

**Franklin Conservation Commission
Regular Meeting Agenda
January 14, 2020
City Hall Basement – 7:30 pm**

Call to Order

- Approval of the November 12, 2019 meeting minutes
- Election of Officers for 2020

Old Business

- Expected upgrades to powerlines located in Montgomery Road Forest by Eversource – Franklin ZBA Application for Appeal from Stantec for Eversource
- DES Wetlands Permit Application 2019-02240, Tax Map 147, Lots 51 and 404 – Response to request for more information
- NH BioBlitz Program Update

New Business

- Franklin Falls Flood Control Area Timber Stand Improvement

Other Business

Adjournment

FRANKLIN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2019

Present: Nita Tomaszewski, Mike Mullavey (by phone), Roy Gilbreth (by phone), Glenn Morrill, Bob Morin

Next meeting: December 10, 2019 - 7:30 pm, City Hall Basement

Meeting called to order by Nita at 7:55pm

Minutes of the September 10, 2019 meeting were distributed for review. Roy moved and Mike seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes. The motion passed.

I Old Business

The Commission reviewed the DES Wetlands Application for Solar Installation on 293 Sanborn Street and Duffy Street. No action required.

Update on Wetlands Permit Application, File Number 2019-02573, Franklin Falls Hydro Electric, 223 Central Street – The Commission noted that work as detailed in the application is complete. No action required.

II New Business

NH Association of Conservation Commissions FY 2020 Membership Dues - Roy moved and Glenn seconded the motion to approve payment of the dues in the amount of \$375. The motion passed. Bob will contact the Finance Department for processing the payment.

Reappointment of Conservation Commissioners Morrill and Morin – The terms of service will be to September 2022

Expected upgrades to powerlines located in Montgomery Road Forest by Eversource – The Commission was informed that Eversource intended to replace/upgrade existing powerline structures in the Great Gains and Montgomery Road Forests. In the absence of receipt of the DES application, the Commission discussed Eversource's intent to increase the height of some structures to exceed the current 50' permissible height. Further discussion will take place upon receipt of the application.

III Other Business

Mill City Park Update – Glenn informed the Commission that he accompanied a group walk-through of the proposed park area. He noted that approximately 20 invasive species were discovered and plans call for the areas are to be mowed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



Stantec Consulting Services Inc.
30 Park Drive, Topsham ME 04086-1737

November 13, 2019
File: 195601827

Attention: Zoning Board of Adjustment
City of Franklin
316 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03235

Reference: Variance Request – Eversource Energy F139 Transmission Line Structure Replacements

Dear Zoning Board Members,

On behalf of the Public Service of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource), Stantec Consulting Services Inc. (Stantec) is requesting consideration of a height variance to conduct necessary structure replacements on Eversource's F139 transmission line in the City of Franklin. Eversource has identified 19 existing structures that require replacement along the existing F139 transmission line corridor in Franklin. These structures are part of a distribution system that serves the greater Franklin area. The proposed project involves replacing select existing wooden H-frame structures that are damaged or deteriorating with new, steel H-frame structures. In addition to the 19 structure replacements, one structure will be removed but not replaced.

Eversource requests a variance from the City of Franklin to exceed the height restrictions defined in Article III § 305-15 B of the Zoning Ordinance which limit the height of essential services transmission structures to 50 feet above ground level. The proposed replacement structures will be greater than 50 feet above ground level above; therefore, Eversource is requesting approval of a variance. Eversource's enclosed application for a variance includes the following:

- Attachment A – Project Narrative
- Attachment B – Variance Application Form
- Attachment C – Letter of Authorization
- Attachment D – Site Plans
- Attachment E – Additional Permit Applications

We appreciate the City's time in reviewing the proposed project. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the enclosed materials.

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Regards,

Stantec Consulting Services Inc.



Kara Moody
Project Manager
Phone: 207-887-3819
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Attachments: Project Narrative
Variance Request Application
Letter of Authorization
Site Plans
Additional Permit Applications
Filing Fee

c. City of Franklin Conservation Commission
Jeremy Fennell, Eversource



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November 25, 2019
File No. 94810.16

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Wetlands Bureau
Kristin L. Duclos
PO Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

Re: Wetlands Permit Application #2019-02240
Tax Map 147, Lots 51 and 404, Franklin, NH
Response to Request for More Information

Dear Ms. Duclos:

In response to the Request for More Information about the above-referenced project, dated September 4, 2019, we offer the following (numbered per the RFMI):

1. Regarding avoidance and minimization:
 - a. The City of Franklin Site Plan approval for this project requires that access to the solar arrays be via Sanborn Street – access from other points is not permitted due to the density of the surrounding residential neighborhoods. There is a gated entry point at the end of Duffy Street as requested by the Fire Department - for emergency use only.
 - b. Driveway side slopes at the proposed wetland crossing have been steepened to 2:1.
 - c. The proposed culvert has been increased to a 24-inch diameter pipe and the riprap outlet protection has been replaced with a stone-lined plunge pool. HydroCAD output for the culvert catchment area is included with this correspondence for your reference. The proposed impacts to wetlands have been reduced to 2,110 square feet.
2. A full-sized plan set is provided with this correspondence which includes, as requested:
 - a. An ALTA Survey for Lots 147-51 and 147-404 which incorporates current wetland delineations stamped by the responsible Certified Wetland Scientist.
 - b. The locations of all proposed solar panels, driveways, equipment pads, and stormwater controls are shown. Please note that there is no installation of solar panels in wetland areas. Disturbance of wetlands is limited to the area requested in the permit application.

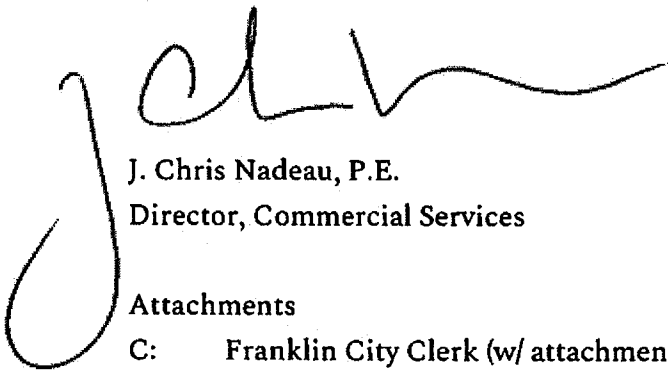


- c. A legend is provided on Sheet G-1.
 - d. A Construction Sequence and Erosion Control Notes are provided on Sheet G-1.
 - e. Erosion Control details are provided on Sheets C-4 and C-5. Locations of erosion controls are shown on the Grading and Drainage Plans (Sheets C-3.1 and C-3.2).
 - f. Impacts to wetlands beyond those requested in the permit application are not anticipated for this project.
3. Photographs of the proposed impact area, taken November 6, 2019, are included with this correspondence.

Please let us know if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

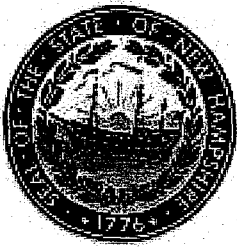
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J. Chris Nadeau, P.E.
Director, Commercial Services

Attachments

C: Franklin City Clerk (w/ attachments)
City of Franklin Conservation Commission (w/ attachments)



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of NATURAL and CULTURAL RESOURCES
Division of Forests and Lands

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December 16, 2019

Judie Milner, City Manager
City of Franklin
316 Central Street
Franklin, NH 03235

Dear Ms. Milner:

The New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands is planning a non-commercial timber stand improvement project at the Franklin Falls Flood Control Area in Franklin, New Hampshire. This project will not require an intent to cut or transportation of forest products on city roads. Attached is a copy of the location map of the planned project for your reference.

If you have any questions or commen, please contact the forester in charge, James Airey directly at (603) 796-2323. Please refer to project P2-457.

This letter is in compliance with RSA 541-A:39, Notice to Municipalities. We would appreciate it if you would post this letter in a public place, thank you.

Sincerely,

William T. Guinn, Administrator
Forest Management Bureau

WTG/rt
cc: Franklin Conservation Commission
Captain Douglas Miner, Regional Forest Ranger

