

**NORTH BERWICK, MAINE, 03906**

**MINUTES OF PLANNING BOARD MARCH 10, 2011**

**Present:** Chairman R. Todd Hoffman, Julie Fernee, Mark Cahoon and Lawrence Huntley, CEO.

**Absent:** Barry Chase, Shaun DeWolf and. Patrick Raftery.

**Also Present:** Stephenie Swiezynski (TRC-CMP). Steve Walker (CMP), Andrew McMullen, Lonna Nielsen, Rick Reynolds, Tracy Heald, David Heald, Laraine Herington, Dave Parker, Denis Brow and Jeffery Butland.

**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.**

Stephenie Swiezynski explained that the Maine Power Reliability Program is a project by Central Maine Power Company to upgrade Maine's bulk power system. The vast majority of Maine's bulk power transmission system was placed into service in the early 1970s and is now reaching the limits of its ability to meet the growing electrical demand of Maine customers. Since the last major transmission infrastructure was completed almost 40 years ago, the patterns of both available generation and customer load have shifted significantly. For example, population has become more concentrated in the southern part of the state, while the generation needed to serve that load is now more distant and dispersed. When these patterns changes are combined with the increasing peak demand, the current transmission infrastructure in Maine will, in very few years, become inadequate. In addition, the reliability and security standards mandated by law and administered by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc, and ISO New England have changed significantly in recent years. CMP must upgrade its bulk power system with this proposed project in order to meet the mandatory standards and to provide reliable service to Maine customers into the future.

The proposed transmission solution ranges from Eliot in the South, Rumford in the west, Searsport in the east, and Orrington and Pittsfield in the north. In all, MPRP will encompass nearly 75 Maine towns. The project has been exhaustively reviewed and has been approved by the Maine Public Utilities Commission, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

The part of the program located in North Berwick involves work to the existing transmission line corridor that extends through the southeastern portion of town for approximately 3 miles from South Berwick northeasterly through North Berwick to Wells. After crossing the municipal border with South Berwick, the corridor splits into two corridors for approximately 8,000 feet before joining together again for the remainder of the route through town.

Specifically the project involves:

- Installing a new 345 kv transmission line, Section 3022, within the existing corridor that contains Section 250, an existing 115 kv line. The new Section 3022 will be constructed using 21 two pole H-frames and three (3) three pole H-frames.
- Acquisition of an additional 20 feet to increase the ROW width for Section 3022 from 150 feet to 170 feet for approximately 1.4 miles. This will be necessary to meet mandated line clearance and safety standards for installation of the new line.
- Removing and relocating approximately 8,000 feet of Section 250 (115 kv transmission line) to another existing corridor located to the north of its current location. This relocated line will be constructed using 21 single wooden poles.
- Additional clearing of “capable species” will be required in some portion of the existing and expansion portions of the corridor. Capable species are those trees and shrubs that are capable of growing into the safety zone beneath the conductors (wires). Clearing required for construction of the new line and rebuilding of the existing line is shown on the maps provided.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman opened the Public Hearing at 6:54 p.m.

Tracy Heald spoke: that she was concerned about Central Maine Power’s pole will be near her home.

Jeffery Butland spoke: that she was concerned about health issues.

Andrew McMullen replied that after the Public Hearing he will address abutters concerns regarding where poles will be placed and health issues.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

#### **Conditions:**

- 1. Hours of operation 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. and not to exceed daylight hours.**
- 2. Egress and ingress evidence by photos before and after. The Public Way will be maintained until end of construction.**

*Julie Fernee moved to accept Central Maine Power Conditional Use Permit with the two conditions, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote, 3-0*

**B. Drucilla Winship, Trustee---**Applicant proposes a Timber Harvest within the Shoreland Zone. (Map 5 Lot 42) Lebanon Road.

Dave Parker explained representing Drucilla Winship proposed Timber Harvest in the Resource Protection Zone. Drucilla Winship property is Map 5, Lot 42 that was logged approximately 10 years ago.

Julie Fernee asked how many acres.

Dave Parker replied approximately 20 acres in the protective zones.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman asked when these cutting start.

Dave Parker replied when ever the road posting is dropped and the land dries out. The cutting will continue through the summer and possible through next winter based on what the ground conditions are for operating machinery.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman asked are you planning on marking the trees.

Dave Parker replied the trees will be marked with paint and the loggers will be doing the cutting.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman opened the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

Mark Cahoon asked if there was a cemetery on the property, because there is no cutting around cemetery public or private and the setback is 50 feet; Page 5-24/Article 5.2.7 of the Zoning Ordinance.

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman closed the Public Hearing at 7:57 p.m.

#### **Conditions:**

- 1. Cemetery will be marked 50 foot setback (any cemetery shall have marked 50 foot setback in no cut zone-Page 5-24)**
- 2. Egress and ingress to Lebanon Road shall be maintained with crushed rock.**
- 3. Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. through 8:00 p.m.**

*Julie Fernee moved to accept the Conditional Use Permit for Timber Harvest within the Shoreland Zone with the three conditions, Mark Cahoon seconded a motion. Vote 3-0*

**C. Steve Quint---**Applicant proposes a Gravel Pit Expansion at 575 Morrells Mill Road. (Map 8, Lot 89)  
(*Not Present*)

**3. Preview Next Agenda**

**4. Other Business:**

**5. Review Previous Minutes:**

Tabled

**6. Adjournment:**

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

Lawrence Huntley, CEO  
Planning Coordinator

Respectively Submitted  
Anita Lambert, Stenographer

Chairman R. Todd Hoffman

Barry Chase

Julie Fernee

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Mark Cahoon

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