

Planning Board
June 22, 2023
7:30pm

Members present: Chip Current, Leo Traverse, Charles Underhill, Chris Smith

Others present: Gail Turilli, Doug Anderson, James Seaver, Kaitlin Griffin(Eversource), Spencer Picue(Eversource), Matt Cardin(Eversource), Conor Madison(GZA), Donald Stokes (Eversource)

The Board reviewed the minutes of May 25, 2023 with no additional comments. Charles **made** and Leo 2nd a **motion to accept the minutes as written**. All in favor, **motion carries**.

Chip mentions that the first item on the agenda, Site Plan for 29 Olde Road, is not ready to present and has been continued to July 27 at 7:30pm.

Doug's Tree Service – Site Plan – Final Approval:

Mr. Anderson addresses the Board and states there were some revisions to the plan which have been provided. A pre-construction permit for the driveway has been submitted and confirmed by the Road Agent and once final approval is granted, a permit will be issued prior to paving. Chip mentions that there were 7 conditions that needed to be met prior to granting final approval and are as follows:

1. Paved apron detail
2. Detail specifications
3. Removal of silt fencing along roadway
4. Driveway permit
5. Silt socks
6. Note added for the light pole
7. Inspection by the Road Agent and confirmation of the driveway

All above conditions have been met and are shown on the revised plans. Charles mentions a concern regarding getting an emergency vehicle in as it is a long way around. Mr. Anderson stated that clearing is being worked on with the State. There are no comments from the public or the Board. Charles **made** and Chris 2nd a **motion to grant final approval**. All in favor, **motion carries**. **Final approval granted by the Planning Board on 6/22/23.**

Eversource – H141 Transmission Line – Conditional Use Permit – Continuance:

Conor Madison, Eversource, addresses the Board with updated plans which have been submitted. Eversource met with the Conservation Commission last Thursday and had a site meeting with the landowner prior. GPS was used to locate and confirm the stonewalls, where breaches are, and where Eversource would like to breach them with approval from the landowner. There has been no change to the wetland impacts but, a slight deviation going through the stonewall in between 263 and 262 which requires approval from the landowner. The wall to the right of DW-6 has

47 moved out about 16 feet (used to border wetlands). The project is slated to start in July and end
48 in September. Chip mentions, per previous discussion, the Board will probably give a permit
49 until November. Matt states that Eversource's contractors have started on this project as a whole
50 in the town's of Sandown and Chester and will be starting in Danville once permission is
51 obtained. For the entire length of the project which goes until September, Eversource would like
52 to add in some buffer in the event of possible storms, etc., and to account for restoration. If the
53 time frame cannot be met, Eversource will reach out to the Planning Board. Charles asked when
54 Eversource plans to de-energize the transmission line to which Matt stated that it will not be de-
55 energized.

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57 Chip mentions a concern that no approval has been obtained from the landowner on Sandown
58 Road to access the site. Matt explains that Eversource is seeking permission to breach and
59 expand the rock walls with the property owners at 264 and 263. This will be a "stonewall
60 agreement" between Eversource and the landowners which will be drafted and signed by both
61 parties. They are looking to utilize an existing breach and proposing a slightly wider permanent
62 breach. There are a total of 4 locations that Eversource is seeking approval for stonewall
63 agreements. At 262 and 263 there are two parallel stonewalls and Eversource is looking to
64 expand the breach to the West for equipment and doing the same for the breach to the East.
65 These are being proposed as permanent breaches. Eversource is working with the landowners
66 and have draft agreements circulating. On Carsten's property solely, there is an existing breach
67 gate that will be widened and then restored back.

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69 The required AOT permit has been obtained along with all other State required permits. Charles
70 asked when line 290 will be subject to an upgrade and if making breached is the walls today, will
71 those breaches remain open when Eversource comes back or restored and need to be breached
72 again. Conor explains that 263 and 262 will be permanently breached pending approval in order
73 to prevent that. Chip noted the DW-6 culvert crossing needed to show that matting is being used
74 and does show on the revised plans. Dates of approval are also shown on the plan. A copy of
75 the wetlands delineation data needs to be available to all landowners. Chip stated he has spoken
76 with Carsten since Eversource met with Conservation. They did not vote to recommend or not
77 recommend the project. Conservation is satisfied in regards to the wetlands. As far as the
78 overall project plans from Eversource, a method of working with the town is warranted. The
79 Conservation Commission is putting together a checklist so that Eversource has something for
80 reference as to what the town is looking for. Chip notes that the Board will work with Donald
81 Stokes to make sure community relations wise, that there is a blueprint for future project
82 managers. The cleanup from the last project is a concern and Chip questioned if there is a plan
83 to finish that work. Matt stated that the gate will be replaced and the orange snow fence will be
84 removed. The culverts and maintenance on the access road were discussed at the Conservation
85 meeting and Matt wanted to make it clear that Eversource needed to be sure they are not getting
86 into a project that would require subsequent permits to do that maintenance work. There are 3
87 culvert crossings that were identified, two of which were in good shape and one that was clearly
88 broken, non-functional, and defunct to the point that Eversource couldn't go in and maintain it,
89 needs to be completely replaced. Matt's suggestion is that the town address the issue as this is
90 not something that Eversource is able to do without a permit. The culvert is in the town's ROW
91 and on town property.

Charles asks if anything was done in the past where the town has a responsible party do the work and bill for it. Chip notes that the Board has accepted community grants and put those funds towards getting the work done and explained that Eversource has given the town a community grant to do some piece of work in the past. Charles states that this may be something the Board wants to take back, meet with the appropriate parties in town and put together a proposal.

Donald Stokes stated that Eversource does have something like that but he is not sure how it was used in that way. Charles noted if the Board takes Eversource's commitment to work with them on this, it doesn't have to be part of the project being discussed tonight. Chip explained that if the culvert isn't addressed prior to Eversource coming back in with another project with a need to go over that area, it will be one part of the project being presented at that time. Matt stated that Eversource is looking to gain a partnership with the town moving forward. The gate and fence are things that will be dealt with. The repair of the culvert is something that they are interested in, would benefit from and is up for discussion. Donald Stokes will look into this issue. Matt suggested meeting with the Road Agent on site regarding the gate. Chris **made** and Charles 2nd **a motion to grant approval. All in favor, motion passes. Condition Use Permit granted to Eversource on 6/22/23.**

Chip mentions that the Conservation Commission has put together a checklist specifically for Eversource that he will send out to the Board for discussion at the next meeting. It is essentially a blueprint showing the detail of what is needed and a timeline for getting the work done.

Charles suggested to keep pressure on Eversource in reference to the culvert issue and reach out to their liaison within a week regarding resolution.

Charles mentions that he has put together a brief overview and outline of a process of where things are now and what to expect to happen within the town. This will be incorporated into the Master Plan and will be discussed at the next meeting. Chip suggested to have a once a month discussion for Planning.

Charles **made** and Leo 2nd **a motion to adjourn. All in favor, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

Agenda for next meeting:

1. 29 Olde Road Site Plan Review
2. Eversource Project Checklist
3. 14 Olde Road Preliminary Discussion
4. Charles Underhill's Overview/Master Plan discussion

Respectfully,

Gail Turilli