



TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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PUBLIC NOTICE EXETER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Exeter Conservation Commission will meet in the Nowak Room
of the Town Office Building, Exeter on **Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

1. Introduction of Members Present
2. Public Comment

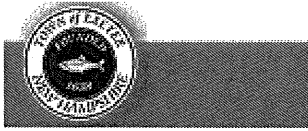
Regular Business:

1. Unutil Preliminary Presentation on the Granite State Gas Transmission 0.9 mile pipe replacement between Newfields Road and Rte 101 (*Stephen Herzog*)
2. SnowShoe Hullabaloo Event Request (*Sarah Sallade*)
3. Open Space Charter Finalization
4. Committee Reports (trails, boundary monitoring, outreach, etc)
5. Approval of Minutes: January 14th, 2014
6. Treasurers Report
7. Natural Resources Planner's Report and Correspondence
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: Date and Agenda Items
10. WORK SESSION – monitoring priorities, etc.

Kristen Murphy for Russell Kaphan, Chair

Exeter Conservation Commission

Posted February 7, 2014: Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, EXTV and Town Departments.



Kristen Murphy <kmurphy@town.exeter.nh.us>

Public hearing - Unutil pipe replacement

1 message

Herzog, Stephen <Stephen.Herzog@amec.com>

Fri, Jan 31, 2014 at 1:51 PM

To: "kmurphy@town.exeter.nh.us" <kmurphy@town.exeter.nh.us>

Cc: "Barham, Roger" <barham@unitil.com>

Ms. Murphy:

As we discussed by telephone, Unutil would like the opportunity to appear at a public hearing of the Conservation Commission to present information on a project for which the Commission will receive copies of (a) New Hampshire Wetlands Permit application and (b) Council on Resources and Development (CORD) application. We are not seeking comments on these documents at present. The project is the replacement of an existing section of natural gas pipeline.

Unitil owns, operates, and maintains the Granite State Gas Transmission (GSGT) pipeline, an 86-mile interstate natural gas pipeline regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, that supplies gas to Unitil's distribution system (Northern Utilities) in New Hampshire's Seacoast Region and in Southern Maine. A 0.9-mile section of pipe between Newfields Road in Exeter and Route 101 in Stratham (crossing beneath the Squamscott River) requires replacement. Field survey and test excavation of this section have indicated that the pipe coating has become disbonded, and it is increasingly difficult for GSGT to adequately cathodically protect it from deterioration. Replacement is necessary to maintain the pipeline's safe operation and comply with federal regulations.

The pipe replacement project is located in the public road right-of-way (ROW) of Newfields Road in Exeter, and in utility easements within Exeter and Stratham. Figure 1 shows the general project location. The project requires a wetlands permit because it will cause temporary impacts to freshwater wetlands. There will be no impact to the Squamscott River or to its bordering tidal wetlands because this section of pipe will be installed by horizontal directional drilling. Because the state owns the submerged tidal land beneath the Squamscott River, Unutil must follow the RSA 4:40 surplus lands review process to allow for the drilled crossing beneath the river, which requires CORD review.

Would you please tell me the date and time of the next public hearing of the Commission, and whether you need any additional information? Thank you for your help.

Steve

Stephen Herzog



Proposed Pipe Replacement



Unitil
Granite State Gas Transmission
Squamscott Replacement Project

Exeter and
Stratham, New Hampshire

Location of Site

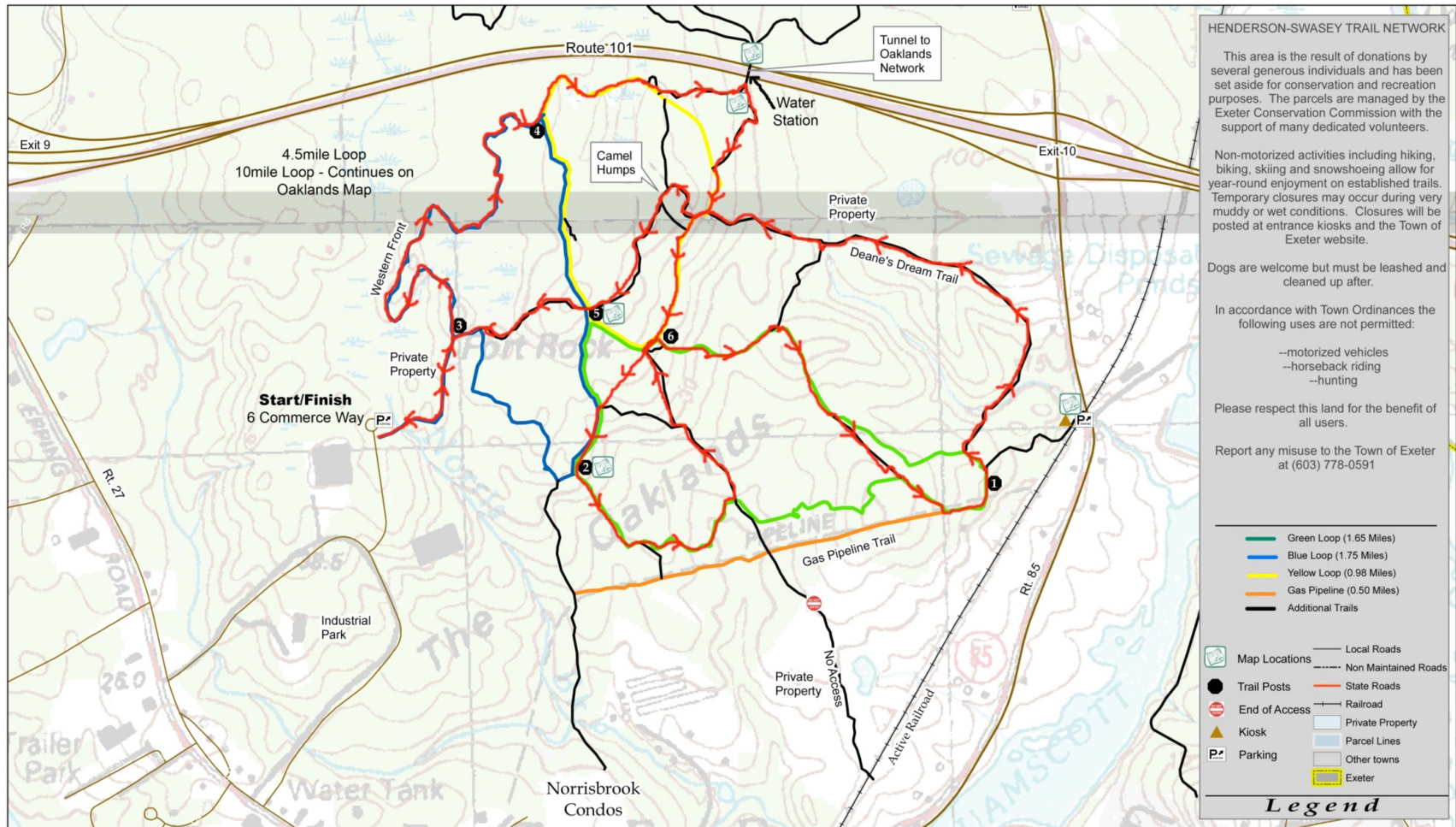


FIGURE 1

-  Proposed Pipe Replacement
-  Town Boundary



AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.
271 Mill Road
Chelmsford, MA 01824
(978) 692-9090



Trail Network
Town of Exeter, NH



Henderson - Swasey Network



Please note: Some trails cross onto private property. The landowners have allowed the use of the trails, but please respect their property.



**Draft Alternative Charge – Open Space Subcommittee
October, 2013**

The Open Space Subcommittee is a subcommittee created for the purpose of preserving land and open space in the Town of Exeter. The Committee is appointed by the Conservation Commission and assists the Conservation Commission in accomplishing the goals of the Conservation Commission relative to land acquisition, open space, and land stewardship in line with Roles and Responsibilities listed below as guided by the Town of Exeter Natural Resource Inventory, the Master Plan, and RSA 36:A.

Committee Roles and Responsibilities are as follows:

1. To provide an open space stewardship role for the Town; developing annual monitoring priorities, assisting in conservation land audits, inspecting and documenting open space land boundaries, and providing feedback as to property conditions and recommendations for follow-up to the Conservation Commission.
2. To advise the Conservation Commission as to proper land management policies, procedures and methods for land acquired by the Town that is preserved as open space:
3. To assist the Town's Natural Resource Planner in reviewing and inventorying Town land designated as open space including maintenance of this inventory on a continual basis;
4. To evaluate potential conservation projects making recommendations for the acquisition of open space lands and conservation easements to the Conservation Commission by considering resources present and the Natural Resource Inventory, Master Plan and other guidance documents;
5. To mobilize community groups and develop programs related to the ongoing maintenance of open space land, including stewardship efforts by the public, non-profit, and private sectors;
6. To engage and educate residents of the Town of Exeter about the benefits of open space land, the location and accessibility of Exeter's existing open space, -and trends-priorities for future open space acquisition statetown-wide;
7. To foster partnerships with groups with similar goals to further land conservation and support efforts related to grant applications to federal, state, and private ~~the State of New Hampshire and other~~ resources for open space acquisition partnering with groups with similar goals to further land conservation;
8. To develop and recommend Capital Improvement Program (CIP) actions relating to the acquisition and protection of open space land;