

**NORTH BERWICK, MAINE, 03906****MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman R. Todd Hoffman, Barry Chase, Mark Cahoon and Lawrence Huntley, CEO.

**Absent:** Julie Fernee, Shaun DeWolf and. Patrick Raftery.

**Also Present:** Mark Christopher (TRC), Bryan Griffin (TRC), Denise Lajoie (CMP), Steve Walker (CMP), Stephenie Swiezynski (TRC, CMP).

**1. Call To Order:**

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman opened the Planning Board Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman moved Mark Cahoon to full voting status.

**2. Current Business:**

**A. PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 1. Central Maine Power---**Applicant proposes a Transmission Line Upgrade from Quaker Hill Substation on Gould's Bridge Rd. to the Bassett Substation in Berwick.

Mark Christopher explained that Central Maine Power proposes a Section 117 transmission line. This line follows the existing Section 118 line from the Quaker Hill Substation to Gould's Bridge Road to the Bassett Substation in Berwick. The new line will occupy the existing corridor and requires additional clearing on the south and east sides of the corridor. The line will be built of the same materials, size, and configuration as the existing line that crosses Route 4 near Quaker Hill Substation. The line will only be visible from the crossing and otherwise cannot be seen from homes and businesses in the area. The line will cross Hussey Brook and the floodplain and Resource Protection areas associated with it. There will be minimal impacts in these areas with only four structures being installed and a small amount of wetland clearing.

The total transmission line is 22 miles with approximately 1.5 miles of that being in North Berwick. CMP owns or has purchase options on the entire corridor and must expand the existing cleared and maintained area by 50 feet for a total width of 125 feet to accommodate this new transmission line.

The purpose of the project is to improve the reliability of electrical service to CMP customers in the rapidly growing Berwick and North Berwick area and to reinforce the electrical system. The CMP System Planning Department has completed a system wide study of the Berwick and Sanford region and determined that the electrical system needs to be upgraded to support the existing and projected electrical needs of these communities. To meet this need, CMP is proposing to add a second 34.5 kV line to the existing corridor and to rebuild and upgrade the

Bassett Substation in Berwick. Some work on electrical components is needed within the Quaker Hill Substation as well, all of which will be within the existing substation fence line.

We are in the process of applying for our permits with Corps of Engineers and the Environmental of Protection and those will be submitted within the next couple of days.

On the overall planning work we do for our transmission lines. We survey wetlands, vernal pools and rare plants.

We have had our Conditional Use Permit issued in Berwick.

We are expecting construction in May to early June.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman opened the Pubic Hearing at 6:52 p.m.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman closed the Pubic Hearing at 6:53 p.m.

Bryan Griffin explained that part of this project there will be some work done inside the Quaker Substation to facilitate the new transmission line.

The Planning Board reviewed: Page 6-14; 6.9.6

#### **Conditions:**

- 1. Work will not commence until DEP permit are issued.**
- 2. Ingress and egress at Quaker Hill Station shall be maintained through end of construction.**
- 3. Hours of construction shall be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.**

*Barry Chase moved that we grant the Conditional Use Permit for the transmission line upgrade Section 117 from Bassett Substation to Quaker Hill Substation with the review of 6.9.6 and the three conditions, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0*

#### **2. Maine Power Reliability Program (Presentation)**

*Barry Chase moved to table this issue until the next meeting on March 10, 2011, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0*

#### **3. Preview Next Agenda**

#### **4. Other Business:**

#### **5. Review Previous Minutes:**

Tabled

## 6. Adjournment:

Mark Cahoon moved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., Barry Chase seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0

Lawrence Huntley, CEO  
Planning Coordinator

Respectively Submitted  
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman

Barry Chase

Julie Fernee

Shaun DeWolf

Patrick Raftery

Mark Cahoon

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman  
Barry Chase  
Julie Fernee  
Shaun DeWolf  
Patrick Raftery  
Mark Cahoon  
CEO  
Town Manager  
Post Inside/Outside  
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