1 2 3 4 5		TOWN OF EXETER PLANNING BOARD DRAFT MINUTES MAY 23, 2019
6 7	1.	CALL TO ORDER: Session was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chair Plumer.
8	2.	INTRODUCTIONS
9 10 11		<b>Members Present:</b> Chair Langdon Plumer, Vice-Chair Aaron Brown, John Grueter, Gwen English, Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Representative, Marcia Moreno-Baez, Alternate, Nick Gray, Alternate, Jennifer Martel, Alternate.
12		Staff Present: Dave Sharples, Town Planner
13		Chair Plumer indicated that Alternates Nick Gray and Jennifer Martel would be active.
14 15	3.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
16 17		May 9, 2019
17 18 19 20		Ms. Grueter moved to approve the May 9, 2019 minutes as amended. Ms. English seconded the motion. Approved 7-0.
21	4.	NEW BUSINESS
22		HEARINGS:
23 24 25 26 27 28 29		Continuation of public hearing on the application of VWI Towers LLC for a site plan review for the proposed construction of a wireless communications facility and associated improvements on a 31.48-acre parcel located on Kingston Road (Town of Exeter landfill property) R-1, Low Density Residential zoning district Tax Map Parcel #100-004 Case #19-02
31 32 33		Chair Plumer indicated that VWI Towers, Case #19-02 is looking to be continued to June 27, 2019.
34 35 36		Ms. English moved to continue Case #19-02 to June 27, 2019. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the motion. Approved 7-0.
37 38 39 40		The application of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. for a commercial site plan review and Wetlands Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the proposed construction of a 53,490 S.F. building (offices, storage, warehouse and wash bay area), parking and associated site improvements on an 11.70-acre parcel located at 20 Continental Drive
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42 Corporate Technology-1 Park zoning district Tax Map Parcel #46-3 43 Case #18-16 44 45 The application of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. for a lot line adjustment between properties located at 20 Continental Drive and 60 Gourmet Place 46 **CT-Corporate Technology-1 Park zoning district** 47 Tax Map Parcels #46-3 and #46-1 48 Case #18-20 49 50 Mr. Sharples noted this is a continued hearing. 51 52 53 Mr. Sharples provided the Gourmet Place email from Paul Vlasich, Town Engineer with several comments from the Town Engineer. No additional traffic requirements at 54 intersection due to little use. Value is being moved out of public right-of-way and granite 55 bounds on public roadway. Had Site Walk and revised plans. Added additional curbed 56 landscape island to break up parking lot. No more rip-rap mix. Haven't gotten final sign-57 off from UEI. Have proposed conditions of approval for both cases. 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

Mark Belliveau introduced the team presenting they were not ready in prior meeting for approval. Mr. Belliveau indicated they are in a position where they would like the Board to take action and review the status of the road afterward.

James Petropulos indicated this is the third meeting. The applicant has listened to and made adjustments to comments from the last meetings. Key additions consisted of landscape island in front; using more natural seed mix; responded with tree survey with 49 trees within clearance; transferring one acre from Gourmet Gift Basket to Unitil lot to get further from wetlands.

Ms. English asked about the outline of the granite curbing. Mr. Petropulos noted 2,800 ft total curbing, 2,400 ft. granite.

Ms. English asked about planting in the island. Mr. Petropulos indicated shrubs could be added rather than tall trees which would limit lighting. Ms. English recommended planting trees elsewhere to add shade, perhaps at the beginning of where the fill line is going.

Ms. English asked about the two buffer lines and 75' setback line? Mr. Petropulos indicated that was correct.

Ms. English asked about the lighting plan, with spillover over boundary of property line and asked if it was necessary for that light to spill off where there is wetland? Mr. Petropulos noted it was a dark sky friendly system which was not on all night. The business needs security and can try to minimize lighting. Ms. English noted the bigger threat of people doing damage to property would not seem to be by the wetlands. Mr. Petropulos indicated they could try placing a shield.

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133 134 Ms. Martel asked about snow storage in stormwater area adjacent to inlet and whether plows would go through? Mr. Petropulos noted the location was uncurbed, areas of storage are combined with birm curb like speed bump. Ms. Martel noted she would like to see a tree in the landscape island with the amount being removed.

Mr. Sharples asked if there was a light pole where island is going? Mr. Petropulos noted there originally was, yes.

Ms. English asked about buffer impact footage. Mr. Petropulos noted he believed wetland is 15,000 and 75,000 in buffer area. Received wetland permit and alteration of terrain permit 62% open space with a healthy buffer around Gourmet Gift Basket.

Ms. Martel asked about the construction detail for the conservation mix slope? Mr. Petropulos indicated he believed it to be a cross section and is in landscape plan.

Chair Plumer opened the hearing to the public for questions and comments at 7:37 PM and being none closed the hearing to the public.

Mr. Sharples asked if stabilization matting was biodegradable? Mr. Petropulos indicated it is.

Mr. Beliveau noted he would speak about Gourmet Place and potential road dedication. The current facility in Kensington has outgrown its location and began search for larger properties, hearing that Gourmet Place was a private road, communicated with owner as its important to be located on Town Road for business. First responders need reliable access to government-maintained roadways. Continental was an option but was very wet and did not have a viable access point. The company met with Town Manager and is very interested in returning to Exeter. The company reviewed the street policy with attorney and thought may allow for road dedication application. The road had been reviewed by the DPW at great length. Sat down with Town Engineer and discussed around eight topics. If Select Board accepts as Town road, we will make improvements listed in revised plan set, hand outs and walk through several images of roadway. One concern of DPW is damaged curb and conduit not properly restored. Indicated would replace existing pole and restore area. Concern with intersection was potential safety issue. Can be confusing what road you are on. Engaged traffic engineer who prepared memo and recommended insertion of additional traffic control such as striping. Moved stripe and stop sign up more. Excellent site distance to right and straight ahead. Road has been in place for three years. Contacted Exeter PD for accident report at intersection with no reported accidents found. Traffic engineer also recommended signage to clarify which road is which. Mr. Petropulos noted the applicant is willing to incorporate those.

Mr. Gray asked if yellow line would bear right or just pull forward? If continue to bring stop line someone coming from Gourmet Place may have reduced visibility. Mr. Beliveau indicated according to the memo it is just straight forward and didn't believe it extended far enough that you would have to look behind you. Appears to be a dramatic improvement if brought forward.

135 Mr. Grueter asked if the Town was concerned with the quality of the road? Mr. Sharples 136 noted the Cape Cod birm rather than granite because that was acceptable at the time. 137 138 Mr. Grueter asked if any expansion or development planned off this part of roadway? 139 Mr. Sharples noted there is a lot of wetlands, it would be a challenge to develop there. Mr. Beliveau noted per Town Engineer's geotechnical report which questioned if the 140 road could sustain use, reviewed and deemed satisfactory 141 142 143 Ms. Martel asked about the necessity of the proposed cul-de-sac and drainage. Mr. Sharples indicated if a public road would need a turnaround for plows and emergency 144 vehicles. Ms. Martel asked if large enough? Mr. Sharples noted yes; it meets all 145 146 specifications there. Mr. Petropulos noted as the road pitches a pair of catch basins at top pand another at bottom. Slightly more pavement, raised curb and landscaped area. 147 148 149 Ms. Martel asked who maintains that? Mr. Petropulos responded he was not sure and asked what is usually done in the case of a cul-de-sac? Mr. Brown indicated he believed 150 it would be the Town's responsibility, the Town has people mow. Ms. Martel asked 151 about alternatives, so it didn't need to be mowed as she didn't see Parks & Recreation 152 going out there. Mr. Brown noted he was unsure what you could require them to put in. 153 Mr. Grueter noted it was not very visible either. It would be nice if the applicant would 154 155 volunteer to do that. Mr. Sharples indicated they could take out or suggest ground cover that grows very slightly, requiring little maintenance. Mr. Brown noted he would rather 156 157 see vegetation than pavement. Ms. Martel asked if there are plants that suppress weeds to keep from becoming a nuisance. Mr. Sharples will bring up with DPW and 158 159 noted it may be up to the Select Board.

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Chair Plumer noted there were several waivers to deal with. Mr. Petropulos indicated they were requesting seven waivers. The first is survey of trees. There are many trees on 11-acre lot with 49 significant trees in clearing area.

Mr. Brown moved to grant waiver request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board Case #18-16 for a waiver from Section 7.4.7 of the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations regarding identifying significant trees 16" in diameter (caliper) or greater, after reviewing the criteria for waivers. Mr. Gray seconded the motion.

Ms. Martel opined this waiver should never be granted as it is not good to not know.

Mr. Brown noted they did do survey of tree, just didn't map them and made a reasonable effort, in favor.

Mr. Gray stated he hasn't seen a case in which requiring it is warranted. It seems like an undue burden in 95% of cases. Mr. Grueter added "especially in commercial property."

Mr. Brown noted if it wasn't commercial the property owner could cut trees without coming to the Board.

182	Ms. English noted it helps to see what we are cutting, mapping gives everyone a
183	footprint to see, not a useless requirement.
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185	Voting in favor were: Plumer – aye, Brown – aye, Papakonstantis – aye, Gray –
186	aye, and Grueter – aye. Voting opposed were English – nay, Martel – nay.
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189	Mr. Petropulos presented the second waiver request was for HISS. Site Specific Soil
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192	Mr. Brown moved to grant the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning
193	Board Case #18-16 for waiver from Section 7.5.4 of the Site Plan Review and
194	Subdivision Regulations to provide High Intensity Soil Survey Information on the
195	Proposed Site Plan, after reviewing the criteria for waiver. Mr. Gray seconded the
	motion.
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198	Mr. Sharples noted the main difference with alteration of terrain started requiring site
199	specific soil survey, classification differences, effectively provides same information.
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204	Mr. Petropulos indicated request #3 was for architectural guidelines requiring pitched
205	roofs, historic details etc. which really don't work for a building like this. The rendering is
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206	consistent with neighboring building.
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208	Mr. Grueter moved to approve the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning
209	Board Case #18-16, for a waiver from Section 9.2.4 of the Site Plan Review and
210	Subdivision Regulations regarding architectural guidelines for new construction,
211	after reviewing the criteria for granting waivers. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the
212	motion. With all voting in favor, Approved 7-0-0.
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214	Mr. Petropulos indicated request #4 was for grading within five feet and noted the
215	applicant approached F.W. Webb who supported the project.
216	applicant application in the supported the project
217	Mr. Gray moved to approve the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning
218	Board Case #18-16 for a waiver from Section 9.5.1.4 of the Site Plan Review and
219	Subdivision Regulations regarding grading within 5 feet of the property line, after
220	reviewing the criteria for granting waivers. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the
221	motion. With all voting in favor, Approved 7-0-0.
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223	Mr. Petropulos indicated request #5 was for Landscape Islands within Parking Lots. Mr.
224	Petropulos noted the applicant has four rows of parking with an island established in the
225	center with others next to open space. Adding would limit the amount of open space.
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220 227	Mr. Gray moved to approve the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning
	Board Case #18-16 for a waiver from Section 9.7.5.5 of the Site Plan Review and
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229 Subdivision Regulations regarding landscape islands be provided in parking lots between every 10 to 15 spaces to avoid long rows of parked cars, after reviewing 230 the criteria for granting waivers. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. With all voting 231 232 in favor, Approved 7-0-0. 233 Mr. Petropulos indicated request #6 was for wetland setbacks – 75 foot 234 structural/parking setback from Inland Stream waiver. Mr. Petropulos noted the 235 applicant has been before the Conservation Commission and been through the State 236 237 process, isolated wetland and edges of wetlands. Addresses sub criteria such as quality of wetland and assessments. Have changed to Conservation mix. 238 239 240 Mr. Papakonstantis moved to approve the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board Case #18-16 for a waiver from Section 9.9.2 of the Site Plan 241 Review and Subdivision Regulations regarding proposed construction to be 242 permitted within the setback, after reviewing the criteria for granting waivers. Mr. 243 Grueter seconded the motion. Voting in favor were: Plumer – aye, Brown – aye, 244 245 English – nay. Approved 6-1-0, so moved. 246 247 248 249 Cape Cod birm in some places which will not be seen by public. Applicant added more granite curbing. 2,800 feet is granite, 400 feet is Cape Cod birm. 250 251 252 253

motion. With all voting in favor, Approved 7-0-0.

Papakonstantis - aye, Grueter - aye, Gray - aye, Martel - aye. Opposed was Ms. Mr. Petropulos indicated request #7 was for granite curbing waiver. Applicant is using

Mr. Gray moved to approve the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board Case #18-16 for a waiver from Section 9.17.9 of the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations requiring the use of granite curbing on private sites, after reviewing the criteria for granting waivers. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the

Mr. Sharples read the conditions of Site Plan approval adding that it was optional to add 3. Deciduous trees.

- 1. A dwg file of the plan shall be provided to the Town Planner showing all property lines and monumentation prior to signing the final plans. This plan must be in NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 Feet coordinates;
- 2. All monumentation shall be set in accordance with Section 9.25 of the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy;
- 3. A preconstruction meeting shall be arranged by the applicant and his contractor with the Town engineer prior to any site work commencing. The following must be submitted for review and approval prior to the preconstruction meeting:
  - i. The SWPPP (storm water pollution prevention plan), if applicable, be submitted to and reviewed for approval by DPW prior to preconstruction meeting.
  - ii. A project schedule and construction cost estimate.

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6. A Maintenance Log and Inspection & Maintenance Checklist for all onsite stormwater

addressed to the satisfaction of the Town Planner prior to signing the final plans;

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management systems shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Town Planner prior to 281 signing the final plans. A completed log and checklist shall be submitted to the Town 282 Engineer annually on or before January 31st. This requirement shall be an ongoing 283 condition of approval; 284 285 7. All applicable State permit approval numbers shall be noted on the final plans; 286 287 8. The PTAPP submittal (noted in #36 in the letter from James Petropulos and dated May 288 14, 2019) must be accepted by DPW prior to the pre-construction meeting; 289 9. In the event that Gourmet Place remains private, a road maintenance agreement executed 290 by all abutting landowners shall be provided to the Town prior to the issuance of a 291 292 Certificate of Occupancy; 293 10. A restoration and erosion control surety, in an amount and form reviewed and 294 approved by the Town Planner in accordance with Section 12 of the Site Plan Review 295 and Subdivision Regulations, shall be provided. 296 297 11. Vegetation shall be added to the center parking islands; 298 299 300 12. Three (3) additional deciduous trees shall be added to the landscape plan; and 301 302 13. The slope stabilization matting shall be biodegradable. Mr. Grueter moved that the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board 303 Case #18-16 for Site Plan approval be approved with the aforesaid conditions. Mr. 304 Papakonstantis seconded the motion. With all voting in favor, so moved. 305 306 Ms. Martel noted as they don't have specific replacement value it may be fine with what 307 they had. Ms. English recommended placing one to three on East side of offices. Mr. 308 Petropulos noted they could do that. 309 310 Mr. Sharples noted there were no suggested conditions for CUP approval. Conservation 311 312 Commission had none. 313 Mr. Gray moved that the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board 314 Case #18-16 for a Conditional Use Permit be approved, after reviewing the criteria 315 for a Wetlands Conditional Use permit. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the motion. 316 317 With all voting in favor, so moved. 318

319 320 321 322 323 324		Mr. Sharples read out loud the proposed conditions for approval of the Lot Line Adjustment for Planning Board Case #18-20 with reminder that the applicant would need to go to the Select Board for acceptance and ground cover. Mr. Brown asked if a maintenance bond should be put up? Mr. Sharples recommended a three-year bond for maintenance.
325 326 327 328	1.	A dwg file of the subdivision plan shall be provided to the Town Planner showing all property lines and monumentation prior to signing the final plans. This plan must be in NAD 1983 State Plane New Hampshire FIPS 2800 Feet coordinates;
329 330 331	2.	All monumentation shall be set in accordance with Section 9.25 of the Site Plan Review and Subdivision Regulations;
332 333 334 335 336	3.	In the event the proposed roadway improvements to Gourmet Place are constructed, a preconstruction meeting shall be arranged by the applicant and his contractor with the Town engineer prior to any site work commencing on the proposed roadway work. The following must be submitted for review and approval prior to the preconstruction meeting
337 338 339 340		<ol> <li>The SWPPP (storm water pollution prevention plan), if applicable, be submitted to and reviewed for approval by DPW prior to preconstruction meeting.</li> </ol>
341 342		ii. A project schedule and construction cost estimate.
343 344 345	4.	Third party construction inspections fees shall be paid prior to scheduling the preconstruction meeting; and
346 347 348 349 350	5.	This approval recognizes that it is the intent of the applicant to seek acceptance of the existing and proposed portion of Gourmet Place to the Exeter Select Board. The Planning Board suggests the Select Board consider a ground cover or similar vegetation besides grass within the cul-de-sac island due to maintenance concerns.
351 352 353 354		Mr. Grueter moved that the request of Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., Planning Board Case #18-20 for Lot Line Adjustment approval be approved with the aforesaid conditions. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. With all voting in favor, so moved.
355 356 357 358 359 360		The application of Eversource Energy (PSNH) for a Wetlands and Shoreland Conditional Use Permits to allow for temporary impacts within the respective buffers for the proposed utility maintenance of their transmission lines Located within an existing right-of-way off Watson Road & Newfields Road RU-Rural zoning district Case #19-05
361 362		Ms. Martel recused herself from this hearing

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Mr. Brown motioned to hear Planning Board Case #19-05. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the motion, with all in favor, Approved 6-0.

Mr. Sharples indicated was for temporary pole replacement with no permanent impact, just digging holes. Applicant appeared before Conservation Commission for both who voted to recommend with condition upon working with Natural Resources manager on haying before operation.

Present on behalf of Eversource were Matt Cardin, Matt Flanders and Chris Wilks. Mr. Wilks noted this is a maintenance-oriented project following routine annual inspections. Eversource identified six structures in need of replacement. There are wetlands at both locations and want to create least disturbance. Typically 100x100 foot area to conduct work with timber matting to lower wetland impact. Is a cat-tail emergent wetland. The project will take a fairly short amount of time. Access will be off existing gravel lot. Working with Town to ensure work is done at the right time of year, October or November. Will coordinate with Kristen Murphy. Disturbance will be limited to field with mats. Access through portion of buffer. Constricted timeline because of permits for crossing over river. All impacts are temporary. Will assess surface after removing mats to see if restoration is necessary. Have processes to restore vegetation, etc. Not going beyond those two structures. Looking for wetland CUP and shoreland CUP. 9,000 feet of impact. Buffer 13,000 feet, shoreland 14,000 feet in buffer.

Chair Plumer opened the hearing to the public for comments and questions at 9:03 PM.

 Ms. Martel asked timeframe of construction and whether bike access would still be open to the public? Mr. Cardin noted on Watson Road may start within week or two. Met with Town to discuss that bike access. Discussed options will be occupying space and limits of public access. Will have caution signs. There is a kiosk and trail and no intention of blocking that but will have equipment going through. Timeline is mid-June to end of June.

Chair Plumer closed the hearing to the public at 9:07 PM.

Ms. English asked if any wildlife was designated on the environmental report? Mr. Wilks coordinated with National Heritage Bureau who designated several species of turtles and one of snake. Fish and Game are familiar with us and follow set of protocols or this to protect turtle nesting, typically in trails. Concern of vernal pools did not find any. Flyers are handed out with descriptions. A pre-construction sweep is done for any nestings or habitats. Protocol required on almost every job, avoid welded plastic erosion controls. Ms. English asked if have personally witnessed? Mr. Wilks noted not here, but in other areas, know turtles use areas for nesting. There is a database built by observation of species.

Mr. Brown moved that the request of Eversource Energy (PSNH), Planning Board Case #19-05 for a Conditional Use Permit be approved, after reviewing the criteria for a Wetlands Conditional Use Permit be approved. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. With all in favor, approved 6-0, so moved.

411 412 413 414 415 416		Mr. Grueter moved that the request of Eversource Energy (PSNH), Planning Board Case #19-05 for a Conditional Use Permit be approved, after reviewing the criteria for a Shoreland Conditional Use permit be approved with the condition of working with Natural Resources manager on haying before operation. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the motion. With all in favor, Approved 6-0, so moved.	
417	5.	OTHER BUSINESS	
418		Master Plan Discussion	
419		Mr. Sharples noted the next meeting was on June 6, 2019 at 7:45 PM.	
420	6.	TOWN PLANNER'S ITEMS	
421		Field Modifications	
422 423 424		Mr. Sharples advised 16 Hampton Road (dentist office) modified landscaping, proposed to remove Bittersweet. Mr. Grueter asked if there was something in front? Paved? Mr. Sharples will find out.	
425		Announcements	
426 427 428		Ms. English noted the Great Bay Water Keeper was offering to bring people out to see Great Bay from the Planning and Select Board the week of June 17 <sup>th</sup> . Ms. English noted she went out previously and it was very interesting.	
429	7.	CHAIRPERSON'S ITEMS	
430 431		Chair Plumer asked office to email concerning Senate Bill 306-FN. Mr. Sharples noted NHMA track all bills that go out.	
432		Chair Plumer noted Planning Commission has annual meeting on June 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
433		Next Meeting: June 13, 2019	
434 435 436	8.	PLANNING BOARD REPRESENTATIVES REPORT ON "OTHER COMMITTEE" ACTIVITY	
430 437	9.	ADJOURN	
438 439		Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 PM. Mr. Papakonstantis seconded the motion, with all in favor, so moved.	
440 441 442 443	Respe	ctfully submitted,	
444		Daniel Hoijer	
445	Recording Secretary		