

1 Planning Board
2 February 11, 2021
3 7:30pm
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5 Members present: Barry Hantman, Chip Current, Steve Woitkun
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7 Members present via Zoom: Chris Smith, Charles Underhill, Richard Atkins, Jennifer Heywood
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9 Others present via Zoom: Matt Flanders, Elizabeth Larocca, Jenney Menendez, Jared Meyer,
10 Roy Fruit
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12 Others present: Gail Turilli, Carsten Springer
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14 Barry noted this meeting was being held in conjunction with emergency ordinances passed by
15 the State, allowing committees to conduct meetings remotely and constituting a quorum.
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17 Charles Underhill was designated as a voting member for the meeting per Barry. Meeting
18 minutes of 01/28/2021 were reviewed, no amendments needed. Chip **made** and Richard 2nd a
19 **motion to accept** the minutes as written. All in favor, **motion carries** with Jennifer and Steve
20 abstaining.
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22 **Conditional Use Permit R193 Transmission Line Map and Lot #'s 1-23 & 1-24**
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24 This is a continuation from the Planning Board meeting of 1/28/2021. Eversource met with the
25 Conservation Commission on 2/4/2021 and their recommendations are as follows:
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- 27 1. That work be conducted starting the end of February. This is supported by two
28 previous C.U. Permits issued by the Danville Planning Board for very extensive work
29 in the same location in 2013 and 2015, when work was conducted in the summer and
30 fall, in conjunction with info presented by Eversource wildlife specialists on
31 2/4/2021.*
- 32 2. In addition to survey work, setting of permanent monumentation, Wetlands
33 delineation, and Biodiversity data collected on Eversource property, the company has
34 confirmed by previous applications and additionally by statements to the Planning
35 Board on 1/28/2021, that they are doing the same on all private and town property
36 related to the powerline easement. The Conservation Commission strongly
37 recommends that the Planning Board requires all such data be given to the actual
38 owners of the property immediately upon landowner request. This data may exclude
39 highly specific locations of towers.
- 40 3. Due to the repetitive nature of work within the same areas of the power line easement
41 throughout the town, the Conservation Commission recommends that a condition of
42 the use permit is a rolling forecast submitted to the town with a lead time of at least
43 three years of anticipated future work. This is to support town planning and
44 environmental considerations.
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46 *The earlier the work begins, the sooner it may be able to be accomplished relative to the
47 planned outage. Eversource did not clarify that they have a “back up plan” in the event
48 of delays. Starting the installation of mats when the ground may still be frozen is a more
49 prudent schedule than starting the matting in April.
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51 Alternatively, in 2013 and 2015, significant work in this section of powerlines was done
52 starting in Summer and ending in November/December. The Planning Board could
53 choose to require that again, and it would certainly be better from an environmental
54 standpoint.
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56 Carsten stated this is a hard outage time frame and would prefer that the work start earlier.
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58 Barry mentioned that since the last meeting a document from Eversource was received via email,
59 listing the 2021 overview of Transmission projects in Danville. There is transmission/vegetation
60 management work mentioned on the same line. Barry questioned if this work will be done in
61 conjunction with this project.
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63 Jared, Transmission Arborist at Eversource, explained that the work occurs when the structures
64 are done. Covers the entire ROW. Will work with management to complete all work in the town
65 of Danville first, but may take longer. Transmission /Vegetation work does not require a
66 Conditional Use Permit. A State permit is in place.
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68 Jennie, Environmental Specialist, stated that relative to Condition #1 from Conservation,
69 Eversource has employed a certified wildlife biologist through Normandeau Associates. They
70 have also had discussions with NH Fish and Game and the opinion from said discussions was
71 that the end of March/beginning of April for matting was ok to do as it is prior to turtle nesting
72 time. Barry researched that topic and found through the NH Fish and Game that the nesting
73 period is from May to mid June.
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75 Richard also researched turtle nesting period and found that turtles will start nesting when the
76 temperature at night becomes 50 – 60 degrees. Matting will take place prior to that and he feels
77 that the plan is sound.
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79 Jennie mentioned that the work could potentially start earlier. Bids are awarded per management
80 and then a purchase order needs to be made. The outage dates will stay the same, April 15 – May
81 24 and the work would be completed in the same time frame. Relative to condition #2,
82 Eversource has no problem with sharing the data with landowners if requested but, would prefer
83 a one on one conversation. They pay for the data and it is for private use for planning projects.
84 Relative to Condition #3, 3 years is not feasible. Eversource was made aware of this project last
85 July.
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87 Barry stated we are looking for a forecast to try and get things done in a more precise manner.
88 Carsten mentioned if they plan on crossing town/private properties, there may be a conflict with
89 town activities without knowing ahead of time.
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91 Jared stated that the outage dates will be from April 26 to May 15. There are 2 scopes for
92 vegetation management, the R193 and the J147 which will be done later in the summer during
93 the restoration phase.

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95 Elizabeth emphasized that Matt works with the Transmission Projects Team, works at a 3- state
96 level, and pulled this project together. Aerial inspections are done annually, and the Planning
97 Board will be notified ASAP in regards to group projects.

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99 Charles commented that coordinating schedules is challenging for Eversource as the best time to
100 do the work for the town is the worst time for them, which is the summer loading period.
101 Lowest load periods are in the Spring and Fall and potentially most disruptive.

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103 Chip stated the outage is from the end of April to Mid-May, work will be done on the poles
104 during that time. A month prior to that the matting will go down, and taken out afterwards. He
105 questioned how long to replace the 6 poles. Jennie stated that 3 poles a week in certain
106 conditions. Best case scenario is 2 weeks for all pole replacement work.

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108 Chip asked if the work could be done when the turtle season is over and pick up the mats in June.
109 Jennie explained that the mats go down just before the outage and are picked up after restoration.
110 The contractors are being trained to look for the turtles. Daily sweeps will be done. If they find
111 turtles, they are to stop work, call Eversource, and move the turtles if possible. If unable to move
112 the turtles, they are to contact Eversource and they will send someone out to move the turtles.

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114 Carsten asked to clarify in reference to condition #2, concern for data collected for private use
115 may be use for the wrong purpose. Jennie explained that the data collected is used for mapping
116 projects and Eversource needs to know what the data is being used for before releasing it. Barry
117 questioned if there would be an issue releasing the data to the town. Jennie stated they would
118 prefer to speak one on one with the landowner upon request for the data prior to releasing it.
119 DES and Fish and Game do not get the data, it is private use for Eversource.

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121 Chip asked if we could have and advertisement for the landowners who are part of the easement
122 a contact person with whom they could have a discussion with about the data. Jennie stated that
123 mailers do go out and will have contact numbers available for Elizabeth and Matt in regards to
124 data requests.

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126 Barry entertained a **motion** to grant Conditional Use Permit from 2/11/2021 to 10/2021 with 2
127 conditions:

- 128 1. Provide a point of contact for the landowner to obtain biodiversity or survey data
129 associated with their property.
130 2. No placement or removal of mats between May 1 and June 22/No drilling of towers
131 between May 16 and June 22.

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133 Chuck asked if a weather dependent clause could be incorporated to adjust the schedule. Board
134 is in agreement. Barry stated Eversource could come back for relief on these dates in the event
135 of questionable weather conditions.

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137 Chip **made** and Chris 2nd a **motion to grant** Conditional Use Permit Application with the above
138 mentioned conditions. All in favor, **motion carries**. Conditional Use Permit granted to
139 Eversource for the R193 Transmission Line on 2/11/2021.

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141 **Stage Coach Estates:**

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143 Barry stated the the Planning Board received a letter from James Lavelle requesting a 90 day
144 extension on the Subdivision application. Chip **made** and Chris 2nd a **motion** to grant the
145 extension until 4/22/2021. All in favor with Rick(abutter) and Steve abstaining, **motion carries**.
146 Mr. Lavelle will be notified of the extension and that the Planning Board expects to see progress
147 prior to that date.

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149 Barry mentioned that updates to the Master Plan needs priority.

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151 Chip **made** and Steve 2nd a **motion** to adjourn. All in favor, **motion carries**. Meeting adjourned
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154 **Agenda for next meeting:**

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156 Correspondence

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159 Respectfully,

160 Gail L Turilli

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