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Massachusetts Department of Transportation
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AA-1138 Weweantic River, Route 6 Bridges, Marion/Wareham

Dear Mr. Cordeiro:

In response to your letter dated November 20, 2023, regarding Coast Guard bridge permitting on the Weweantic River between Marion and Wareham, we have determined that reach of the Weweantic River through the Route 6 Bridge site meets the Coast Guard's requirements for Advance Approval designation under 33 CFR 115.70. Therefore, a Coast Guard bridge permit is not required for the subject project. Advance approval is based upon the current use of the waterway and may not apply to future projects in the event navigation on the waterway changes. For advance approval waterways, the clearances provided for high water stages are considered adequate to meet the needs of current navigation.

Although this project will not require a bridge permit, we do require certain information to ensure we have accurate records for all bridges across this waterway. Please submit photographs and as-built drawings of both plan and elevation views of the bridge upon completion of the project. Plans should be in the standard 8 ½ x 11 inch format (pdf's are acceptable). The drawings, along with the enclosed Completion Report Form, must indicate the vertical clearance from ordinary high water to the lowest portion of the bridge and horizontal clearance, pier face to pier face, or bank to bank, in the main navigation span.

The requirement to display navigational lighting is hereby waived, as per Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 118.40(b). This waiver may be rescinded at any time in the future should nighttime navigation through the proposed bridge be increased to a level determined by the District Commander to warrant lighting.

Please note this decision relates only to Coast Guard bridge permitting and does not relieve the applicant of the responsibility to comply with any other applicable federal, state, or local laws and regulations that may apply to this project.

I recommend you contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New England District to determine whether they have permitting requirements on the waterway. If you have any questions, please contact Jeffrey Stieb at the number above.

Sincerely,

D.A. Fisher
Bridge Program Manager
First Coast Guard District
By Direction

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Encl: Completion Report Form