

TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA
May 4, 2015
7:00 P.M.

The Town Council meeting will be held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry, NH. Regular meetings are cablecast live and videotaped for the convenience of our viewers at home. 7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1.) National Police Week Presentation
Presented by Chief Bill Hart

C. PUBLIC HEARING

- 1.) **Ordinance #2015-03** – An Amendment to the Municipal Code, Title IV, Chapter V, Solid Waste Recycling

D. OLD BUSINESS

E. NEW BUSINESS

- 2.) **Order #2015-13** – Expenditure of Maintenance Trust Funds for Various Projects
Presented by Kevin Smith

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of April 20, 2015 Town Council Minutes

G. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Liaison Reports
2. Town Manager Report
3. Board/Committee Appointments/Reappointment

H. ADJOURNMENT

I. MEETING SCHEDULE

- A. Town Council Meeting – **05/18/15** Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- B. Town Council Meeting – **06/01/15** Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- C. Town Council Meeting – **06/15/15** Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM
- D. Town Council Meeting – **07/20/15** Moose Hill Council Chambers, 7:00PM

Introduced: 04/20/2015
Second Read/Public Hearing:05/04/2015
Adopted:05/04/2015

ORDINANCE 2015-03
AN AMENDMENT TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE,
TITLE IV, CHAPTER V, SOLID WASTE RECYCLING

WHEREAS the Londonderry Town Council authorized the signing of a new solid waste collection contract which encourages recycling, better manages the waste stream, and saves tax dollars; and,

WHEREAS some residents may have extenuating circumstances which require obtaining additional capacity to dispose of their solid waste; and,

WHEREAS the added cost of granting additional capacity should be borne by the users generating said additional capacity rather than through the general property tax; and,

WHEREAS RSA 41:9-a requires that a public hearing be held prior to changes to the addition of fees in the system;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Municipal Code of the Town of Londonderry, Title IV – Public Health, Safety and Welfare, Chapter V, Streets and Sanitation – Solid Waste/Recycling, is hereby amended by adding fees for collection, handling, and recycling of limited quantities of mercury containing light bulbs originating from small business facilities located in the Town of Londonderry.

John Farrell - Chairman
Town Council

Sherry Farrell
Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:05/04/2015

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING

SECTION I STREET MAP, OFFICIAL STREET SIGNS

- A. The Town Council shall have the authority to adopt and enforce the design criteria and construction specifications and regulate Town streets and highways.
- B. The Town Council shall post in their office a list of official streets and traffic control signs and devices which may be amended by them in conformance with RSA 49.

SECTION II SIDEWALKS AND SEWERS

- A. The Town has adopted by reference RSA 252 entitled "Sidewalks and Sewers" and any amendment thereto, so that the provisions of this Ordinance and any amendments thereto may be in force in the Town. (Article 17 TM 1963).

SECTION III TRANSPORTATION OF RUBBISH

- A. To prevent littering of roadways in order to retain the scenic beauty of the Town, the following regulations shall be in effect:
 - 1. Rubbish of any kind being carried in open vehicles over public roads in the Town shall be completely covered by canvas or other suitable material to prevent spillage on or near the highways and rights-of-way.
 - 2. Failure to abide by this Ordinance may subject the operator and/or owner of the vehicle to be liable to the Town for any damage done by the spillage. The operator and/or owner of the vehicle will also be liable for clean up of any spillage that occurs. Damages to be incurred are as follows:
 - Failure to clean up spilled or blown matter \$50 each instance.
 - Failure to settle property damage claims by the Town or residents -\$100 in addition to the property damage claim for each instance.

SECTION IV TRANSFER STATION

- A. To provide for the orderly, sanitary and reasonable provisions for the disposal of yard waste, construction and demolition debris and recyclable materials in the Town of Londonderry, the Collection/Storage/Transfer Station, known as the Londonderry Drop Off Center, located on Dan Hill Road shall accept only those materials as listed by the Solid Waste Department.

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (Cont'd.)

SECTION IV TRANSFER STATION (Cont'd.)

B. Definitions as used in this section:

1. “Acceptable Yard Waste, Brush, and Stumps” shall mean yard waste such as, leaves, grass clippings and plant debris, brush such as tree limbs, branches and logs not to exceed 6" in diameter, and stumps such as tree roots along with tree trunks.
2. “Construction and Demolition Debris” means non-putrescible waste building materials and rubble which is solid waste resulting from the construction, demolition, remodeling or repair of structures.
3. “Solid Waste” shall mean solid waste as defined by RSA 149-M:4 22, any matter consisting of putrescible material, refuse or residue and other discarded and abandoned material. It does not include hazardous materials.
4. “Recyclable Materials” shall mean materials that can be used to produce marketable goods, including but not limited to compost, scrap metal, televisions, textiles, corrugated cardboard, and tires from motor vehicles.
5. “Refuse” shall mean any putrescible waste product which is composed wholly or partly of such materials as garbage, swill, sweepings, trash, rubbish, litter, all combustible rubbish, ashes and ordinary commercial wastes. Recyclable materials, construction and demolition debris, stumps, brush and yard waste are not included as refuse.
6. “Septage and Sludge” shall mean solid or semi-solid material produced by wastewater treatment processes, including sludge which is disposed at solid waste facilities permitted by the department of environmental services.
7. “Infectious Waste” shall mean any waste which because of its infectious nature may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible illness.
8. “Solid Waste Operator”, the person designated by the Town to direct the operation and placement of materials at the Drop Off Center.

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SECTION IV TRANSFER STATION (Cont'd.)

C. Acceptable Waste

1. Acceptable brush, stumps and yard waste as defined in section B, generated by residential development, will be allowed at this site.
2. Construction and Demolition Debris, as defined in section B, will be accepted generated from the addition to or remodeling of existing individual residential homes, it does not include commercial waste.
3. Recyclable Materials, as defined in section B, generated by residents of the Town, it does not include commercial wastes.

D. Unacceptable Waste:

1. Refuse, as defined in section B.
2. Explosive materials or other materials readily susceptible to self-combustion
3. Septage and sludge, as defined in section B.
4. Infectious Waste, as defined in Section B

E Operating Plan for Disposal Area - this facility is to be operated for the sole use of citizens of the Town to dispose of brush, stumps, and yard waste, construction and demolition debris, and recyclable materials as outlined above.

F. Operating Procedure

1. When the facility is opened, the Solid Waste Operator, will direct operation and placement of materials. At all other times, the facility shall be secured to deny entrance by unauthorized persons.
2. Residents will take direction from the Operator of the facility.

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (Cont'd.)

SECTION IV TRANSFER STATION (Cont'd.)

- F. Operating Procedure (Cont'd.)
 - 3. All logs less than six inches (6") in diameter along with brush will be removed from site to an approved facility.
 - 4. Stumps and other logs greater than six inches (6") will not be accepted.
 - 5. Materials shall be dumped only during hours which the Drop Off Center is open.

- G. Special Permit Use - The Town Council may, at their discretion, authorize use of this property at other than specified days, if the public good shall be served.

- H. Days of Operation - Saturday only (in season)

- I. Hours of Operation - 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

- J. Authorization Request - Any person, firm corporation or entity, i.e. "Contractor", who does not qualify as a resident of the Town may be issued an "Authorization Request Permit" subject to the following provisions and requirements:
 - 1. The person listed on the Authorization Request shall own, rent or lease real estate situated within the Town.
 - 2. The Contractor is providing the service for the person listed on the Authorization Request.
 - 3. Such permit is conditional and may be revoked by order of the Town Council for any reason they may deem sufficient.
 - 4. Only materials originating within the Town shall be dumped or deposited at the facility. The transition from a useful material to an Acceptable Waste must occur within the Town.

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (Cont'd.)

SECTION IV TRANSFER STATION (Cont'd.)

K. Permits

1. Any resident of the Town, upon presentation of proper identification shall be allowed use of this facility.
2. No commercial use of this facility shall be allowed with the exception of a limited quantity of fluorescent (mercury containing) light bulbs originating from small business establishments located in the Town of Londonderry. A maximum of 10 fluorescent (mercury containing) light bulbs will be allowed from each business establishment each day the facility is open. Each business establishment shall provide appropriate documentation indicating the location where the fluorescent (mercury containing) light bulbs were used.
3. A Contractor has admission to the facility if they conspicuously display their Authorization Request on their person or motor vehicle upon entering the area, or who produce such permit upon request by any officer of the town or any designated agent of the Town.

L. Fees: DROP OFF CENTER FEE SCHEDULE FY 2015/16

Scrap Metal (max. load 8ft.bed pickup).....	\$5.00 per load
Construction/Demolition Debris (Per Cubic Yd.)	24.00
55 Gallon Barrel (ea.)	7.00
Small Load (6 ft. bed pickup) (ea.).....	36.00
Large Load (8 ft. bed pickup) (ea.).....	48.00
Furniture and Carpet- Small Item (ex: chair, table, twin mattress or box spring) (ea.).....	7.00
Large Item (ex: sofa, dining table, full mattress or box spring) (ea.) ...	14.00
Carpet (per cubic yard)	24.00
Tires - With Rim (ea.).....	3.00
Without Rim (ea.)	2.00
Electronics - (all other electronic items) (ea.).....	7.00
Large Item (commercial sized fax machines, copiers, and TV's or monitors Greater than 20") (ea.)	14.00
Computer Items (mice, keyboards, wiring, cell phones)	No Charge
Propane Tanks – 20 lbs. (ea.).....	4.00
Greater than 20 lbs. (ea.)	10.00
Less than 20 lbs. (ea.).....	No Charge
Town of Londonderry Small Business Establishment– Mercury Containing Bulbs	
Fluorescent Tubes (per linear foot.).....	0.25
Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (ea.).....	0.50

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (Cont'd.)

SECTION V PRIVATE DUMPS

- A. No private dump or junk yard as defined by Statute or the provisions in this Ordinance, whichever is more restrictive, shall be maintained within the Town except by license issued by the Town Council, after a public hearing at which time, good cause and sufficient reasons shall be shown justifying, in the opinion of the Town Council, the issuance of such license.

SECTION VI COMMERCIAL HAULERS

- 1. Any individual, corporations, partnerships or entity which hauls, removes and disposes of rubbish, refuse, garbage or waste commercially shall be regulated by the following provisions:
 - 1. An application shall be filed with the Department of Public Works in a manner prescribed by the Town Council
 - 2. A permit shall be issued, revocable for any cause that the Department of Public Works may deem just and proper.
 - 3. A permit fee shall be paid for each truck that is employed by the commercial hauler. The rate will be adjusted and adopted by the Town Council.
 - 4. All commercial haulers shall file their routes with the Police Department before their permits shall be issued.

SECTION VII LICENSES AND PERMITS

- A. All licenses and permits shall expire at midnight April 30, annually. Applications for renewal licenses and permits may be made between April 1 and April 30.

SECTION VIII COLLECTION, REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

- A. The Town Council is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enact ordinances concerning the supervision and regulation of the collection, transportation, delivery and disposition of all or part of any solid waste generated within the Town so that the same is delivered to a designated resource recovery facility or such other facility as may be designated by the Town for processing or

CHAPTER V - STREETS AND SANITATION - SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING (Cont'd.)

SECTION VIII COLLECTION, REMOVAL OR DISPOSAL OF REFUSE (Cont'd.)

for processing or for other disposition or handling.

- B. The Town Council is hereby directed to appoint a Solid Waste Advisory Committee to assist the Council on municipal solid waste issues and to establish and maintain a municipal recycling program.
- C. From the time of placement of any recyclables at the curb of any residence, ownership of such materials shall thereafter vest in the Town of Londonderry.
- D. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, firms or corporations to collect, remove or dispose of recyclables which are the property of the town.
- E. Each such collection, removal or disposal in violation hereof from one or more residences shall constitute a separate and different offense.
- F. Residents may request overflow bags, additional waste container(s) and/or request a different container size, beyond the one container provided by the Town, upon payment of the following fee(s):

Overflow Bag -	\$3.00 per bag
Additional 32 Gallon Container -	\$150 for the initial year the container is issued to a resident \$105 for each subsequent twelve month period
Additional 65Gallon Container -	\$200 for the initial year the container is issued to a resident \$150 for each subsequent twelve month period
Downgrade – 32 Gallon Container –	No charge

- G. Waiver of Fee – The fee for an additional waste container shall be waived for household units that have six (6) or more occupants, and may be waived by the Department of Public Works for households that have less than six (6) occupants, but have family members such as older adults or individual with special needs that have personal care items to dispose of that cannot be reduced and add greatly to the overall volume of household waste.

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SECTION IX RECYCLING - MULTI FAMILY COMPLEXES

- A. This ordinance is adopted under RSA 149-M:13 and RSA 31:39 to ensure that resident of multi-family dwellings can participate in the Town of Londonderry Recycling Program.

SECTION IX RECYCLING - MULTI FAMILY COMPLEXES (Cont'd)

- B. The owners or responsible managers of all multi-family dwelling complexes of more than four (4) family units shall provide a dumpster or other adequate means or facilities for their residents to participate in the Town's recycling program as part of the removal of solid waste from the property.
- C. Failure to comply with this Ordinance shall subject the multi-family complex to termination of collection and disposal services provided by the Town.

SECTION X PENALTIES FOR OFFENSE

- A. A person or persons, firm or corporation convicted of violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation which is punishable according to State Statute (RSA 31:39 III).

SECTION XI SEVERABILITY

- A. The invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision nor the validity of the Ordinance as a whole.

~~End of Section~~

ORDER #2015-13

An Order Relative to

EXPENDITURE OF

MAINTENANCE TRUST FUNDS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS

Reading: 05/04/2015

Adopted: 05/04/2015

WHEREAS voters since 2003 have approved funding for the maintenance and repair of public buildings and grounds in the town; and

WHEREAS by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$1,182.79 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Treasurer is hereby ordered to expend \$1,182.79 from the Expendable Maintenance Trust Fund for the aforementioned repairs and improvements.

John Farrell, Chairman
Town Council

Sharon Farrell
Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:
05/04/2015

**Expendable Maintenance Trust TC Order Request
for Town Council Meeting *5/04/15***

Description	Vendor	Amount
<u>Winter Maintenance - TH/PD/Library/Cable Access</u> Shoveling/Plowing/Treatment of parking lots, walkways, fire lanes at TH/PD/Library/Cable Access on 4/8 & 4/9/15. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials for snow & ice treatment at our various town buildings.	Trimmers - Invoice #45075	\$ 335.00
	EMTF Request Amount	\$ 335.00
<u>Fire Alarm Repair - Town Hall</u> The Fire Alarm System at Town Hall was displaying a trouble message on the Alarm Panel. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials to troubleshoot and replace the defective batteries in the booster panel.	R.B. Allen - Invoice #202630	\$ 195.00
	EMTF Request Amount	\$ 195.00
<u>AED Repair - Town Hall</u> The AED Battery was displaying low battery, and the AED Pads had expired their expiration date. This EMTF request is for the materials (Battery & Pads) to repair the AED at Town Hall.	BoundTree - Invoice #81754528	\$ 132.79
	EMTF Request Amount	\$ 132.79
<u>Rear Fire Exit Door - Town Hall</u> One of the rear fire exit doors was not opening fully, and the door sweep was damaged. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials to correct the opening of the exit door and replace the door sweep.	Craig Drouin - Invoice #4-14-14L	\$ 145.00
	EMTF Request Amount	\$ 145.00
<u>Wall Repair - Senior Center</u> A small section of wall in the dining area was drafty, and had an unused through wall mount fan that on occasion would leak. This EMTF request is for the labor/materials to remove a 4' x 8' section of wall, remove the fan, insulate the exterior wall, install new wallboard, and paint.	Craig Drouin - Invoice #20150220WOC	\$ 375.00
	EMTF Request Amount	\$ 375.00
Total Town Council EMTF Order		\$ 1,182.79

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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2 **April 20, 2015**
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4 The Town Council meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers, Town Hall, 268B Mammoth
5 Road, Londonderry, NH.
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7 Present: Chairman John Farrell; Councilor Tom Dolan; Vice Chairman Jim Butler; Councilors Tom
8 Freda and Joe Green; Town Manager Kevin Smith; Executive Assistant Kirby Wade;
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10 **CALL TO ORDER**

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12 Chairman Farrell opened the meeting with the Hledge of Allegiance led by the Boy Scouts, James, Nick,
13 Jake, Sean and Patrick. This was followed by a moment of silence for all those who serve us here and
14 abroad in uniform and for all first responders.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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18 Chairman Farrell opened up the floor for public comment.
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20 Chairman Farrell read into the record a press release from the Town Council. Chairman Farrell stated that
21 there has been a lot of information that has come out about workforce housing. The Council made an
22 official press release to bring all the history and dispel any of the rumors that are out there in regards to
23 workforce housing. [See attached press release]
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25 Chairman Farrell invited up Suzanne Findlen, Project Manager with the Merriamck Valley Reliability
26 Project and David Plant, the lead Project Manager for Transmission Projects for Evercourse in New
27 Hampshire. Findlen introduced Chris Marshall from project outreach and Elizabeth Larocca from
28 Government Affairs. Findlen passed out a copy of the presentation to the Council [see attached]. Findlen
29 stated that the reason for this project is because since 2008, ISO New England has done studies and
30 identified potential overloads on the existing system. Findlen stated that this project is the best solution to
31 meet the reliability needs as this area is the fastest growing in terms of energy needs. The total project
32 invests five hundred and twenty million in booth New Hampshire and Massachusetts. This is a
33 transmission project, not a distribution project. Findlen went through the PowerPoint presentation.
34 Findlen stated that in terms of permitting, they are required to submit an application to the New
35 Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee. State and local permits are rolled into that. Chairman Farrell
36 stated that he would like to see things more proactive in terms of notifying the abutters and working with
37 them. Chairman Farrell stated that he would like to know by May 4th, the next Council meeting who they
38 have contacted and spoken to. Findlen stated that on May 6th they will be doing an informational open
39 house at Matthew Thornton Elementary School. Post cards will be sent out to all of the abutters. The
40 Council thanked Eversource for their presenatation.
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42 Chairman Farrell invited up will Stewart, Derry/Londonderry Chamber of Commerce President. Stewart
43 stated that he wanted to come and introduce himself. Stewart stated that the Chamber is a 501C6 business

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

44 advocacy organization. They're an independent non-profit, non-partisan. They do not endorse anyone.
45 Stewart presented the 2015 Greater Derry-Londonderry Visitors and Relocation Guide. Stewart stated
46 that ten thousand copies were printed. It highlights Chamber members, businesses and the best of what
47 the region has to offer to visitors. The cover features the Granite State Rail Trail, the trail that runs
48 through Salem, Derry and Londonderry up to Manchester. Stewart went over the guide with the Council.
49 The Council thanked Stewart for coming to speak.

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51 No other public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

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55 NONE

OLD BUSINESS

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59 Chairman Farrell introduced the FY15 budget updated presented by Town Manager Smith. Smith stated
60 that at the last Town Council meeting he was directed to come up with an alternative plan to handle the
61 Fire Department overtime. Smith handed out a memo to the Council. Smith went over where they plan to
62 find the projected savings to meet the over expenditure in the Fire Department overtime budget. It could
63 be anywhere from \$180,000-\$200,000. Smith stated that they first looked at the Fire Department and
64 looked to see where they could find savings in to try to absorb the overage within the department. There
65 are two places that can be quantified. The first comes from personnel savings due to absences within the
66 department. Those personnel savings, a total net number, which includes New Hampshire retirement and
67 Medicare, is \$122,039 in salary related savings. To make up for the absences, that's where the
68 replacement costs came in. Smith stated that they anticipate that savings in the salary line. Smith stated
69 that they have located approximately \$50,000 in discretionary spending within the fire department
70 budget. Some of it is savings that were anticipated this year that will be put off until the next FY. Smith
71 stated that running a staffing level of nine on a 24/7 basis. The Chief has already made the management
72 move that from now to June 30th, to limit a staffing level of nine. Smith stated that between these three
73 factors, the fire department should be able to absorb the overage in the overtime budget.

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75 Chairman Farrell introduced Order #2015-12, Order relative to the expenditure of Maintenance Trust
76 Funds for various projects. Town Manager Smith stated that it is a request for \$75.00 for shoveling
77 treatment and salt treatment at the Senior Center on April 9th, 2015. Motion to approve Order #2015-12
78 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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80 Chairman Farrell introduced Resolution #2015-02, a Resolution relative to the Elder affairs Committee.
81 Town Manager Smith stated that this is a Resolution to change how alternates are appointed to the Elder
82 Affairs Committee. The change states that the Town Council may also appoint alternate members to the
83 committee. Motion to approve Resolution #2015-02 made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor
84 Freda. Chair votes 4-0-0.

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86 Town Manager Smith recommended that the Council appoint Town Controller Doug Smith as the new
87 Finance Director. Motion to approve recommendation made by Councilor Green and second by
88 Councilor Dolan. Chair votes 4-0-0.

LONDONDERRY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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90 Chairman Farrell introduced the first reading of Ordinance #2015-03, an Amendment to the Municipal
91 Code, Title IV, Chapter V, Solid Waste Recycling. Janusz Czyzowski, Public Works Director stated that
92 this is for the Drop Off Center to start charging for bulbs. It is to charge twenty-five cents for the
93 florescent bulbs. Councilor Dolan motioned to accept the first reading and schedule a public hearing for
94 the 4th of May. Second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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98 Motion to approve the minutes from April 6th, 2015 made by Councilor Green and second by Councilor
99 Freda. Chair votes 4-0-0.
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BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

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103 Town Manager Smith recommended Doug Thomas, Richard Flores and Tom Siekmann to be alternates
104 on the Elder Affairs Committee. Motion to approve the recommendation made by Councilor Dolan and
105 second by Councilor Green. Chair votes 4-0-0.
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ADJOURNMENT

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109 Motion to adjourn made by Councilor Dolan and second by Councilor Green. **Chair votes 4-0-0.**
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112 Notes and Tapes by:

Kirby Wade

Date: 04/20/2015

113 Minutes Typed by:

Kirby Wade

Date: 04/24/2015

114 Approved by:

Town Council

Date: 05/04/2015
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PRESS RELEASE

Town Of Londonderry, New Hampshire
268B Mammoth Road
Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
John Farrell, Council Chairman
(603) 289-2011



Date: April 20, 2015

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Workforce Housing Press Release

The Current Workforce Housing statutes, RSA 674:58-61, were passed by the state legislature in 2009. Under these new RSAs, all towns were directed to adopt a workforce housing ordinance or be penalized. (New Hampshire is not a home rule state, state law overrules local ordinances)

Briefly, the workforce housing laws require that municipalities like Londonderry that exercise zoning authority "shall provide reasonable and realistic opportunities for the development of workforce housing." The requirements include rental multi-family housing. The Town must make sure that lot size and overall density requirements for workforce housing are reasonable. Municipalities also are obligated by state law to make sure that their local ordinances allow workforce housing developments to be economically viable. If a workforce housing project is denied the ability to go forward because a town's local ordinances are found to be too burdensome, the Town can be penalized, including allowing the project to go forward with a "builder's remedy." In other words, the project can go forward as planned, without further Town input.

The first ordinance drafted and recommended by the Planning Board would have allowed buildings that included 20 units. This ordinance appeared likely to meet the fiscal responsibilities that were required by the state workforce housing statute.

In accordance with state law, a public hearing was held with the Town Council in 2009. During that process, a great deal of public input was received. Most people wanted the Council to deny the ordinance. The Town Council sent the draft ordinance back to the Planning Board with the direction that it would like to have the number of units decreased to something like 12-16 per building. After many months, an ordinance was sent back to the Council that allowed for 16 units, and with special approval, 20 units. However, the new ordinance also included provisions that required gradual phasing of workforce housing projects and demanded that 75% of a project's units be workforce housing. Most towns require only 25% workforce housing units and no other town requires 75%. The Town Council approved the ordinance, which is the ordinance that exists today.

Over the last few years as part of the ZBA process, developers with workforce housing projects have been granted multiple waivers from the ordinance because it does not meet the fiscal criteria of the state law. The ordinance does not allow large, rental, multi-family workforce housing projects to be economically viable. The Town Attorney has advised us that, had the original ordinance been left unchanged, it was more defensible under state law.

The current status of the matter is that the Town Council has asked that a new ordinance be drafted that is fiscally responsible and meets all of the regulations spelled out in the state workforce housing statutes. A draft ordinance and revisions to the draft ordinance already have been submitted to the Planning Board. The Council expects to have the Planning Board submit an amended ordinance to it before the summer.

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Merrimack Valley Reliability Project

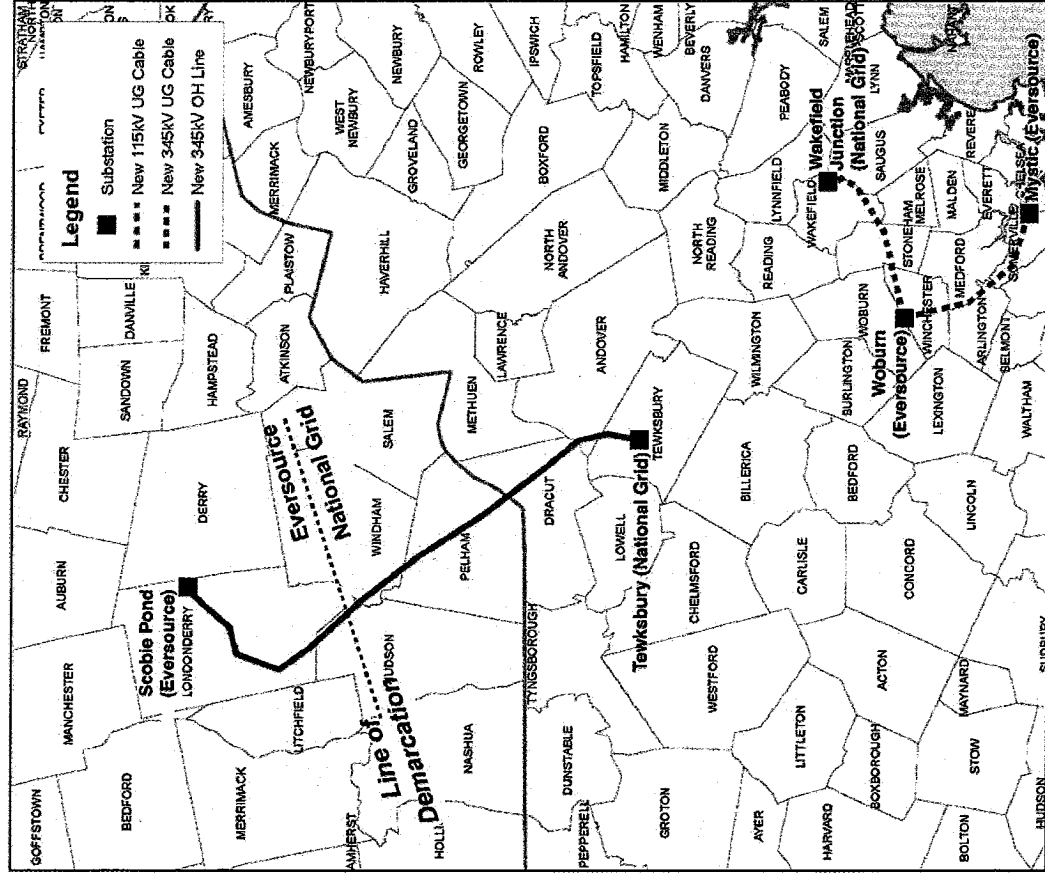
Londonderry to Tewksbury
345kV Line Project

Londonderry Town Council
April 20, 2015

Why Customers Need This Project

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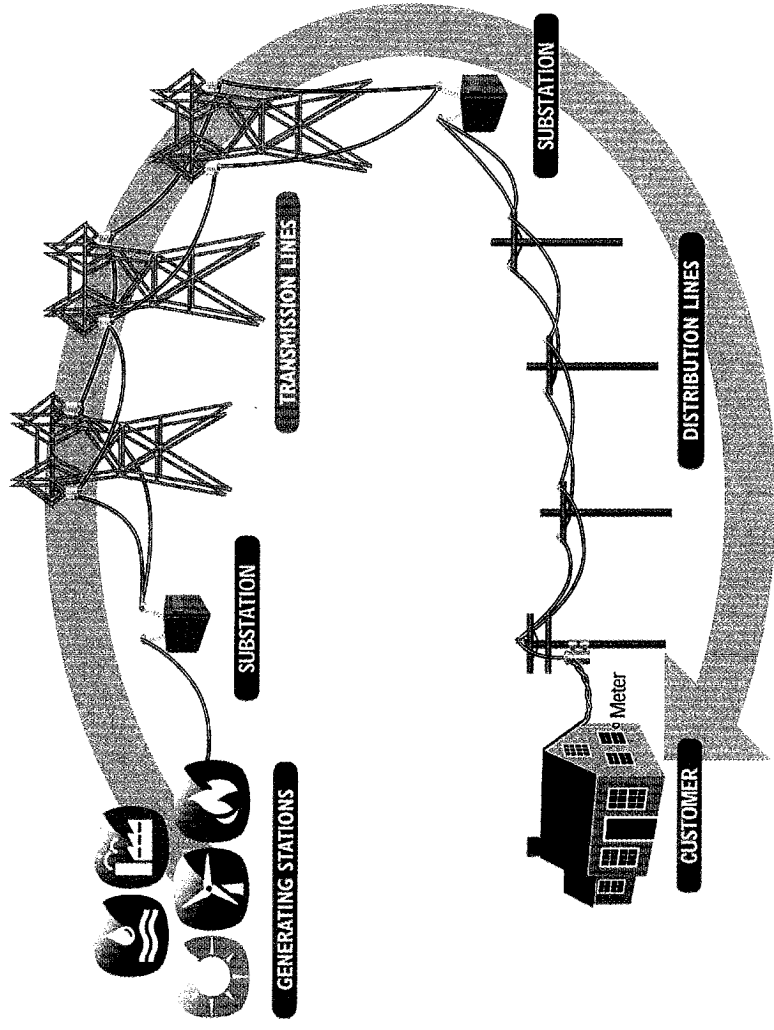
- Southern New Hampshire and the Greater Boston area have the fastest-growing and most concentrated electric demand in New England.
- Since 2008, ISO-NE system studies have identified potential overloads on the existing transmission system.
- In February, ISO-NE selected the Eversource/National Grid solution over competing proposals as the best solution to solve reliability needs.
- The Eversource/National Grid solution, including the Merrimack Valley Reliability Project, will create \$520M investment in NH and MA.



Transmission vs. Distribution

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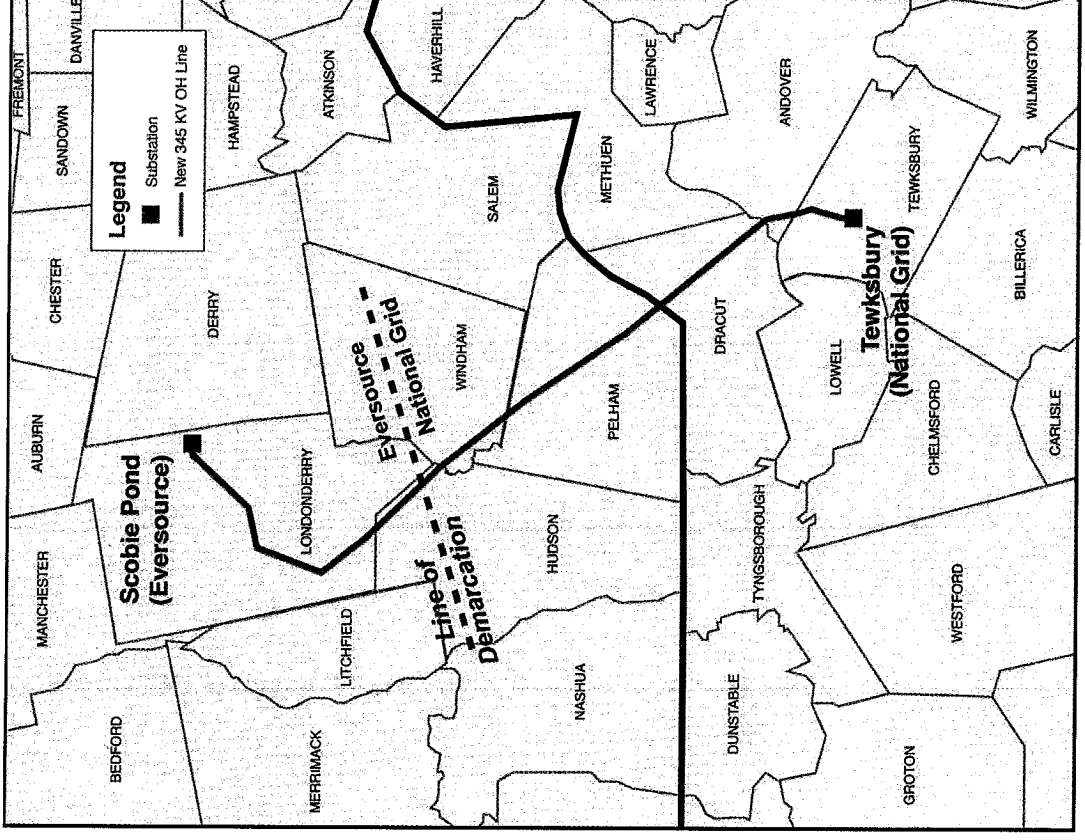
- Merrimack Valley Reliability Project is a transmission line project.
- Transmission lines are like the interstate highway system.
- Transmission lines are the backbone of the electric system, carrying bulk supply of electricity.
- Distribution lines are lower voltage, carrying power to homes.



Merrimack Valley Reliability Project **nationalgrid** **EVERSOURCE** ENERGY

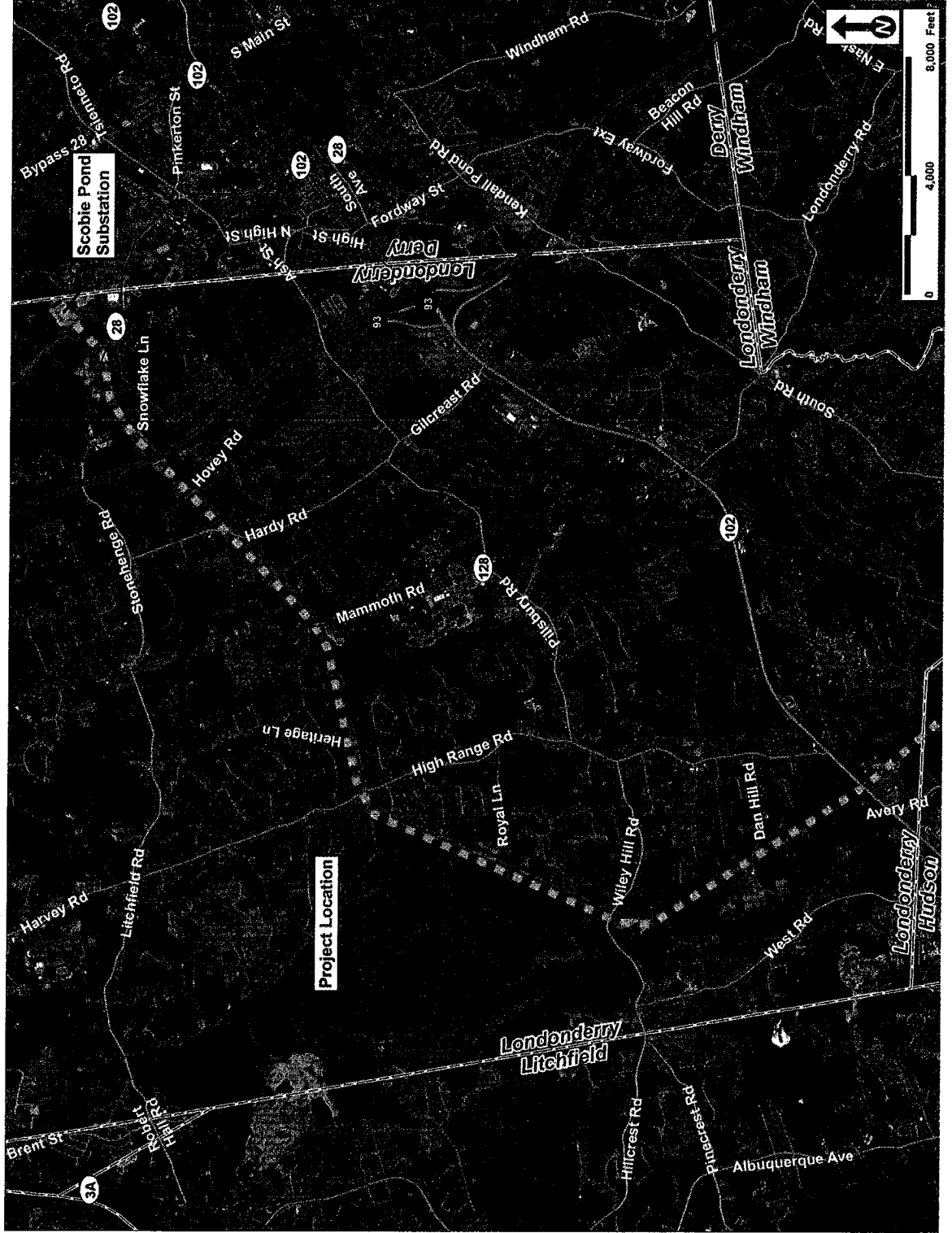
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- New 24.5 mile overhead 345kV line
 - 18 miles in NH
 - 10 miles owned by Eversource
 - 8 miles owned by National Grid
 - 6.5 miles in MA – owned by National Grid
- To be constructed within an existing power line corridor
- Proposed Route passes through:
 - Londonderry, Hudson, Windham and Pelham, NH
 - Dracut, Andover, and Tewksbury, MA
- Requires approval from the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC)



Londonderry Project Scope

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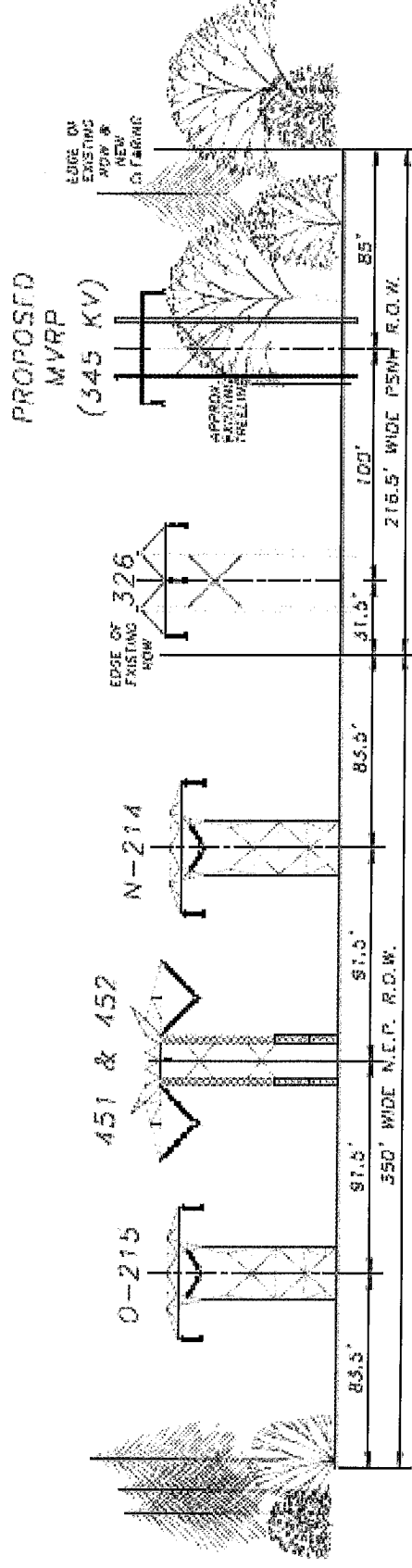
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- Approximately 8 miles of new line
 - Approximately 6 miles w/in center of existing corridor
 - Approximately 2 miles easterly side of existing corridor
- 74 new steel structures
- Average proposed structure height is 88 feet
- Average existing structure height is 79 feet
- Tallest proposed structure height is 106 feet
- Line Terminal Addition within existing footprint of the Scobie Pond Substation
- Tree Clearing – to ensure proper transmission line clearances
 - Approximately 6 miles w/in center of existing corridor
 - Approximately 2 miles along easterly side of existing corridor to the full width of the existing easement

Cross Section of Right Of Way

Londonderry

North from the Hudson town line toward Wiley Hill Road

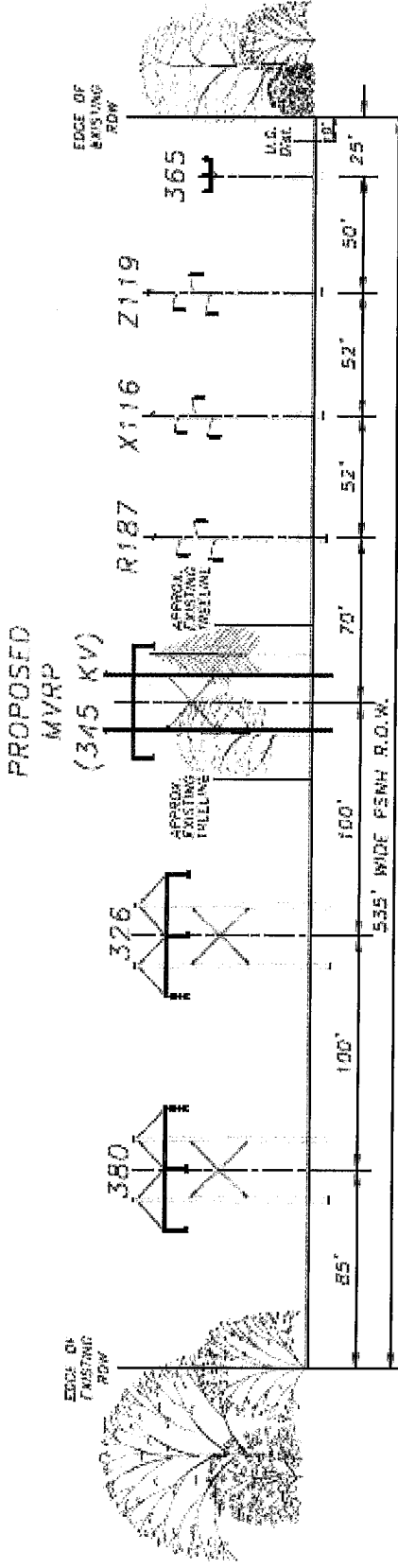


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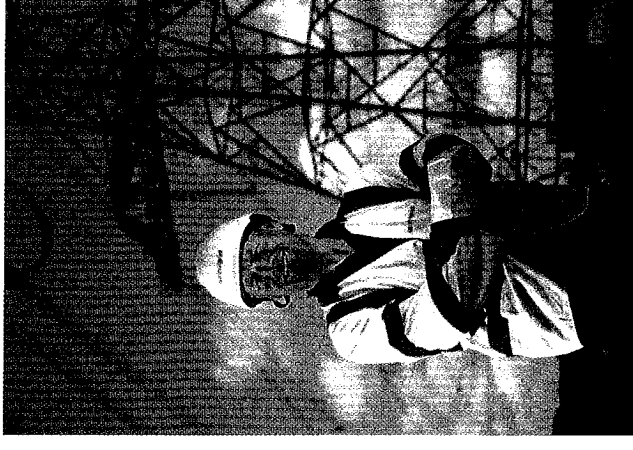
Londonderry North from Wiley Hill Road to the Scobie Pond Substation



Project Benefits

Benefits

- Improves the Reliability of the Interconnected Power System between southern New Hampshire and northeast Massachusetts
- Large Critical Infrastructure Investment of \$82M in New Hampshire (\$31.5M in Londonderry)
- Additional Property Tax Revenue to affected Municipalities
- Construction Jobs – 600 in NH & 400 in MA



Siting Process

First Step

- Inform town/legislators/community about the proposed project

Second Step

- Conduct Public Open House/SEC-required Public Information Session (1 per County)
 - May 6, Rockingham County, Londonderry, Matthew Thornton Elementary School
 - May 7, Hillsborough County, Hudson, Hudson Memorial School

Third Step

- File application with the SEC
 - Within 45 days after application acceptance, a joint Eversource/National Grid/SEC Public Information Session will be held in each County,
 - Within 90 days of application acceptance, the SEC will hold Public Hearings in each County.

Fourth Step

- SEC issues its decision
 - If approved, construction can begin on the Project.

Proposed Project Schedule

- Engineering
 - Ongoing, will be completed upon permitting approvals
- Outreach
 - Began Fall 2014
- Permitting
 - Began November 2014 in MA
 - Filing Federal Permits June 2015
 - Filing NH SEC June 2015
- Pending Regulatory Approval, Start Construction – Fall 2016
- In Service – 2017

Proactive Project Outreach

Stakeholders

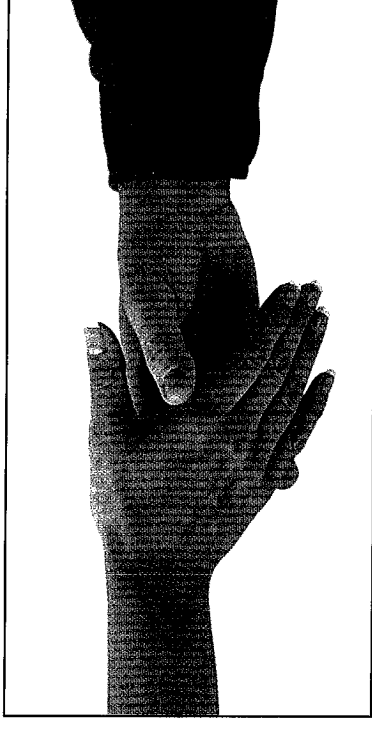
- Municipal officials
- State and federal elected officials and regulators
- Regional Planners
- Property owners & tenants
- Businesses
- Community Groups

Project Communication for Municipalities

- Briefings & Presentations
- E-mail updates

Public

- Project Hotline
- Project Website and contact email address
- Community Meetings/Open Houses
- News Releases/Media Advisories
- Door hangers
- Letters



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