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Elizabeth Muzzey
New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources
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Subject: Groton Wind

Dear Ms. Muzzey:

Groton Wind is in receipt of your letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) dated June 27, 2011. We agree that a Programmatic Agreement is appropriate at this time to ensure that historical resources are evaluated in a timely fashion while allowing for the issuance of a USACE 404 general wetlands permit. At this time we understand that USACE is reviewing all information submitted by Groton Wind and will meet with the DHR on Wednesday, July 19 to discuss this USACE lead agency review and the potential for a Programmatic Agreement based upon said review. We further understand that USACE will be requesting some additional clarification information from Groton Wind before an effects analysis can occur but that a Programmatic Agreement could be drafted in concurrence. We sincerely hope that the USACE review will be satisfactory to the DHR and we can move forward with drafting the Agreement.

We were troubled to learn that DHR has not been satisfied with the quality of work performed by the Architectural Historian assigned to the Groton Wind Project. In late winter of 2009 I met with Nadine Peterson to discuss the Lempster project and to let her know that we had a new project (Groton) that would be undergoing review. Although I was not involved in the Lempster project, it was explained to me that the original architectural historian, Marty Bowers, was not found to be satisfactory to DHR, and DHR had recommended replacement mid-project as well. Because of DHR's preference for a local architectural historian for the Lempster project, we selected an architectural historian for the Groton project who was listed on the DHR website, and who is a New Hampshire native and Ph. D. who has worked on the Concord master plan and conducted windshield surveys for the plan. It is unfortunate that after two years of informal and formal consultation we are only now made aware of concerns regarding Dr. Bedford as well as other overall concerns regarding architectural historians at the Louis Berger Group beyond that which was conveyed to me on the Lempster project regarding one specific individual (Ms. Bowers). In the 20 states in which Iberdrola Renewables operates wind facilities we have never encountered an instance such as this.

Upon receiving your letter, we contacted both Erika Mark and Frank Delguidice of USACE, and to date we have not heard of similar concerns from the USACE.



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To my knowledge no one from Groton Wind has been directly contacted (via e-mail, voice mail, or written correspondence) by a staff member of DHR regarding these new concerns expressed in your June 27, 2011 letter. If DHR would like to discuss directly with myself or another individual from Groton Wind please do not hesitate to get in contact with me. Although the upcoming meeting is an agency only meeting please let me know if there is anything that Groton Wind can do to help facilitate those discussions.

Sincerely,

Kristen Goland
Permit Manager

cc: Frank Delguidice (USACE)
Susan Geiger (Orr & Reno)
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