

**NOTES from DFLD CONS COMM (DCC) FIELD INSPECTION SPECIAL MEETING on 7 MAY 2018,
4-5 PM RE: Dfld Planning Bd (DPB) EverSource Conditional Use Permits (CUP) 27 Sep 2017**

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ATTENDING: for DCC Kate Hartnett, Haley Andreozzi, & Erick Berglund; for DPB Dave Doran; volunteer Jim Page; abutter Bill Duchano

BACKGROUND: The site visit was arranged by DCC after reports of numerous issues summarized in the attached DCC memo of 20 Dec 2017, prior to Eversource returning for another CUP. They are scheduled to attend DCC on 14 May and DPB on 23 May 2018.

CONDITIONS OBSERVED AT STRUCTURE 3 OFF CATE ROAD can be summarized as practices and BMPs for EROSION CONTROL were apparently "TOO LITTLE, TOO LATE:" It appears that rather than using screw anchors to tie stay cables and to minimize site disturbance in the wetland, contractors dug trenches and installed dead men weights to stabilize the pole anchors. As a result, on 7 May 2018, we observed:

- (1) Apparent over matting and crushing of vegetation around Structure 3.
- (2) Wetland terrain overly disturbed and altered by the digging.
- (3) Silt sox & some straw placed at the base of the support cables, after complaint documenting erosion and siltation, sometime between 14 Dec 2017 and 15 Feb 2018 inspections by Keach Nordstrom (KNA) for DPB.
- (4) Extensive areas of spoil and fines eroding into the stream adjacent to the work area, outside the silt sox and straw.
- (5) Ineffective remnants of old woven mesh silt fence along the access road before the stream crossing. One water bar was in place.

RECOMMENDATIONS: We Deerfield volunteers jointly respectfully suggest:

(1) PROVIDE A WRITTEN PLAN: Prior to approval of any future CUP, Eversource provide to DPB, DCC, and abutters a clear written process with specified chain of responsibility to ensure:

- a) Equipment is specified and work scheduled, and adjusted, to minimize wetland and wildlife impact.
- b) Environmental monitors for wetland and wildlife protection are on site based on temperature, weather, and ground conditions, not just calendar dates, with authority to stop work immediately if needed. Provide a written report after work is completed.
- c) Invasives are identified prior to any work commencing, and all work is conducted using practices to ensure no spread (per stated Eversource policy).
- d) Any old flagging is removed, and fresh flagging clearly delineating wetland areas is maintained throughout the project.
- e) BMPs and Storm Water control plans as specified are placed before any work commences, and effectiveness is maintained throughout the project activities.
- f) The access routes selected minimize wetland impact from unnecessary matting.
- g) Contractors are oriented and supervised by identified and qualified Eversource staff.
- h) Restoration is completed and documented immediately after work is completed, and inspected to be sure it is functioning as seasons and weather change.
- i) Traffic management and equipment parking do not impede Town roads.

(2) INSPECTION: KNA inspect and report to DPB & DCC, before, during and after field work, documenting compliance with the written plan.

(3) OUTREACH: DPB, DCC, and abutters be informed by email of work schedule, and status, before, during and after the project.

(4) ESCROW AND BOND: Amount determined by DPB and posted before work begins.

COMMENT ON TIGHE & BOND CUP Application of 4 April 2018 for DCC on 14 May and DPB on 23 May 2018:

Ironically based on the field report above, **NO** Best Management Practices are included in the application.

Also, there is no site specific plan detail provided, but rather a collection of typical designs that do not specify structure and construction techniques to minimize environmental impact by addressing site conditions.

In general, the application is generic, and does not address any of the issues identified above.

NEXT STEPS: Notes were finalized and approved at 14 May 2018 DCC meeting, and emailed to:

Eversource Matt Cardin
DPB members and Planner Sylvia Von Aulock
DCC members
KNA Keach & Quirk
NHDES Dave Price
Dfld Volunteers Jim Page, Bilodeaus, & Bill Duchano