

KENSINGTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
KENSINGTON BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

November 7, 2023

7:30PM

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

In attendance: Michael Schwotzer (Chair), Mark Craig (member), Janet Bunnell (member), Joan Skewes (member), and Owen Corcoran (Land Use Administrative Assistant).

M. Schwotzer read the hearing notice, as well as Article VI, Section 6.1.7 of the Kensington Zoning Ordinance:

**7:30 PM: Zoning Board of Adjustment Public Hearing
(Continued from October,3 2023):
Kurt Nelson
Owner: PSNH d/b/a Eversource Energy
13 Legends Drive, Hooksett, NH 03106
Map 2 Lots 6, 16-2, 16-3, and 12**

The applicant is requesting that the ZBA grant a Special Exception for proposed utility maintenance on the existing 115kV 363 Transmission Line in Kensington, New Hampshire. This project qualifies for a Special Exception approval as a power line maintenance project within an existing utility right-of-way (ROW) within Kensington's Wetland and Hydric Soils Conservation District in accordance with Article VI, Section 6.1.7 of the Kensington zoning ordinance. This Special Exception is required for the proposed work to allow impacts within the Hydric B soil setbacks protected under the Wetland and Hydric Soils Conservation District.

M. Schwotzer requested that a representative from Eversource summarize the request for board members who were not in attendance at the October 3, 2023 meeting. Sherri Tefrey of Eversource described the project details and explained their plan for controlling the spread of phragmites during and after work is complete.

M. Schwotzer asked Ms. Tefrey to describe Eversource's plan to monitor the site for the potential spread of invasive vegetation. Ms. Tefrey stated that Eversource complies with best management practices, as well as DES policy. She explained that the mats that will be used for the project will be thoroughly cleaned prior to being moved to another location. Ms. Trefrey stated that Eversource would monitor the site during restoration and would mitigate and potential spread of invasive vegetation.

J. Bunnell asked if the mats are new, or if they are reused. Ms. Tefrey explained that the mats are reused and stated that all the mats are thoroughly cleaned before being removed from the work site.

M. Schwotzer asked if the Eversource representatives had the opportunity to review the letter from the Kensington Conservation Commission. They stated that they had not seen the letter. O. Corcoran provided them with copies (Addendum 1).

M. Schwotzer entertained a motion to approve the application.

MOTION: J. Bunnell motioned to approve the request by PSNH d/b/a Eversource for granting of a special exception for utility maintenance on the existing 115kV 363 Transmission Line as outlined in their application with the following conditions:

- 1. Follow the conditions set forth in the Kensington Conservation Commission letter to adhere to best practices, and to provide imagery and monitor the site for at least two growing seasons for the spread of invasive vegetation.**
- 2. Approval is conditional on receipt of the Department of Environmental Services or other required permits.**

M. Craig seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

Meeting Minutes to be approved: October 3, 2023

MOTION: M. Schwotzer motioned to approve the minutes of October 3, 2023. J. Bunnell seconded. All in favor. None opposed, no abstentions.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

MOTION: M. Schwotzer motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Bunnell seconded. All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Owen Corcoran

Land Use Administrative Assistant