

From: Doperalski, Melissa
Sent: Thu, 2 Apr 2020 10:19:32 -0400
To: Mauck, Ridgely
Cc: Tuttle, Kim
Subject: 2020-04-02 #2 RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource (391.385, 373 Transmission Line)

Morning Ridge,
Thank you for clarifying. We have no further comments for these projects.

Melissa

From: Mauck, Ridgely <Addison.Mauck@des.nh.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:36 AM
To: Doperalski, Melissa <Melissa.Doperalski@wildlife.nh.gov>
Cc: Tuttle, Kim <Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource (391.385, 373 Transmission Line)

Melissa,
I've attached an email string that documents earlier conversations regarding vernal pools. You'll see there was initial confusion on the consultant's part when this application was confused with another pending application (NHB19-1902, received permit AoT-1769). The attached email provides clarification that potential or suspected vernal pools are not shown on the plans because such vernal pools were not observed in the areas subject to an AoT permit. The consultant did add a note regarding potential or suspect vernal pools to the construction plans (see attachment within attached email).

Do you have any comments or need additional information regarding the subject application/project?

-Ridge

From: Mauck, Ridgely
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Doperalski, Melissa <Melissa.Doperalski@wildlife.nh.gov>
Subject: RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource

Thanks Melissa. I'll coordinate with Eversource regarding the field mapping of potential/suspect vernal pools, identification of such on the plans, and appropriate additional plan notes. Once they have completed these items I'll provide you with a copy of the applicable revised plans.

-Ridge

From: Doperalski, Melissa <Melissa.Doperalski@wildlife.nh.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Mauck, Ridgely <Addison.Mauck@des.nh.gov>

Cc: Tuttle, Kim <Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>

Subject: RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource

Hi Ridge,

Yes, right now is the perfect time of year for Eversource to go out and flag potential or suspect vernal pools and those should be identified on the field maps for contractors. Including the note on the plans that no temporary or permanent impacts are allowed in these areas would be sufficient. If I may recommend also including a note that not all vernal pool features may be included on the map due to field verification restrictions so any suspect vernal pools encountered during activities should be avoided as well. I am just thinking in the case that even if they go out there now and flag things, there could still be some areas that may be hard to see these features and I wouldn't want contractors to depend solely on a mapped features map to be the end all be all. Same thought process that we have about T&E, even if we don't have records somewhere, doesn't mean that they aren't there and we ask that people inform us of any observations.

I hope this makes sense and answers your question,
Melissa

From: Mauck, Ridgely <Addison.Mauck@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:45 AM

To: Tuttle, Kim <Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>

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Subject: RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource

Thanks Kim. The narrative within the AoT permit application states "no temporary or permanent impacts are proposed to any potential vernal pools as a result of this project". If Eversource were to identify the potential vernal pools (no definitive vernal pools identified) on the plans and to note on the plans that no temporary or permanent impacts are allowed in these areas, would that sufficiently address NHFG's comment?

-Ridge

From: Tuttle, Kim <Kim.Tuttle@wildlife.nh.gov>

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:36 AM

To: Mauck, Ridgely <Addison.Mauck@des.nh.gov>

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Subject: RE: NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford Eversource

Hi Ridge,

The attached comments from me dated Oct. 14, 2019 in your email largely covers the utility structure replacement and access road improvements for Eversource (NHB19-3018, NHB19-3021, NHB19-3024).

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Thanks,

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From: Mauck, Ridgely <Addison.Mauck@des.nh.gov>
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Subject: NHB19-3018, -3021, -3024: Deerfield, Chester, Strafford

Melissa & Kim,

The subject NHB datachecks are for utility structure replacement and access road improvements for Eversource. The attached email is the latest NHFG communication provided by the applicant. Currently I am unable to access the NHB Datacheck (site temporarily down) to determine /review any more current correspondence.

Do you have any comments or concerns regarding this proposed project? Did the applicant provide you with sufficient documentation to demonstrate that any comments/concerns had been addressed?

-Ridge

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