

Bristol Town Administrator

From: Medash, Kyle <Kyle.Medash@vermont.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2022 11:31 AM
To: Borg, Jaron; mperlee@langrock.com
Subject: RE: Town of Bristol

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for checking in with us on this potential project. I believe the area you are talking about is within the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and regulatory Floodway. Any work conducted in SFHA/Floodway would need to be reviewed for compliance and permitted in accordance with the [Town of Bristol's Unified Development Regulations](#), Article VIII. In general, any changes to the stream channel would need to demonstrate that it does not affect base flood water levels, obstruct flood flows, affect the water-carrying capacity of the regulatory floodway or channel, or increase off site flood damage-potential. Happy to talk about your proposal further or attend a site visit to discuss, please let me know.

Respectfully,



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Michelle,

Thank you for reaching out. I must first note that removal of instream material for the express purpose of sale or for construction, apart from 50 yd³ for the abutting property, is not a permissible activity under the Vermont Stream Alteration Rule. However, removal of instream material for the protection of improved, i.e. habitable and commercial structure is allowable provided it is consistent with the Vermont Equilibrium Standards. To do such a removal, in the context of your question, it would need to be readily apparent or demonstrated that removal of instream material would reduce threats to the adjacent infrastructure. Beyond the requirements from Stream Alteration the town would also need to assure that the work conducted aligns with the towns requirements for their National Flood Insurance Policy. I would be glad to have a look at the site with you and other representatives from the town to have an initial look at the area of concern and have copied in the Regional Floodplain Manager for your region so they may also attend. Please feel free to follow up with any questions you may have or we can schedule a phone call to do such.

Sincerely,

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Jaron:

I am a Selectboard Member with the Town of Bristol. We are curious as to what it would require or how we would go about getting permission to mine the gravel in the river by the north twin bridge (all the gravel that has been brought down the river by all the storms and settles there).

It has never been mined and over the years has changed the direction of the river from the bridge down. It has changed it enough that it is now starting to undermine and cause damage to the river's edge along some of the real estate that people have along there.

I know that East Middlebury has a River Management Plan or are working on one to do the same thing in the East Middlebury River. Is this something we can discuss so that we can mine this gravel etc. that has deposited here after the storms we have had over the years?

Any insight and direction you can provide me would be greatly appreciated. If there is someone else we need to talk to, can you please provide me with their contact. Thank you.

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