

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**, **June 9**th, **2015 at 7:00 P.M.**

Call to Order:

- 1. Introduction of Members Present
- 2. Public Comment

Action Items

- 1. June 27th Trail Race Request Sarah Sallade
- 2. Felder Kuehl Properties Request for Reconfiguration of Trail Network and Parking 85 Epping Road Tax Map-Lot: 55-75 *Robert Felder*
- 3. After the Fact Minimum Impact Expedited Wetland Permit Unitil Valve Station 62 Epping Road, Exeter. Tax Map-Lot: 63-9 *Sarah Benoit, AMEC for Unitil*
- 4. Committee Reports
 - a. Trails
 - b. Outreach
 - c. Property Monitoring
- 5. Treasurers Report
- 6. Approval of Minutes: May 12th, 2015
- 7. Natural Resources Planner's Report and Correspondence
- 8. Other Business
- 9. Next Meeting: Date and Agenda Items

Jay Gregoire, Chair

Exeter Conservation Commission

Posted June 5th, 2015 Exeter Town Office, Exeter Public Library, and Town Departments.

Exeter Conservation Commission

Event Agreement

NOTE: This agreement is in addition to permits required by the Town of Exeter.

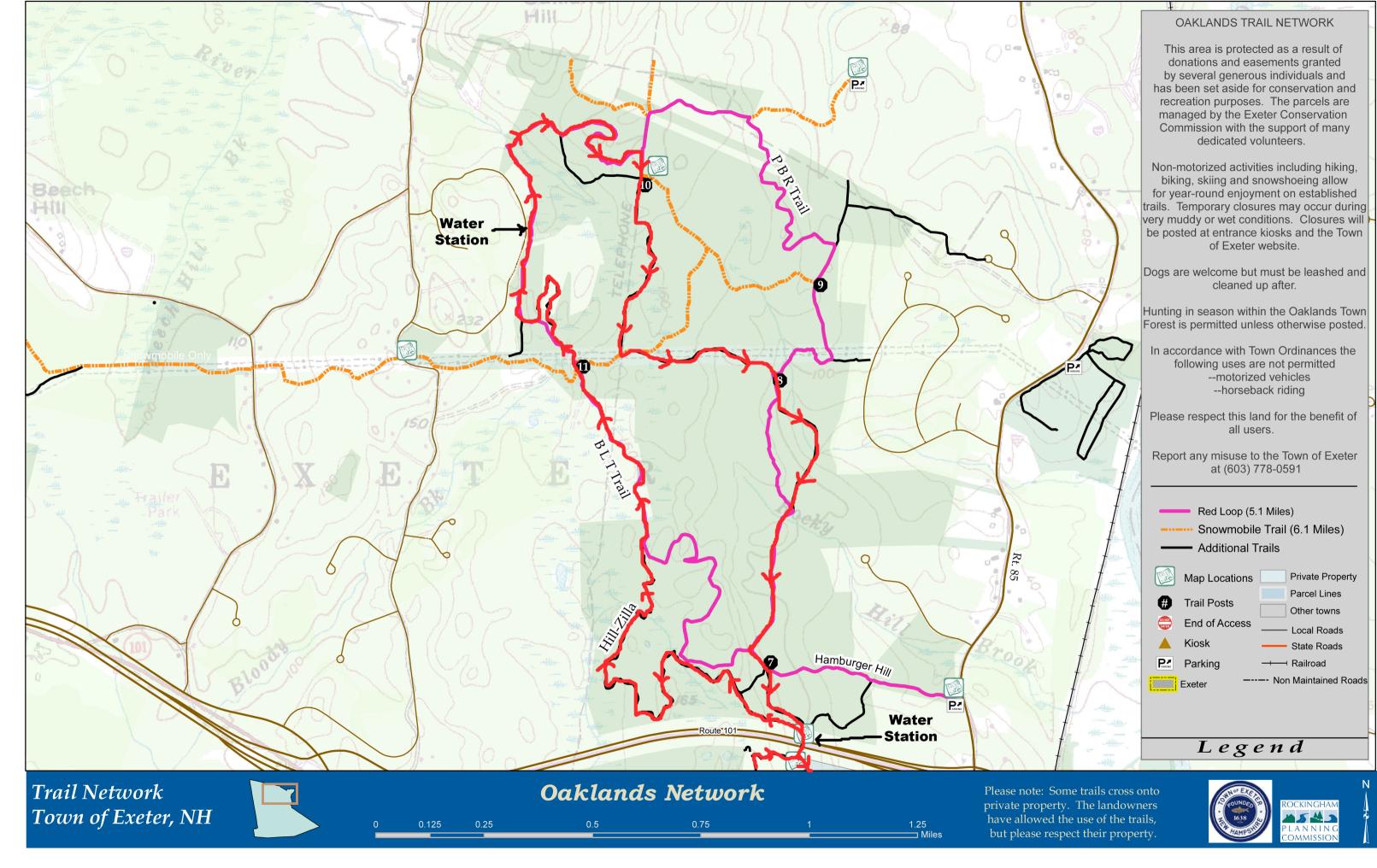
Event Name: Exeter Trail Race Event Date: Saturday 27, 2015 Point of Contact: Sarah Sallade 603 568 2505 sarah.silverberg@gmail.com Ri Fahnestock 603 866 1268 gobolder@gmail.com Estimate of Participants: 150 Event Description: Trail race for people of all ages and abilities. Held in Henderson-Swasey Forest, starting at the unofficial entrance at the end of Commerce Way, making a figure 2 loops, 4.5miles and 10miles (crosses into Oaklands). The race has run since 2008, so it now draws people from around New England. We have ongoing permission with S.Heal, Brian Richard, Thomas Chamberlin, Judith & Lews Deene, Oaklands Forest Ridge HOA, Jeff Frame, Jonathan Shafmaster, and the Town of Exeter to use their property as part of the race and always have our COIs on hand during the race. Please read, sign and initial below. A copy of the notice of Authorization will be provided to you upon signature by the Conservation Commission and should be in hand on the day of the event. I, Sarah Sallade agree to comply with the following terms for the above referenced event. SS Event related activities do not involve private property, unless authorized in writing by landowner, with such permission provided to the Conservation Commission 2 days prior to the event. SS Two (2) days prior to the event, the course conditions will be inspected. If trails are wet, the event will be cancelled or re-routed to avoid wet conditions. SS The event will be cancelled if rain occurs after the inspection or on the day of the race SS All litter will be removed within 24 hours following the event SS Inspection of trail conditions will be with the Conservation Commission's representative prior to and after the event. Trails will be returned to pre-event conditions within 7 days following the event. SS A map of the planned route is attached SS Trail markings shall be non-permanent SS Organizers are responsible for making arrangements for parking at Department of Public Works (if applicable), police and traffic control, and provisions for port-a-potties at their expense. Date/Time of Date/Time of Pre-run Inspection Post-run Inspection South I Sallade 5/30/15

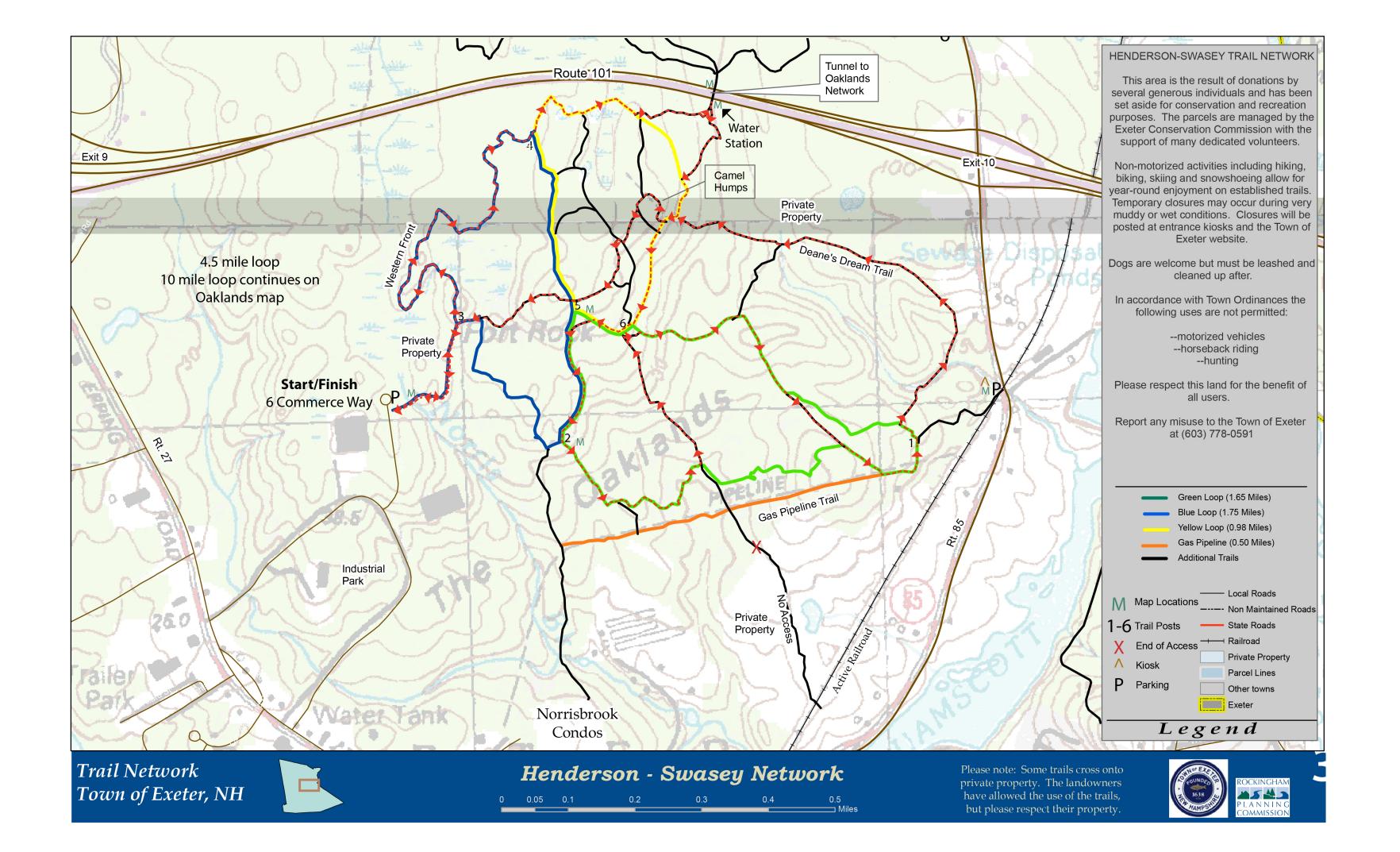
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May 29, 2015

Jason Gregoire, Chair Exeter Conservation Commission 10 Front Street Exeter, NH 03833

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Felder Kuehl Properties, LLC Meeting Place Project, 85 Epping Road, Exeter, NH

Reconfiguration of Trail Network and Parking Associated

with Updated Site Plan for Mixed Use Building

Dear Chair Gregoire and Commission Members:

As I am sure some Commission Members may recall, Felder Kuehl has worked closely with the Planning Board and the Commission in the development of the overall Meeting Place project over the last ten years. I am writing to you concerning the so called "Commercial/Mixed Use" phase of the project which is proposed for the parcel with direct frontage on Epping Road as you enter Meeting Place Drive. This parcel was approved for a full commercial development of office, retail and restaurant uses in 2006. At that time, a relatively narrow (six feet) extension of the conservation easement (that encumbers a significant portion of the large residential site to the rear) was shown so as to provide a trail access point directly to Epping Road where a sidewalk was constructed by Felder Kuehl as part of the initial off site roadway improvements along Epping Road. There was also an vehicular access point with parking in the conservation easement area on the residential parcel which was accessed from the parking lot of the proposed commercial building.

Subsequently, two things occurred: the market for such a large commercial project largely dried up and the Town adopted additional wetland setbacks which impacted the area where the

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vehicle access and parking was proposed for the conservation easement. We returned to the Conservation Commission to discuss these developments in the context of revised plans, initially for the residential property in 2008 and 2012 and subsequently for a reconfigured commercial site in 2013. As a result of those discussions, the Commission agreed that it would be best not to provide for the motor vehicle access and parking area within the wetland buffer. We also agreed on an expanded conservation easement and trail network to add an industrial parcel with a small parking area on Industrial Drive. The conservation easement and the related plan were revised accordingly and recorded in 2013 (copy attached as Exhibit A). That plan still reflects the narrow easement area with trail access out to Epping Road along the southern property line of the commercial parcel.

Since 2013, Felder Kuehl has been refining its mixed use site plan, working with the Planning Board and Technical Review Committee to finalize it. During that process, in which Pete Richardson has participated, it was observed that since the plan had been significantly altered with much less impervious area and disturbance than that originally proposed in 2006, the conservation easement area and trail location should be reexamined as well. Bob Felder has met with Doug Eastman and Kristen Murphy and reviewed with his engineers the feasibility of improving the trail access from Epping Road over the commercial site as it is now proposed to be configured.

Attached you will also find the following:

- 1. The proposed site plan which we expect to obtain final approval from the Planning Board at its June 25 meeting (Exhibit B);
- 2. A proposed revised trail plan showing a relocation of the trail access point from the Epping Road sidewalk to a location out of the buffer and wetland areas, in an area already being impacted as part of the site improvements and grading. This plan also shows a similarly beneficial relocation of the trail segment as it extends onto the residential portion of the conservation easement (Exhibit C).

At your meeting on June 9 we will seek your input and endorsement of this revised trail approach, which includes two parking spaces in the lot for the mixed use project (highlighted

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on the proposed site plan) near the trail access point that will be available to trail users and included in the revised easement. We also would consider, and would like the Commission's input on, whether the conservation easement should be expanded over the southerly end of the commercial mixed use site. We will have a visual for the meeting to facilitate our discussion.

As always, the assistance and cooperation of the Commission are appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DONAHUE, TUCKER & CIANDELLA, PLLC

Michael J. Donahue

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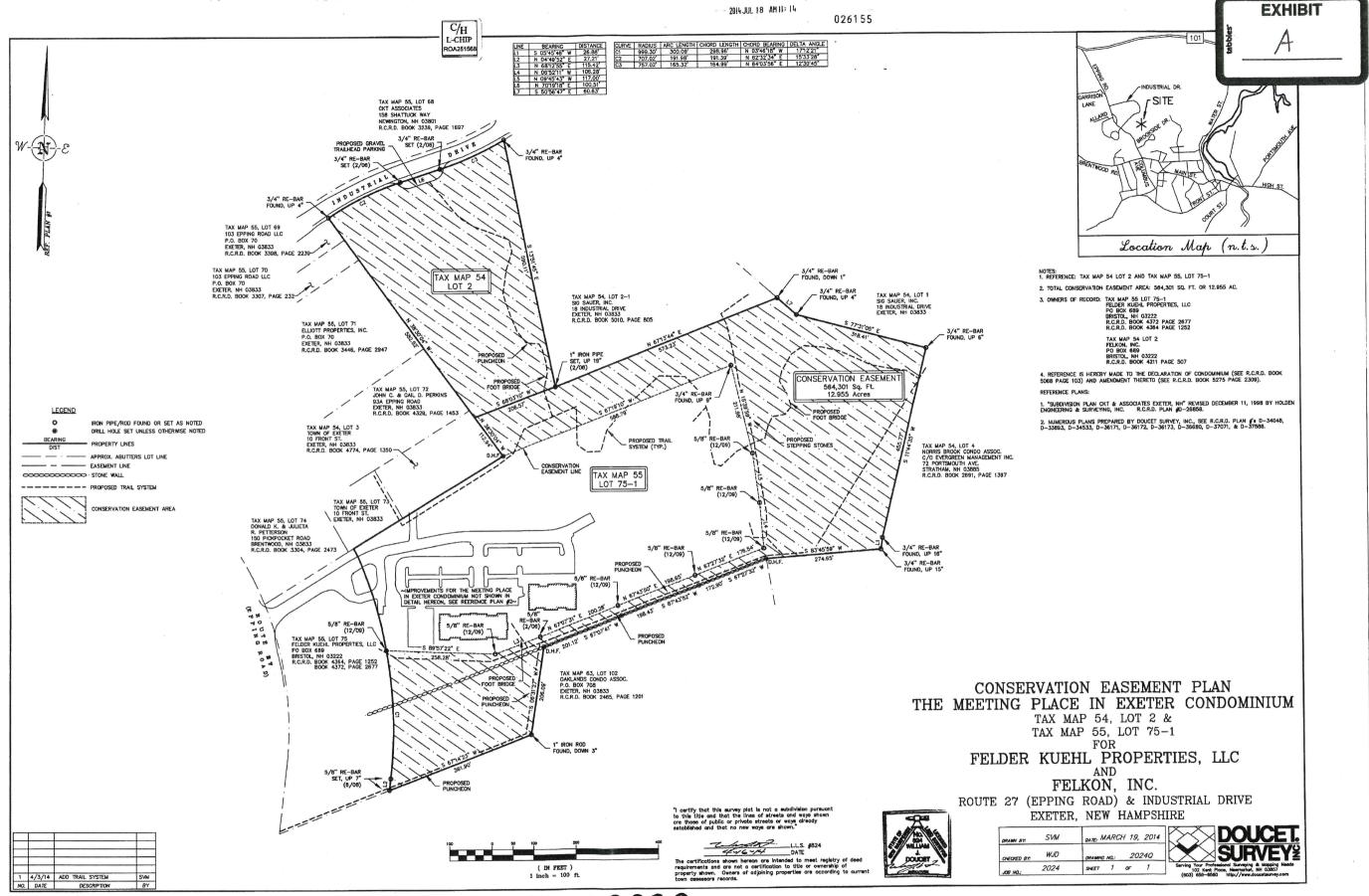
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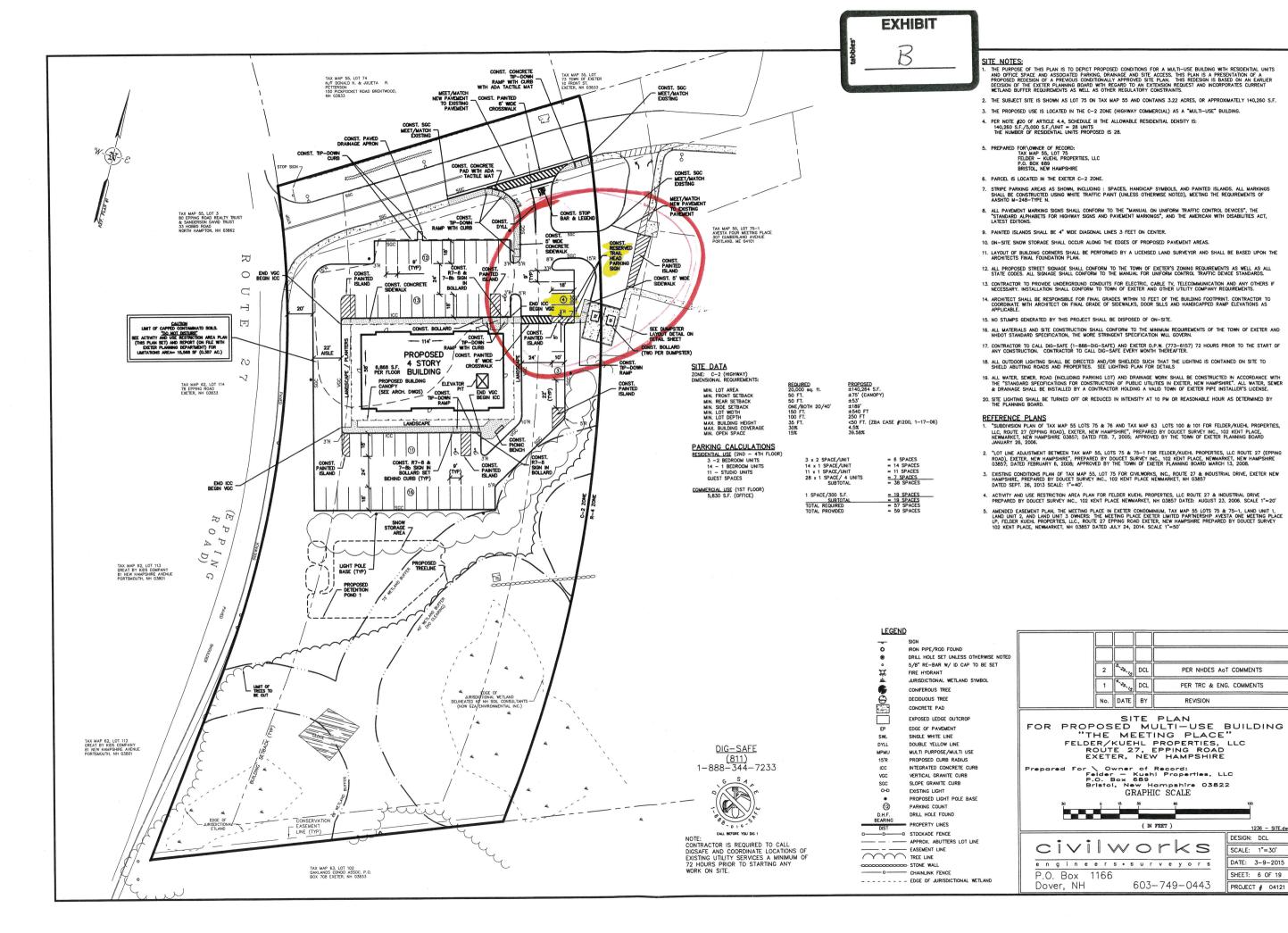
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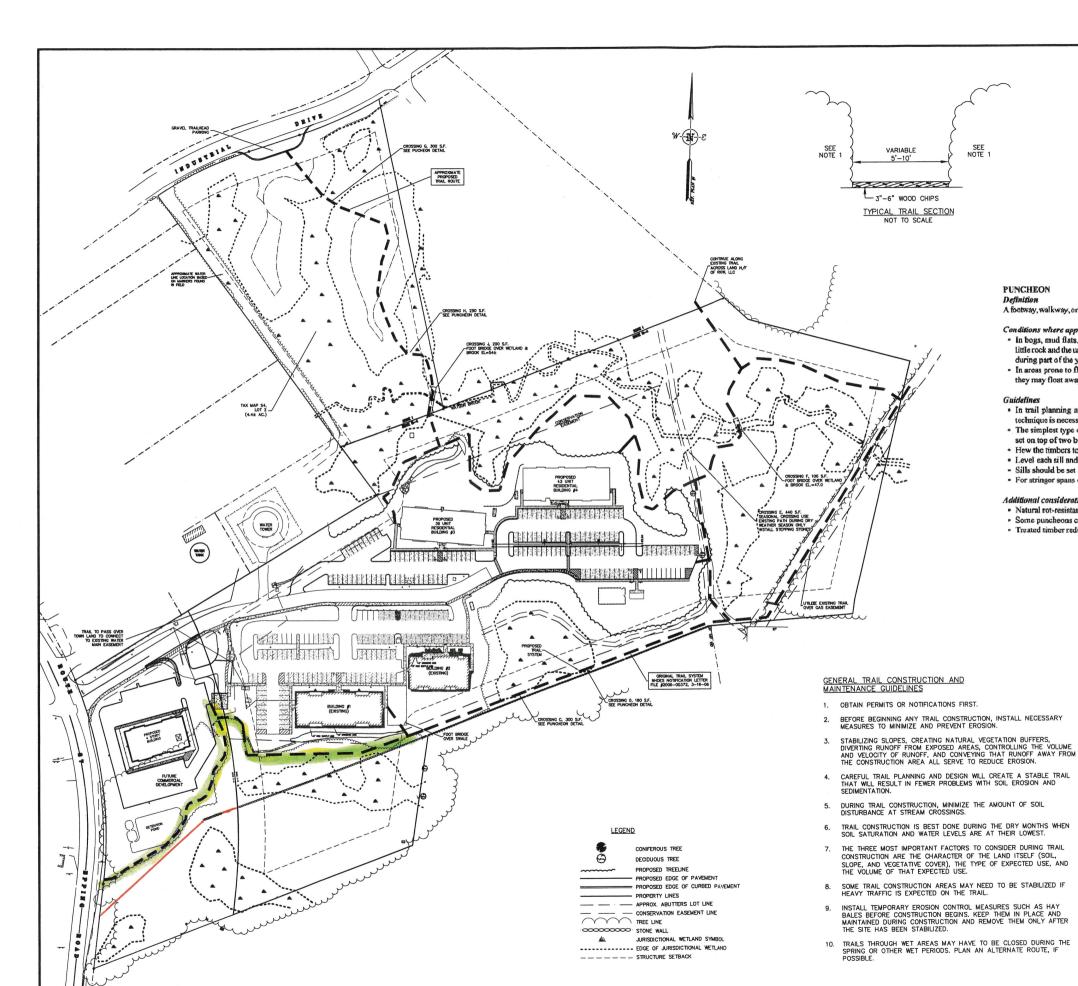
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GENERAL NOTES

- THE TRAIL LOCATIONS AS SHOWN ARE SUBJECT TO MINOR ADJUSTMENT SO AS TO AVOID CUTTING OF MATURE TREE GROWTH OR TRAVERSING OF EXCESSIVELY STEEP SLOPES OR LARGE BOULDERS/ROCK OUTCROPS.
- WHERE WETLAND CROSSINGS ARE UNAVOIDABLE (SEE CROSSINGS A THRU D), CROSSINGS SHALL BE PLACED AT THE NARROWEST WETLAND LOCATION.
- 3. AVOID USING HEAVY EQUIPMENT WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THUS REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF DISTURBANCES TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES.
- TRAIL GRADES SHALL NOT EXCEED 20% EXCEPT FOR SHORT
- EARTH DISTURBANCE FOR PURPOSES OF TRAIL CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE MINIMIZED. EROSION CONTROL MEASURES SHALL BE INSTALLED PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EARTH DISTURBANCE REQUIRED FOR TRAIL CONSTRUCTION.
- WOOD CHIPS GENERATED BY LIMBING AND BRUSH CLEARING SHALL BE LEFT IN PLACE AS TRAIL BEDDING.
- A PRE-CONSTRUCTION TRAIL WALK SHALL BE CONDUCTED WITH THE TOWN OF EXETER NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGER (TEL. 418-6452).
- TRAILS SHALL BE MARKED IN ACCORDANCE WITH TOWN REQUIREMENTS
 WITH A 2"x6" RECTANGULAR BLAZE MARK PAINTED AS DIRECTED BY
 THE TOWN.

PUNCHEON

A footway, walkway, or travel corridor constructed of wood, usually logs, to provide a dry treadway on fragile, wet terrain.

- · In bogs, mud flats, and marshy areas where there is frequently little rock and the underlying soil is mucky or peaty and saturated during part of the year when the trail may be in use.
- · In areas prone to flooding, puncheons are not recommended as they may float away.



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Guidelines

- . In trail planning and construction, attempt to avoid areas where this labor-intensive and highly impactive technique is necessary
- . The simplest type of puncheon is a topped-log puncheon, made with two stringers that form the treadway and set on top of two base logs that serve as the sills.
- Hew the timbers to make a flat walking surface and score the surface with an axe.
- · Level each sill and cut notches where the stringers will be attached.
- Sills should be set 2" into the soil surface to provide for added stability.
- · For stringer spans over 10', a center sill should be used.

Additional considerations

- · Natural rot-resistant wood such as cedar, spruce, and hemlock are preferred.
- Some puncheons can be constructed of native materials, while others may require milled lumber.
- · Treated timber reduces the potential for decay.

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June 3, 2015

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau P.O. Box 95 Concord NH 03302-0095

Re: Wetlands Permit Application

Epping Road Station Exeter, New Hampshire

On behalf of Unitil Service Corporation, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. is pleased to submit this Wetlands Permit application for the Unitil – Epping Road Station Project. Enclosed please find the permit application and supporting materials, including the following items listed in the Land Resources Management "Required Elements for Acceptance of Application", noted here and separated into attachments for ease of reference.

Attachment A:

- Application Form (with owner's, town clerk's signatures)
- Narrative Description

Attachment B:

- Figure 1 USGS Map
- o Figure 2 Town Tax Map (tax maps/lots are also shown on plan sheet)
- As-Built Project Plan
- Attachment C: Site Photographs
- Attachment D: Supporting Documentation
 - o Pre-application correspondence
 - Copy of Application Fee, check attached (2015/06/01 \$200)
 - Natural Heritage Bureau letter with map
 - NH Division of Historical Resources response

Please direct correspondence to me, as agent for the applicant, at sarah.benoit@amecfw.com or 978-392-5407. Thank you

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc.

Sarah F. Benoit

Environmental Planning & Permitting

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copy: Roger Barham, Unitil

Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. 271 Mill Road Chelmsford, MA 01824 USA



NHDES-W-06-012



WETLANDS PERMIT APPLICATION

Water Division/ Wetlands Bureau Land Resources Management

Check the status of your application: http://des.nh.gov/onestop



RSA/Rule: Env-Wq 100-900

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2. PROJECT LOCATION: Separate applications must be file	d with each municipality that juris	dictional impa	acts v	vill occur in.		
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LOCATION COORDINATES (If known	LOCATION COORDINATES (If known):					
3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Provide a brief description of the p of your project. DO NOT reply "Se Post-construction delineatio two areas in which construct Application is being submitte Approximately 9.21 sf of pale	ee Attached" in the space provide n and survey of a valve stat tion encroached on wetland ed pursuant to a site visit a	ed below. ion construction constructions. Is. This after and e-mail co	cted r-the	d at 62 Epping R e-fact Minimum spondence with	oad in Exeter N Impact Wetland Eben Lewis of	NH identified ds Permit NHDES.
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b. ☐ Designated River the proje date a copy of the applicat☒ NA	ect is in ¼ miles of: ion was sent to Local River Advi	sory Committe	ee: M	; and onth: Day:	Year:	

7. APPLICANT INFORMATION (Desired permit holder)					
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: Barham, Ro	oger A				
TRUST / COMPANY NAME: Unitil	- 1	ING ADDRESS: 3	25 West Roa	nd,	
TOWN/CITY: Portsmouth			STATE: NH	ZIP CODE: 03801	
EMAIL OF FAX: barham @ unitil. com	`	PHONE: 603	-294	-5191	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here:	hereby authorize	DES to communica	ite all matters re	lative to this application electronically	
8. PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (If different than	n applicant)				
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.:					
TRUST / COMPANY NAME:	MAIL	ING ADDRESS:			
TOWN/CITY:			STATE:	ZIP CODE:	
EMAIL or FAX:	,	PHONE:			
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9. AUTHORIZED AGENT INFORMATION					
LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: Benoit, Sarah F.		COMPANY	COMPANY NAME: Amec Foster Wheeler		
MAILING ADDRESS: 271 Mill Road					
TOWN/CITY: Chelmsford			STATE: MA	ZIP CODE: 01824	
EMAIL or FAX: sarah.benoit@amecfw.com	РНО	NE: (978) 392- 5	5407	4	
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION: By initialing here SFB, 1 h	hereby authorize D	ES to communicat	e all matters rela	ative to this application electronically	
10. PROPERTY OWNER SIGNATURE: See the Instructions & Required Attachments document for or	clarification of th	e below stateme	nts		
By signing the application, I am certifying that:					
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7. I have submitted a Request for Project Review (RPR) (SHPO) at the NH Division of Historical Resources to	Form (www.nh.	gov/nhdhr/reviev	v) to the NH St	ate Historic Preservation Officer	
I authorize DES and the municipal conservation comm	nission to inspe	the presence of the site of the p	nistorical/ arcr proposed proie	neological resources. act.	
9. I have reviewed the information being submitted and t	that to the best	of my knowledge	the information	n is true and accurate.	
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A Roger A. Barham 6,2,2015					
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Print name legibly Shoreland@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2147
NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095
www.des.nh.gov

MUNICIPAL SIGNATURES

11. CONSERVATION COMMISSION SIGNATURE

The signature below certifies that the municipal conservation commission has reviewed this application, and:

- 1. Waives its right to intervene per RSA 482-A:11;
- 2. Believes that the application and submitted plans accurately represent the proposed project; and
- 3. Has no objection to permitting the proposed work.

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Print name legibly

Date

DIRECTIONS FOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION

- 1. Expedited review ONLY requires that the conservation commission's signature is obtained in the space above.
- 2. Expedited review requires the Conservation Commission signature be obtained **prior** to the submittal of the original application to the Town/City Clerk for signature.
- 3. The Conservation Commission may refuse to sign. If the Conservation Commission does not sign this statement for any reason, the application is not eligible for expedited review and the application will reviewed in the standard review time frame.

12. TOWN / CITY CLERK SIGNATURE

As required by Chapter 482-A:3 (amended 2014), I hereby certify that the applicant has filed four application forms, four detailed plans, and four USGS location maps with the town/city indicated below.



Town/City Clerk Signature

Print name legibly

Town/City

Date

DIRECTIONS FOR TOWN/CITY CLERK:

Per RSA 482-A:3,I

- 1. For applications where "Expedited Review" is checked on page 1, if the Conservation Commission signature is not present, NHDES will accept the permit application, but it will NOT receive the expedited review time.
- 2. IMMEDIATELY sign the original application form and four copies in the signature space provided above;
- 3. Return the signed original application form and attachments to the applicant so that the applicant may submit the application form and attachments to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.
- 4. IMMEDIATELY distribute a copy of the application with one complete set of attachments to each of the following bodies: the municipal Conservation Commission, the local governing body (Board of Selectmen or Town/City Council), and the Planning Board; and
- 5. Retain one copy of the application form and one complete set of attachments and make them reasonably accessible for public review.

DIRECTIONS FOR APPLICANT:

1. Submit the original permit application form bearing the signature of the Town/ City Clerk, additional materials, and the application fee to NHDES by mail or hand delivery.

13. IMPACT AREA: For each jurisdictional area that will Permanent: impacts that will remain		uare feet and, if a	applicable, linear fe	et of impact
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Scrub-shrub wetland		ATF		Пат
Emergent wetland		ATF		Пат
Wet meadow	637.07	ATF		Пат
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Perennial Stream / River	1	ATF		/ □ AT
Lake / Pond	1	☐ ATF		/ AT
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Bank - Perennial stream / River	1	☐ ATF		/ AT
Bank - Lake / Pond	1	☐ ATF		/ AT
Tidal water	1	ATF		/ AT
Salt marsh		ATF		□ ат
Sand dune		ATF		□ ат
Prime wetland		ATF		□ ат
Prime wetland buffer		ATF		□ АТ
Undeveloped Tidal Buffer Zone (TBZ)		ATF		□ ат
Previously-developed upland in TBZ		ATF		□ АТ
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Project Narrative Description

On behalf of Unitil (the applicant), Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. is submitting this after-the-fact Minimum Impact Expedited Wetlands Permit application for construction-related impacts to wetlands at 62 Epping Road, Exeter NH. This permit application is submitted pursuant to a site visit and e-mail correspondence on May 8, 2015 with Eben M. Lewis of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) (see attachment D) and Regulations Env-Wt 100-900, the Wetlands Rules.

Station Construction

Unitil and their contractors are constructing a natural gas valve station within the Granite State Gas Transmission pipeline easement at the 62 Epping Road location. Figure 1 in Attachment B shows the location of the site in Exeter. Figure 2 in Attachment B is a town tax map identifying Unitil's easement and the surrounding parcels. The valve station with site details is shown on Sheet 1, also in Attachment B. Photographs are contained in Attachment C.

The station is being constructed as a valve and gate station in conjunction with the installation of a section of natural gas distribution pipeline to connect existing service in Exeter to new service in Brentwood. Unitil's easement at the station site is 35 feet wide. The station's perimeter fence is approximately 95 feet by 25 feet. The station is surfaced with crushed stone for the entire width of the easement (35 feet).

Wetlands

Wetlands on site and in the project vicinity were delineated and their locations flagged by Joseph W. Noel, NH Certified Soil Scientist number 017 and NH Certified Wetland Scientist number 086, on May 16, 2014 (pre-construction) and again on April 13, 2015 (post construction). The delineation was conducted in accordance with the "1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual" (1987 Manual) along with the required "Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Northcentral and Northeast Region" (Version 2, January 2012). Hydric Soil determinations were conducted in accordance with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service document "Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States" (Version 7.0, 2010) along with the manual "Field Indicators for Identifying Hydric Soils in New England" (Version 3, April 2004). Plant species indicator status was based on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers publication "The National Wetland Plant List" (2013). Flag locations were surveyed by Easterly Surveying, Inc.

A review of the New Hampshire Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) database for NHB records was conducted using the NHB Datacheck tool (see attachment D). The NHB review indicated no recorded occurrences for sensitive species near the Project area. A Request for Project Review was submitted to the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources (DHR) on April 28, 2015. DHR Review and Compliance number 6667 indicated no historic properties would be affected in the project area.

Unitil – Epping Road Station NHDES Wetlands Permit Attachment A: Narrative Description

The post-construction delineation and survey identified two areas in which construction encroached on wetlands. In May 2015 Unitil and their agent, Amec Foster Wheeler, inspected the site and determined that a total of two wetlands were impacted by the Project.

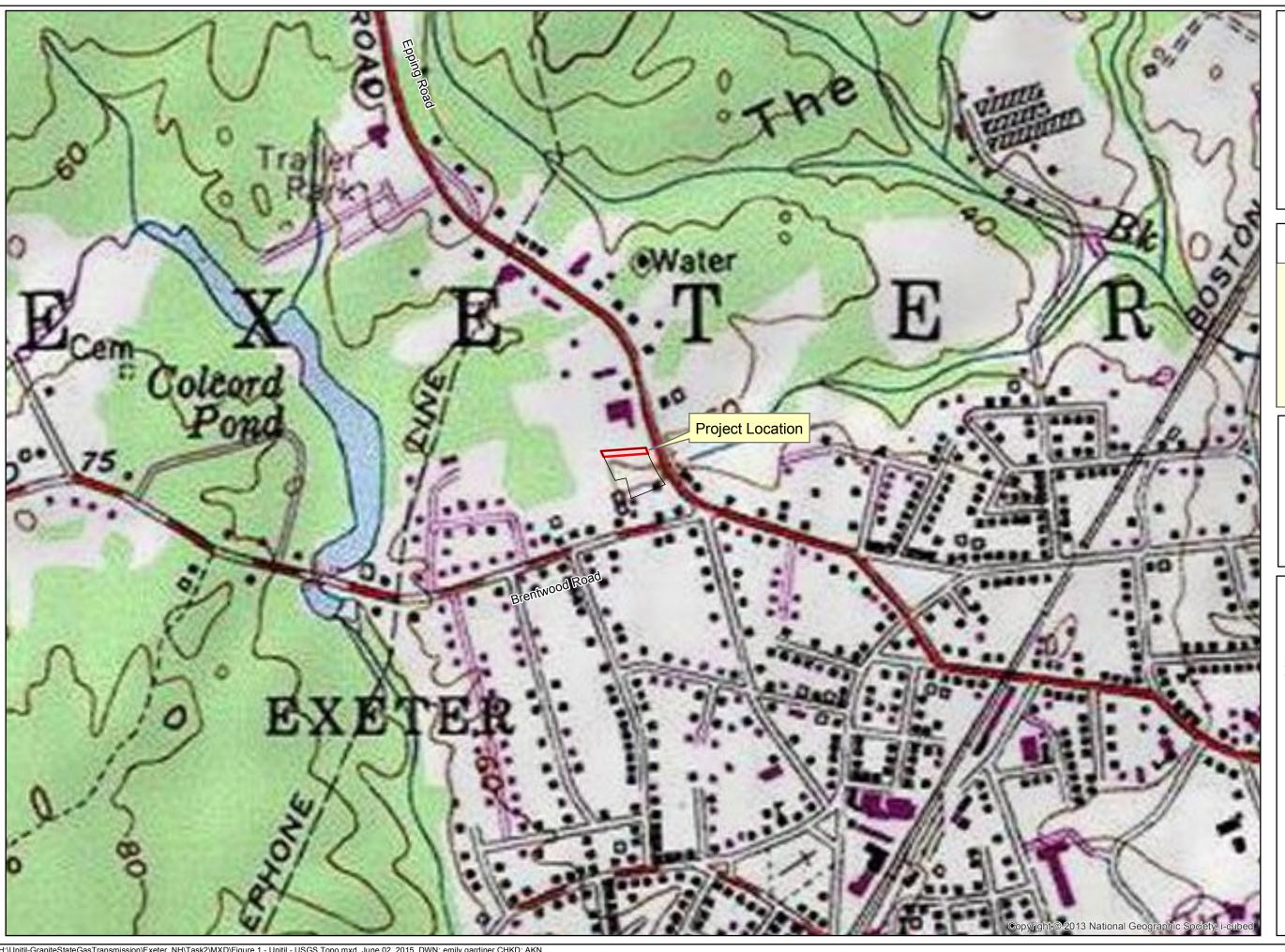
The smaller is a small isolated pocket of Palustrine Forested wetland. The wetland consists of an isolated depression with organic-rich soils, water-stained leaves, and sparse vegetation including mosses, mutiflora rose, jewelweed, and gray dogwood. The depression is surrounded by forested land dominated by red maple and black locust. Approximately 9.21 sf of isolated forested wetland was impacted by a boulder containment wall which was installed to support construction of the valve station, provide a stable level surface on the south side of the station, and protect the remaining wetland area.

The larger wetland impact area is a wet meadow dominated by various grasses (unidentified), and sensitive fern, and also containing wild apple, oriental bittersweet, and speckled alder. The wetland likely drains to an unnamed brook flowing east, south of the Project site. The wet meadow emergent communities apparently exist in this form due to periodic maintenance (i.e., mowing) of the Unitil pipeline ROW west of the project site. Approximately 637.07 square feet (sf) of wet meadow emergent wetland was impacted by fill required for pipe installation and ground leveling for the station.

Site Inspection with NHDES

Unitil informed the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services of the unpermitted wetland encroachment on May 6. On May 8 representatives of Unitil (and their agent Amec Foster Wheeler) met on site with Eben Lewis of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. Unitil explained the reasons that their contractor caused wetlands impacts, as described above. Unitil requested the retention of the wetland impacts created by the boulder retaining wall and fill for pipe cover. Unitil maintains that the project has not substantially altered the functions of the two impacted wetlands, and will not result in any additional adverse impacts to wetlands and their functions. Unitil respectfully requests that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services permit the retention of these wetland impacts from the boulder wall and fill for pipe coverage.





SITE LOCUS

Unitil

Epping Road Station

62 Epping Road Exeter, New Hampshire





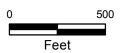


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FIGURE 1

Parcel boundary locations based on MapsOnline for Exeter, NH referenced 5/29/2015

Site boundary location based on As-Built Plan completed by Easterly Surveying, Inc. and dated 4/22/2015





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MUNICIPAL TAX MAP

Unitil

Epping Road Station

62 Epping Road Exeter, New Hampshire



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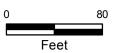
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Approximate Site Boundary

FIGURE 2

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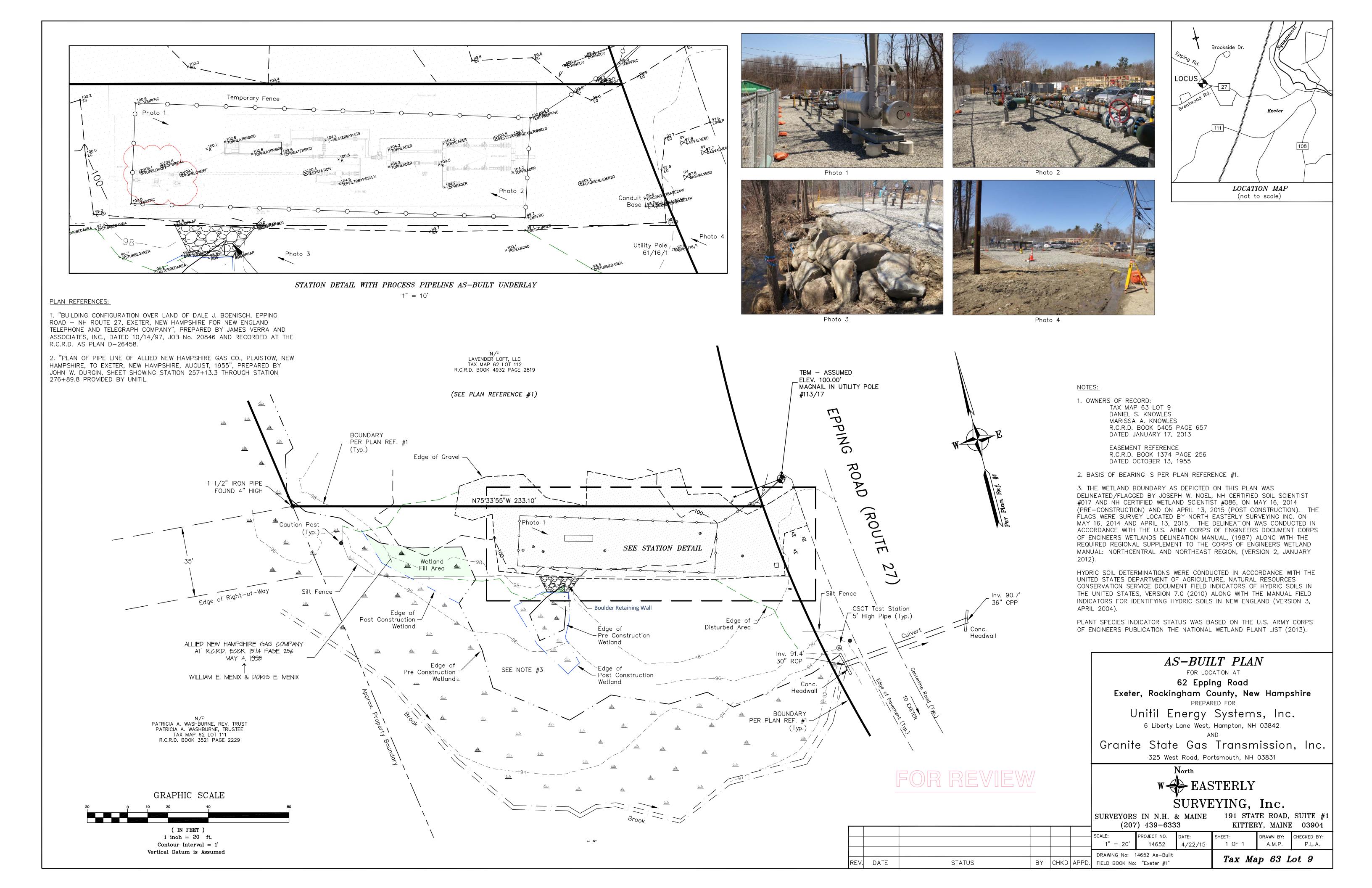
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Attachment C Site Photographs



Photograph 1. View of Palustrine Forested Wetland located just below boulder wall south of Project site.



Photograph 2. View looking southwest at boulder wall in foreground and small Palustrine Forested Wetland in background; hay bales at toe of slope for erosion control.

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Attachment C Site Photographs



Photograph 3. View looking southwest at silt fence in buffer area adjacent to large wet meadow in background.



Photograph 4. View looking west toward wet meadow with fill impact in foreground.

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Herzog, Stephen

From: Lewis, Eben <Eben.Lewis@des.nh.gov>

Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 3:35 PM

To: Herzog, Stephen Cc: 'Barham, Roger'

Subject: RE: Site meeting 2 PM in Exeter

Good afternoon, Gents,

Thank you for meeting me out at the site on such short notice, I appreciate it. As discussed, please submit an after-the-fact wetlands permit application to request the retention of the wetland impacts from the boulder wall and fill for pipe coverage. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards, Eben

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Visit DES Land Resources Management for helpful tools and information!

From: Herzog, Stephen [mailto:stephen.herzog@amecfw.com]

Sent: Friday, May 08, 2015 8:10 AM

To: Lewis, Eben

Subject: Site meeting 2 PM in Exeter

Hi Eben:

Just confirming that we will meet at the Unitil project site at 62 Epping Road in Exeter at 2:00 PM this afternoon. Roger Barham, gas project engineer from Unitil, also plans to be there. If you need to reach me before this then, please feel free to call my mobile phone at 508-517-6470. Thank you.

Steve

Stephen Herzog

Senior Ecologist / Project Manager Amec Foster Wheeler

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To: Sarah Benoit Date: 7/2/2014

271 Mill Road

Chelmsford, MA 01824

From: NH Natural Heritage Bureau

Re: Review by NH Natural Heritage Bureau of request dated 7/2/2014

NHB File ID: NHB14-2426 Applicant: Sarah Benoit

Location: Tax Map(s)/Lot(s):

Exeter

Project Description: The purpose of the project, referred to as the Brentwood

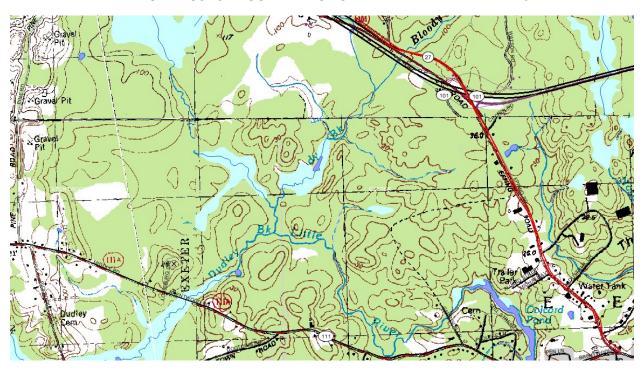
Expansion Project, is to install a distribution section of interstate natural gas transmission pipeline. The project is located along the previously disturbed road right-of-way (ROW) along Epping Road (Rt. 27) and Pine Road. The proposed pipe installation work will be temporary impact and will take place within the previously disturbed road ROW. Unitil will install an eight-inch diameter gas pipe along the east and north side of Epping Road ROW in Exeter and along the western ROW of Pine Road. The pipe will be placed across Little River and Bloody Brook via horizontal directional drilling (HDD) beneath the rivers and their adjacent floodplains, therefore, none of the associated wetlands will be impacted in this area.

The NH Natural Heritage database has been checked for records of rare species and exemplary natural communities near the area mapped below. The species considered include those listed as Threatened or Endangered by either the state of New Hampshire or the federal government. We currently have no recorded occurrences for sensitive species near this project area.

A negative result (no record in our database) does not mean that a sensitive species is not present. Our data can only tell you of known occurrences, based on information gathered by qualified biologists and reported to our office. However, many areas have never been surveyed, or have only been surveyed for certain species. An on-site survey would provide better information on what species and communities are indeed present.

This report is valid through 7/1/2015.

MAP OF PROJECT BOUNDARIES FOR NHB FILE ID: NHB14-2426



Please mail the completed form and required material to:

New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources State Historic Preservation Office Attention: Review & Compliance 19 Pillsbury Street, Concord, NH 03301-3570 RECEIVED
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Response Date 5 17 15

Sent Date 5 8 15

Request for Project Review by the New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources

GENERAL PROJ	ECT INFOR	MATION				
Project Title Uniti	I - Epping Roa	d Station				
Project Location 62	Epping Road					
City/Town Exeter		Tax Map 63	Lot # 99			
NH State Plane - Feet Geographic Coordinates: Easting 1717968.05 Northing 178005.46 (See RPR Instructions and R&C FAQs for guidance.) 172097 178397						
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This form is updated periodically. Please download the current form at www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review. Please refer to the Request for Project Review Instructions for direction on completing this form. Submit one copy of this project review form for each project for which review is requested. Undude a self-addressed stamped envelope to expedite review response. Project submissions will not be accepted via facsimile or e-mail. This form is required. Review request form must be complete for review to begin. Incomplete forms will be sent back to the applicant without comment. Please be aware that this form may only initiate consultation. For some projects, additional information will be needed to complete the Section 106 review. All items and supporting documentation submitted with a review request, including photographs and publications, will be retained by the DHR as part of its review records. Items to be kept confidential should be dearly identified. For questions regarding the DHR review process and the DHR's role in it, please visit our website at: www.nh.gov/nhdhr/review or contact the R&C Specialist at christina.st.louis@dor.nh.gov or 603.271.3558.

PROJECTS CANNOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION
Project Boundaries and Description
Attach the relevant portion of a 7.5' USGS Map (photocopied or computer-generated) indicating the defined project boundary. (See RPR Instructions and R&C FAQs for guidance.) Attach a detailed narrative description of the proposed project. Attach a site plan. The site plan should include the project boundaries and areas of proposed excavation. Attach photos of the project area (overview of project location and area adjacent to project location, and specific areas of proposed impacts and disturbances.) (Informative photo captions are requested.) A DHR file review must be conducted to identify properties within or adjacent to the project area. Provide file review results in Table 1. (Blank table forms are available on the DHR website.) File review conducted on 4/23/2015.
<u>Architecture</u>
Are there any buildings, structures (bridges, walls, culverts, etc.) objects, districts or landscapes within the project area? Yes No If no, skip to Archaeology section. If yes, submit all of the following information:
Approximate age(s): unknown
 Photographs of each resource or streetscape located within the project area, with captions, along with a mapped photo key. (Digital photographs are accepted. All photographs must be clear, crisp and focused.) If the project involves rehabilitation, demolition, additions, or alterations to existing buildings or structures, provide additional photographs showing detailed project work locations. (i.e. Detail photo of windows if window replacement is proposed.)
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Does the proposed undertaking involve ground-disturbing activity? Yes No If yes, submit all of the following information:
 Description of current and previous land use and disturbances. Available information concerning known or suspected archaeological resources within the project area (such as cellar holes, wells, foundations, dams, etc.)
Please note that for many projects an architectural and/or archaeological survey or other additional information may be needed to complete the Section 106 process.
DHR Comment/Finding Recommendation This Space for Division of Historical Resources Use Only
☐ Insufficient information to initiate review. ☐ Additional information is needed in order to complete review. ☐ No Potential to cause Effects ☐ No Historic Properties Affected ☐ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect Comments:
If plans change or resources are discovered in the course of this project, you must contact the Division of Historical Resources as required by federal law and regulation. Authorized Signature:

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Draft Minutes Exeter Conservation Commission May 12, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Exeter Town Offices on the above date.

- MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Belanger (BOS Rep), Virginia Raub (Treasurer), Carlos Guindon (Vice-Chair), Jay Gregoire(Chair), Peter Richardson, Cynthia Field, Mike Field, Don Briselden. STAFF PRESENT: Kristin Murphy (Natural Resource Planner), Sarah McGraw(Recording Secretary).
- 2. Public Comment: None

Action Items

1. Challenges Facing Great Bay

Jeff Barnum a Great Bay-Piscataqua Waterkeeper, presented on the efforts and challenges of preserving Great Bay. Topics included, the importance of eel grass in the bay, work to recreate oyster beds, nitrogen loading in great bay and efforts to minimize nitrogen. Mr. Barnum also cited examples where municipalities such as New Castle adopted restrictions on fertilizer use. For more information contact: Jeff Barnum JBarnum@clf.org

2. Great Dam Removal Wetland Application-

Peter Walker, with VHB representing the Town of Exeter, updated the Conservation Commission on the Great Dam Removal project and the submission of a wetland application. The dredge and fill permit is for 30,000 square feet of impacted area. There will be re-grading for the stability of property adjacent to the project. Mr. Walker gave a brief history of the decision to remove the dam by the Town. He discussed the alternatives considered and the final decision. There is a sediment management plan, mitigation of historical impacts and a revegetation plan as part of the mitigation efforts.

Ms. Raub asked what would happend if the project were delayed. Mr. Walker confirmed the project would be delayed for about a year. Mr. Walker stated that the applicants were hoping the Conservation Commission would be supportive of the application to go on record with the Department of Environmental Services and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ms. Raub moved to support the application, second by Mr. Gregoire. VOTE: Unanimous

Mr. Briselden entered the meeting at 8:00 pm.

3. Henderson Swasey Forest Management Plan Implementation

a. Project Update

Mr. Briselden had presented the plan to Charlie Moreno for review and input. Mr. Briselden outlined the risks for going forward with the planned tree harvesting.

b. Forester Contracts for Harvest Oversight, Invasive Plant Treatment Oversight

Ms. Murphy said the contract with Mr. Moreno includes oversight with invasive species removal. She added that Mr. Moreno suggested that the amount allotted for invasive removal is low. Ms. Murphy said that the work agreement is modeled after the initial agreement and the town will sign contracts with the logging company which would include an invasive species contract. Ms. Raub said she would like to see the schedule of payment. Ms. Murphy said they could not foresee the schedule at the moment.

Mr. Richardson moved to sign the agreement with Charlie Moreno, second by Mr. Guindon. **VOTE:** Unanimous

Mr. Briselden suggested from his talks with Mr. Moreno, that the Conservation Commission Should Flag one side of the trails to alert the loggers of the existing trails. The logging company will have to cross the trails and explain to the public about why it is healthy to thin out the forest.

c. Outreach

Ms. Raub said she would like to do a photo journal. Ms Eberhardt who was not present at the meeting but had volunteered to create an educational flyer about logging in the Town Forest. Copies of the management plan are available on the Conservation Commission webpage.

4. Committee Reports

a. Trails

Mr. Gregoire reported on the last meeting of the Trails Committee. There was some talk about removing leaves on the trails where wet areas had accumulated.

Mr. Richardson suggested dealing with trouble spots individually and shoveling out

areas where water collects. Mr. Gregoire said that the Committee would like to hold a bridge building workshop. Mr. Richardson reported work was beginning on the trails outside of the new tennis club. Ms. Raub said she had trail posts waiting to be staked in her garage. Ms. Murphy added there are two passport posts that need replacing and two trail head posts that need to be installed along with interior posts and the McDonald post that was pulled out. Ms Murphy suggested using Eagle Scouts to help.

b. Property Monitoring

Ms. Raub said her and Mr. Richardson wrapped fraser fir seedlings.

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5. Nomination and Election of Officers

There was discussion at a Board of Selectmen meeting that only regular members can serve as officers. It was noted that Ms. Raub was an officer and an alternate. It was decided that Ms. Raub and Mr. Guindon would run as regular members and Mr. and Mrs. Field would be alternates.

6. Approval of Minutes: April 14, 2015

Ms. Raub moved to approve the minutes as amended, second by Mr. Richardson. **VOTE:** Unanimous

7. Natural Resource Planner's Report and Correspondence

Ms. Murphy said the Department of Environmental Services was looking for help with the BRAP program in Exeter, sampling water and logging data. Ms. Murphy reported that Ms. Raub and Mr. Richardson

attended a workshop for which she requested to expend funds on the registration, \$50 total.

Mr. Gregorie moved to approval the expenditure of \$50 for the workshop on wetlands, second by Mr. Guindon. VOTE: Unanimous

8. Other Business

9. Next Meeting: June 9, 2015

Ms. Raub moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Mr. Gregoire. VOTE: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Sarah McGraw