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Richard Gay, Zoning Administrator
Halifax Town Office
PO Box 127
West Halifax, VT 05358

**Re: C.A. Denison Lumber Co., Inc.
Application for Zoning Permit Conditional Use**

Dear Mr. Gay:

This office represents C.A. Denison Lumber Co., Inc. in connection with a proposed stone extraction project located off of Jacksonville Stage Road in Halifax. We are writing regarding the Conditional Use Permit Application that is required for that project.

The proposed project will involve the removal of large blocks of stone from Denison's property. The stone will then be transported to Shelburne Falls, Massachusetts for processing into various building materials. The stone blocks will be removed by splitting the rock formation along natural seams in the rock. Some drilling and or sawing of the rock will be required in order to remove the blocks. Blasting is not required or proposed and no onsite processing, screening, or crushing of material is proposed.

The operation of the proposed project will not cause an unreasonable burden on an existing water supply nor will it have an adverse impact on the quality or quantity of neighboring water supplies. A state wastewater permit and potable water supply permit have been obtained for the use of an onsite portable toilet and the proposed stormwater management system has been designed to meet applicable state standards including the construction and maintenance of conveyance swales, sediment forebays and stormwater management ponds. In addition, there will be no onsite bulk storage of gasoline, motor oil, etc.

Wetlands within and adjacent to the proposed project area are shown on the site plans. The site itself was selected to avoid impacts on certain Class III wetlands. However, there will be minor impacts to two Class III wetlands as a result of the use of the proposed access road.

The operation of the proposed project will not cause unreasonable soil erosion and it will not result in a reduction in the capacity of the land to hold water during and after the operation. Pre-construction, construction, and post-construction stabilization plans have been combined and included in the site plans. Measures concerning erosion control include maintaining existing vegetation to the extent practicable, diverting surface flow from exposed soils, installing silt fencing, flagging and avoiding resource areas. These erosion control measures will be inspected weekly by an onsite coordinator designated by the project operator.

Traffic associated with the proposed project will not cause unreasonable congestion, unsafe conditions or excessive use of existing highways and bridges. Traffic will be limited to the trucks that will transport stone, employee vehicles and occasional vehicles transporting equipment. The number of trucks using the road has been limited to two per day and the number of employees working at the site on a given day will be up to four.

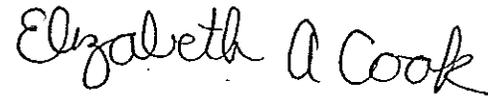
Furthermore, traffic to and from the proposed project area will be limited by the hours and days of operation and the length of the operating season. The proposed project will be in general operation Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM, excluding State and Federal holidays and the operating season will start not earlier than April 1 and conclude not later than November 30.

The proposed restoration plan is included with the overall site plans. The project does not involve the removal of any soil overburden from the site. As such, all of the soil presently located at the site will be available to use for site reclamation. In addition, organic matter, such as stumps which will decay over time, will be stored at the site and used in reclamation. The stumps also be used to limit the presence of exposed rock outcroppings as they will be utilized as initial cover on some of the benches and then this initial cover will be covered, in turn, with overburden soil.

It is anticipated that the site will naturally re-vegetate following completion of the propose extraction activity. To the extent that all of the materials necessary for reclamation on site, and to the extent that reclamation will progress as the extraction limits are reached in a particular area, reclamation costs will be limited to equipment time. To insure that necessary funds are available to complete the site restoration work, an escrow of \$1,000 per year until the fund reaches \$10,000 is proposed for the project.

I have also included a completed Town of Halifax Application for Zoning Permit - Conditional Use Application and processing fee with this letter. Please consider this an application for site plan review and any other review required under the zoning regulations. Please call with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth A. Cook".

Elizabeth A. Cook, Esq.

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Enclosures

cc: Client (without enclosures)