

DEERFIELD PLANNING BOARD
DEERFIELD, NEW HAMPSHIRE
JUNE 13, 2018

MINUTES OF MEETING

PRESENT: Board members Kate Hartnett, David Doran, Gregory Mitchell. Also present Cameron Prolman, SNHPC, for Sylvia von Aulock and secretary Jane Boucher.

7PM Vice Chair Kate Hartnett called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MANIFEST

David Doran moved and Gregory Mitchell seconded to approve the manifest. (Time Sheet for Jane Boucher 23 1/2 hours) Voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kate Hartnett noted that she was not able to attend the site visit on Ritchie Road on June 10. David Doran said that he and Peter Schibbelhute were there with several abutters who voiced concern regarding traffic and noise. The application for a Site Plan will be continued on June 27 and abutters present at the visit were told they could attend and offer comments.

Ms. Hartnett also commented on Cate Road asking if anyone had an opportunity to drive by. She noted that it appeared to be several vehicles parked on the property. David Doran said that Code Enforcement Officer Richard Pelletier has addressed the issue and any further action needs to be enforced by him.

HAZARD MITIGATION UPDATE

Cameron Prolman provided a memo regarding the update stating that "The SNHPC has been facilitating Deerfield's Hazard Mitigation Plan Update with the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee. Over the past several months the Committee has held three meetings, during which they evaluated the 2013 Plan, reviewed potential natural and man-made hazards, and evaluated completed, ongoing and newly proposed hazard mitigation strategies. SNHPC is finalized the Hazard Mitigation Plan, creating new maps, and incorporating pertinent data obtained over the past five years. The Planning Board is welcome to provide comments and/or suggestions to the newly proposed mitigation strategies."

Mr. Prolman said that this is fairly straightforward process, following steps recommended by Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He provided a draft of the plan noting that he is still developing maps and working with the Fire Captain to review fire data for the past five years. He referred to page 69 of the draft noting "Summary of New Strategies".

Kate Hartnett questioned who serves on the committee. Mr. Prolman replied that the committee members are Kevin Barry, Denise Greig, John Harrington, Gary Duquette, Richard Pelletier, Mark Young, John Dubiansky and Ray Ellis.

Mr. Prolman said the committee has reviewed potential hazard instances and assess what type of damage and mitigation action can address those type of hazards.

Kate Hartnett referred to "Hazard Identification" and questioned if that was standard. Mr. Prolman replied it is through FEMA.

Mr. Prolman advised that some information is still coming in and as far as mitigation action, the committee may come up with more.

Kate Hartnett advised that there was an assessment done as part of preparation of the Master Plan around areas that exist for fire danger. She suggested that the committee may want to take a look at that analysis.

Mr. Prolman said that they hope to finalize the plan and send it to the State for initial approval in July. After approval from the State it will go to the Board of Selectmen for their approval.

Cameron Prolman asked if anyone has any pictures that illustrate a natural event they would be happy to include them. Kate Hartnett said that John Reagan did an article on the mothers day floods and she will e-mail a copy to Mr. Prolman.

7:45 CONTINUATION/PUBLIC HEARING;CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/PSNH
DBA EVERSOURCE ENERGY/NORTH OF MOUNTAIN ROAD/SOUTHWEST OF
NOTTINGHAM ROAD

Present representing Eversource: Matthew Cardin, Daniel Rukakoski, Ryan Fredette, Matthew Flanders.

Kate Hartnett read a memo from Cameron Prolman "At their May 23 meeting the Planning Board requested Eversource provide additional information. some of the concerns included: a. More specific detail needed for the work around wetlands and the types of best management practices proposed to ensure work does not negatively impact the wetlands. b. More specific information on the access road, answering the question whose property is it on exactly.

Daniel Rukakoski provided revised plans noting the plans have been blown up to 40 scale. A copy of Mr. Rukakoski's letter outlining specific revisions is attached to these minutes. He referred to maps submitted while outlining specific revisions.

It was noted that the Temporary Traffic Control plan was shown on Sheets 1 and 2.

Kate Hartnett referred to the minutes of May 23.

David Doran asked who would be doing work on the sites. Mr. Fredette replied that Par Electric will be doing line work on Mountain Road, Blue Rock for civil contract. On Nottingham Road Michaels will be doing line work and they do not yet know who will have the civil contract.

Kate Hartnett referred to the discussion on type of anchoring on Nottingham Road. Mr. Cardin said anchor detail shows both concrete blocking and screw anchors. He noted that they are fairly confident that block anchors will be used to avoid any wetland effects.

Ms. Hartnett said that she had notes on public outreach and notification. Matthew Flanders spoke noting that staff will be speaking with Towns and also property owners will be notified by mail. If access is necessary, they will contact owners and work with them ahead of construction. A letter will be sent explaining the project prior to the civil crew arriving. Contact information including a phone number for Eversource is also made available. He advised that he is one of six staff that monitors e-mails and phone calls.

Kate Hartnett questioned the abutter list and if all abutters were notified. After review Mr. Cardin said that all abutters both on Nottingham Road and Mountain Road were listed.

Kate Hartnett referred to the letter from Eversource dated May 23 and agreed that all recommendations have been addressed and shown on new plans.

A memo sent by The Conservation Commission regarding Wildlife monitoring requirements was discussed. A copy is attached to these minutes.

Matthew Cardin said that there will be a morning sweep prior to construction on the site. This will be done by a trained, qualified individual.

Ryan Fredette advised that work will begin in July on Mountain Road and in October on Nottingham Road.

David Doran moved and Gregory Mitchell seconded to grant a Conditional Use Permit to Eversource for maintenance on Lines 373 and 391 including the replacement of two structures (178 and 185) with the following conditions
 , \$10,000 Bond in place

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. \$3,000 Placed in escrow for Engineering Services

Voted in favor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kate Hartnett advised of a letter received from an abutter to Van Berkum Nursery questioning work being done on the site and why , as an abutter, he was never notified. Board members present had no recollection of meeting with Mr. Van Berkum. Ms. Hartnett will respond to the abutter and include a copy of DCC minutes reflecting a meeting with Mr. Van Berkum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM

Recorded and transcribed by Jane Boucher
Pending Approval by the Planning Board

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June 13, 2018

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Engineers | Environmental Specialists

Deerfield Planning Board
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Re: **Conditional Use Permit Application for Utility Maintenance**
Eversource Energy Line 373 and 391 Structure Replacement Project

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the Applicant, Public Service Company of New Hampshire dba Eversource Energy (Eversource), Tighe & Bond is submitting updated plans associated with the proposed replacement of two overhead utility structures on Eversource Lines 373 and 391 in Deerfield. The updated plans have been developed to address Planning Board requests and comments made at their public hearing on May 23, 2018. Specifically, the following revisions have been made:

- Plans have been revised to 1:40 scale
- Topography at 2' contours has been added
- The ROW boundary on the east side of the ROW off Mountain Road was surveyed in the field on June 1, 2018, and the actual ROW boundary is depicted on the updated plans
- Proposed locations of erosion and sedimentation controls have been added
- Proposed locations of construction tracking pads have been added
- Detail sheets have been added
- The locations of proposed anchors at Structure 178 have been added. (Note, anchors locations have been moved 10 feet closer to the structure to avoid wetland impact)
- The locations of identified invasive species have been added
- A separate sheet (Sheet 1A) depicts the location of an off-site stand of Phragmites off Mountain Road to the west of the ROW corridor
- Temporary Traffic Control Plans (TTCPs) have been developed for equipment access and material/equipment off-loading at both Mountain Road and Nottingham Road

We trust these materials will aid in the Board to issue a Conditional Use Permit for the proposed structure maintenance project.

Very truly yours,

TIGHE & BOND, INC.



Daniel P. Rukakoski, CWS, PWS, PSS
Vice President

Copy: Matt Cardin, Eversource Energy
Ryan Fredette, Eversource Energy





DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Deerfield, New Hampshire 03037

DATE: June 13, 2018

TO: Deerfield Planning Board (DPB)

RE: Wildlife monitoring requirement in pending Eversource Conditional Use Permit

Deerfield Conservation Commission (DCC) members respectfully recommend that the following requirements be included in the pending Conditional Use Permit (CUP), if issued. DCC bases these comments on issue B addressed in the 23 May 2018 Eversource addendum response to DCC recommendations (page 2) on environmental monitoring for wetland and wildlife protection, along with the 11 Jun 2018 Site Visit Summary memo prepared by Eversource Environmental Permitting Coordinator Matthew Cardin.

At least two species listed in the NH Natural Heritage Bureau as "Rare threatened or Endangered" are documented in the vicinity of the proposed work. So effective monitoring is essential.

REQUESTED MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:

- (1) Daily sweeps of the work area be done by a trained and certified wildlife monitor.
- (2) Contractors and Eversource staff will be oriented by the monitor on how and where to watch for wildlife.
- (3) Daily tailboard discussion will include updates on any wildlife observations or signs. Suggestions by Eversource staff on how to improve practices for wildlife protection will be encouraged.
- (4) Following Eversource practice referenced in 23 May letter, if any turtle or snake species are found, work will cease until the species is safely and properly relocated to a similar area in the vicinity. If the species is Protected, NH Fish and Game will be contacted for further direction, per referenced Eversource practice.
- (5) Weekly reports will be provided to DCC, DPB, and Town Engineer Keach Nordstrom Assoc.(KNA)
- (6) A summary report will be provided at the end of project to DCC, DPB, and KNA.

DCC is aware of the annual training for turtle protection (and other at-risk species) in Massachusetts. That training involves contractors involved with construction, maintenance, and vegetative management and clearance. While not required by regulation in New Hampshire, DCC encourages Eversource to implement that program here, in cooperation with the NH Fish & Game Non-Game Program experts and other certified wildlife monitors.

DCC recognizes that no specific list of required practices alone can result in effective wildlife protection. Therefore, we encourage the adoption of an expectation of stewardship of natural resources by all Eversource staff and contractors. If successful, such a standard will result in more effective outcomes than just following some rules when necessary.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Serita Frey
Chair, Deerfield Conservation Commission