

MEMO: Hardwick Select Board, David Upson & Mike Henry

FROM: Tonia Chase

Date: July 10, 2025

Subject: Liquor, Tobacco & Tobacco Substitute Endorsement License Request

Hello Everyone:

Tonight you have the following permits for consideration.

First Class license for:

Second Class Licenses for:

Agri-Mark, Inc. d/b/a Agri-Mark/Yellow Barn

Third Class Licenses for:

Outside Consumption Permit for:

Tobacco License:

Tobacco Substitute Endorsement:

This application is a renewal and has no infractions.

Town of Hardwick

Date: July 3, 2025

To: Hardwick Select Board

From: MPG Steering Committee – Andrea Phelps, Resident; Katt Tolman, Center for An Agricultural Economy; and Kristen Leahy, Town of Hardwick.

Subject: Consultant Selection for Granite Street Historic District Flood Resiliency Plan

Background

The Town of Hardwick issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) in June 2025 seeking a qualified consultant to support the development of the Granite Street Historic District Flood Resiliency Plan. Two submissions were received: **SLR International Corporation** and **Marstel-Day, LLC** (with Vermont River Conservancy, Vermont State University, and University of Vermont as subconsultants).

Per the RFQ, submissions were evaluated based on:

1. Consultant Qualifications – 85%
2. Quality, Completeness, and Clarity of Submission – 15%

Evaluation Summary

Evaluation Criteria	Weight	SLR International	Marstel-Day Team
Consultant Qualifications	85 pts	85/79 - 82	73/61 - 67
Quality and Clarity of Submission	15 pts	15/11 - 13	13/13 - 13
Total Score	100 pts	100/90 - 95	86/74 - 80

Recommendation

The Selection Committee recommends moving forward with **SLR International Corporation** based on the following factors:

- **Technical Continuity:** SLR is already conducting hydraulic modeling for the Lamoille River and Cooper Brook. Selecting SLR ensures seamless integration of these efforts into the Granite Street Historic District project without duplication or delays.
- **Regional and Project-Specific Experience:** SLR has significant experience with flood mitigation in the Lamoille River watershed and Vermont, including work in Jeffersonville, Johnson & Wolcott.
- **Local Familiarity and Capacity:** Based in Waterbury, Vermont, SLR staff are familiar with Hardwick’s context and are available to begin work immediately.
- **Alignment with Town-Led Engagement:** As the Town is managing the community engagement components of this plan, SLR’s technical expertise provides a complementary role without overlap.

Although the Marstel-Day team offered strong qualifications, particularly in planning and engagement, those strengths are largely covered by the Town and its partners. SLR’s direct engineering capacity and familiarity with the watershed provide the best value and continuity for this project.

Recommended Motion:

Motion to authorize the Town Manager to enter into contract negotiations with SLR International Corporation for professional services related to the Granite Street Historic District Flood Resiliency Plan.