thereof bears no relevance to the state or federal review processes for this project.

Thank you,

-Jami MacNeil
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From: Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US) <Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil>
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Mr. Weary:

Mr. Tischbein was present in his capacity as a Planning Board member, not as a Corps of Engineers employee. And because of his residency, he long ago recused himself from processing this application and I became the project manager.

It is my understanding that you and the other audience members should actually consider yourselves fortunate that Mr. Tischbein was present and was inclined to respond to general public inquiries based on his many years of experience with local, state and federal regulatory processes and his abundant knowledge of regulated natural resources. The Town of Alna and its Planning Board are lucky to have him as a resource. It is unclear whether the attending public would have otherwise had their questions answered as thoroughly.

The Corps neither supports nor opposes the proposal by Mr. Spinney at this point and continues to review this project and its potential impact on navigation and natural resources. As to the timing of state and federal decisions relative to the town's, we have no control over that. Each of our agencies will make an independent decision reflective of our regulations.

If you have any other questions, please contact me.

Jay Clement
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US Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Project Office

-----Original Message-----

From: William A Weary [mailto:w.weary@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 12:00 PM
To: Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US) <Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil>; MacNeil, Jami <Jami.MacNeil@maine.gov>
Subject: Re: [Non-DoD Source] Application of Jeffry Spinney, 126 Golden Ridge Road, Alna

Dear Jami and Jay: Thank you for your acknowledgement of my comments on the application of Jeffry Spinney for a shared-use dock and boat ramp on the Sheepscot River (126 Golden Ridge Road, Alna).

1. I am forwarding to you in separate emails photos of the original dock (2007) and of the one that replaced it in 2012 and that, like the first, was crushed and destroyed by the ice, with nothing on site as of 2014. I referenced these photos in my comments and thought the photos themselves might be of use to you.
2. I also ask your guidance with respect to the membership on Alna's Planning Board of Peter Tischbein, an employee of the Army Corps. He started Tuesday evening's meeting saying that he'd passed the application on to a colleague and, then, instead of leaving or remaining silent, led the discussion of the application, giving the clear impression of his support for the application. One member of the audience even asked him whether he was prejudging the application.
3. In the course of the discussion all of us learned with some surprise that Mr. Spinney has not filed an application with the town Planning Board. Members of the Planning Board indicated that discussion -- after submission -- and final resolution could take many months. Your decision is expected November 15 and statutorily required by January 7. A cynic might say that the Planning Board will await your decision and agree. I prefer to think that professionals will examine the question and decide on best course of action.
4. My comments and those of the others opposing the application -- as presented -- would have no difficulty agreeing to a proposal for a small dock (like that in 2007) for personal use, for high-tide access by canoes and kayaks, and without boat launch.

Thank you for your help in these complicated issues.

Sincerely,

William A. Weary

On Tue, Oct 8, 2019 at 7:53 AM Clement, Jay L CIV USARMY CENAE (US) <Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil
<mailto:Jay.L.Clement@usace.army.mil> > wrote:

Mr. Weary:

Thank you for your comments concerning the application of Jeff Spinney to construct and maintain a pier, ramp & float and reinforce an informal boat launch in the Sheepscot River at Alna, Maine.

We will forward your comments to the applicant who may contact you directly in an effort to resolve your concerns. We have made your comments part of the official file and they will be considered, along with all other comments received, in determining what permit action is in the public interest.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 207-623-8367 at our Augusta, Maine Project Office.

Sincerely,

Jay L. Clement
Senior Project Manager
US Army Corps of Engineers
Maine Project Office

-----Original Message-----

From: William A Weary [mailto:w.weary@gmail.com <mailto:w.weary@gmail.com>]
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Jami, attached is my comment on Jeff's application, with a copy to Jay. Thank you for your assistance in this project. I hope my comments may be helpful.

With best wishes -- Bill

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William A. Weary

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