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RE: Groton Wind Project, RPR #1422

Dear Ms. Luhman;

Thank you for providing a Project Area Form for the area listed below. As requested, the Division of Historical Resources' Determination of Eligibility Committee has reviewed the DHR Project Area Form prepared by the Louis Berger Group and found that it follows New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Project Area form guidelines. Overall, the Project Area Form succinctly summarizes the themes of development in the project area, outlines expected resource types, and lays a solid foundation for future survey needs.

The DOE Committee's evaluation of National Register eligibility is:

TOWN/CITY	AREA	DETERMINATION
Groton, Hebron, Rumney, Plymouth	Groton Wind Project Area, MLT-GWP	More Information

A copy of the DHR evaluation form is attached for your use. Please refer to the "Follow-up" section for an explanation of the additional data needed if "more information" is selected. The inventory data and the evaluation will also be added to the statewide survey database for historic properties in New Hampshire.

Recommendations for survey reflect the potential visual impacts to properties within both the defined Project Area and the Area of Potential Effect as defined by mapping that the Groton Wind Farm may have to historic resources within the viewshed. These recommendations include primarily properties whose setting may be identified as a significant criteria under which they may be eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The recommendations for survey are based on the consultant's information and assessments but do not stand as recommendations or assessments of eligibility. Please note that the following survey recommendations are specific to the Groton Wind Project only. Future projects may require survey of resources within this three-mile area that are not being evaluated at this time.

The following properties are recommended for survey for the Groton Wind Project:



Historic District Area Forms:

Rumney Village; DHR agrees with proposed boundaries for purposes of survey

Rumney Depot; DHR agrees with proposed boundaries for purposes of survey

Quincy Road from Stinson Brood to the Plymouth border; DHR agrees with proposed boundaries for purposes of survey

Individual Inventory Forms:

LBG-HEB-11, 91 Groton Road, Hebron

LBG-HEB-17, HEB0011, Elm Mere Farm, North Shore Road, Hebron

LBG-HEB-19, 431 Georges Road, Hebron

LBG-HEB-20, HEB0009, Galante House, Route 3A, West Side, South of George Road, Hebron

LBG-HEB-21, HEB0009, Pikes Tavern, Route 3A and Pike Hill Road, Hebron

LBG-PLY-01, 521 Mayhew Turnpike, Plymouth

LBG-PLY-07, 12 Smith Bridge Road, Plymouth

LBG-PLY-09, Circle House, Intersection of Route 3A and Route 25, Plymouth

LBG-PLY-10, PLY0018, Adams-Cumming House, 27 Route 25, Plymouth

LBG-PLY-12, 618 Fairgrounds Road, Plymouth

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Sincerely,



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NH Division of Historical Resources  
Determination of Eligibility (DOE)

Date received: 1/19/11

Inventory #: MLT-GWP

Date of group review: 1/26/11

Area: Groton Wind Project

DHR staff: Nadine Peterson

Property Name: Town/City: Multi-Town - Groton; Hebron, Plymouth, Rumney

Address: n/a County: Grafton

Reviewed for: R&C PTI NR SR Survey Other  
Agency, if appropriate: USACE; SEC

Individual Properties

NR SR  
 Eligible  
 Eligible, also in district  
 Eligible, in district  
 Not eligible  
 More information needed  
 Not evaluated for individual eligibility

Districts

NR SR  
 Eligible  
 Not eligible  
 More information needed  
 Not evaluated @ district

Integrity: Location Design Setting Materials  
Workmanship Feeling Association

Criteria: A. Event B. Person C. Architecture/Engineering  
D. Archaeology E. Exception

Level:  Local  State  National

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

IF THIS PROPERTY IS REVIEWED IN THE FUTURE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION WILL BE NEEDED.

The project area form encompasses four towns, including portions of Hebron, Groton, Plymouth, and Rumney. This document discusses historic themes and resources within a three mile area centered on the proposed Groton Wind Farm which is located south of the Baker River Valley atop 115 acres of Fletcher and Tenney mountains. The form follows New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources Project Area form guidelines.

The Project Area form does a good job developing a historic context for the three mile area, identifying contextual themes, and projecting architectural building types. The form discusses early settlement, transportation, agricultural development, industry, recreation, and other trends in the region that helped form the cultural setting in the project area. Based on review of primary and secondary sources along with visual analysis of the area, the consultant notes that agriculture and transportation were the primary economic drivers of the region through much of its historical development. The greatest growth and agricultural development occurred in the period between 1830 and 1860 when sheep raising was at its peak. Farms in the region varied in size from 125 acres in the Town of Groton to 150 acres in Rumney. Rumney's production far outpaced the other towns in the region and this is evident in the properties extant in the landscape.

Transportation was important throughout the developmental history of the area, but predictably expanded around the same time as agriculture became an important economic factor in the region. The project area saw the arrival of the Boston, Concord & Montreal Railroad in 1850. As with many New Hampshire towns, the railroad brought summer tourism to the region and by the late nineteenth century, boarding houses, summer camps, hotels, and seasonal residences were evident within the project area.

The Town of Rumney contains the majority of resources within the project area, primarily villages and agricultural properties. A brief architectural context discusses the variety of resource types in the project area. The consultant notes the prevalence of farm properties, including connected farmhouses and other types of farmsteads with varying plans and styles. Of particular note are those dwellings constructed in the Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, and Queen Anne styles. In addition, commonalities of form and style are noted in the document, particularly the existence of an L-plan house type in the Rumney area.

Several properties in the project area have already been determined eligible or listed in the National Register of Historic Places, including the Braley Road Bridge (eligible, TOWN??), Boston & Maine Railroad (eligible, multi-town), the Hall-Smith House (eligible), and the Hebron Village Historic District (listed).

Overall, the Project Area Form succinctly summarizes the overall themes of development in the project area, outlines expected resource types, and lays a solid foundation for future survey needs.

ENTERED INTO DATABASE

ACREAGE: 36,493.40 acres

PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE: not applicable

AREA OF SIGNIFICANCE: not applicable

BOUNDARY: three-mile project area as defined on mapping, with APE defined by mapping

SURVEYOR: Steven M. Bedford, Ph.D.; Hope E. Luhman, Ph.D.; Jacqueline L. Horsford

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FOLLOW-UP: Notify appropriate parties.

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Final DOE approved by:

