



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES



Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

November 30, 2016

Pamela G. Monroe, Administrator
NH Site Evaluation Committee
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301

Re: NH Site Evaluation Committee Docket No. 2015-04
Clarification Regarding NHDES Shoreland Impact Permits

Dear Ms. Monroe:

In response to your recent inquiry regarding the issuance of Shoreland Impact Permits 2016-00968, 2016-00969 and 2016-00970 (attached) to Public Service of New Hampshire for proposed impacts adjacent to the Oyster River in Durham and Little Bay in Durham and Newington, the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) offers this clarification. The subject permit applications were submitted to NHDES with no apparent reference that the proposed impacts were associated with the overall Seacoast Reliability Project before the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee (SEC). This resulted in the applications being reviewed and approved within the established administrative rules and processes of the NHDES Wetlands Bureau.

The project specific and general conditions included in the attached may be considered as draft permit terms and conditions for consideration by the SEC.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 271-2951 or email at:
Rene.Pelletier@des.nh.gov

Sincerely,

Rene Pelletier, PG
Assistant Director
Water Division

cc: Michael J. Iacopino, Counsel NHSEC
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SHORELAND IMPACT PERMIT 2016-00968

Permittee: **Public Service of New Hampshire**
 c/o Kurt Nelson
 13 Legends Drive
 Hooksett, NH 03106

Project Location: **44 Gundalow Landing, Newington**
 Newington Tax Map/Lot No. 22 / 5

Waterbody: **Little Bay**

APPROVAL DATE: 05/12/2016 EXPIRATION DATE: 05/12/2021

Based upon review of the above referenced application, in accordance with RSA 483-B, a Shoreland Impact Permit was issued. This permit shall not be considered valid unless signed as specified below.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION: Impact 15,918 sq. ft. within the protected Shoreland in order to run transmission lines within a right-of-way. The project includes the removal of trees and trenching.

THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. All work shall be in accordance with plans by Normandeau Associates dated January 7, 2016 and received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on April 14, 2016.
2. This permit does not authorize the removal of trees or saplings within the waterfront buffer that would result in a tree and sapling point score below the minimum required per RSA 483-B:9, V, (a), (2), (D), (iv).
3. No more than .7% of the area of the lot within the protected shoreland shall be covered by impervious surfaces unless additional approval is obtained from DES.
4. All activities conducted in association with the completion of this project shall be conducted in a manner that complies with applicable criteria of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 1400 and RSA 483-B during and after construction.
5. Erosion and siltation control measures shall be installed prior to the start of work, be maintained throughout the project, and remain in place until all disturbed surfaces are stabilized.
6. Erosion and siltation controls shall be appropriate to the size and nature of the project and to the physical characteristics of the site, including slope, soil type, vegetative cover, and proximity to wetlands or surface waters.
7. No person undertaking any activity in the protected shoreland shall cause or contribute to, or allow the activity to cause or contribute to, any violations of the surface water quality standards established in Env-Ws 1700 or successor rules in Env-Wq 1700.
8. Any fill used shall be clean sand, gravel, rock, or other suitable material.

9. This permit shall not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of any impact that will occur within wetlands jurisdiction regulated under RSA 482-A including all wetlands, surface waters and their banks, the tidal-buffer zone, and sand dunes. The owner is responsible for maintaining compliance with RSA 482-A and Administrative Rules Env-Wt 100 - 900 and obtaining any Wetland Impact Permit that may be required prior to construction, excavation or fill that will occur within Wetlands jurisdiction.

10. This permit shall not preclude DES from taking any enforcement or revocation action if DES later determines that any of the structures depicted as "existing" on the plans submitted by the applicant were not previously permitted or grandfathered.

GENERAL CONDITIONS THAT APPLY TO ALL DES SHORELAND IMPACT PERMITS:

1. A copy of this permit shall be posted on site during construction in a prominent location visible to inspecting personnel;
2. This permit does not convey a property right, nor authorize any injury to property of others, nor invasion of rights of others;
3. The Wetlands Bureau shall be notified upon completion of work;
4. This permit does not relieve the applicant from the obligation to obtain other local, state or federal permits, and/or consult with other agencies as may be required (including US EPA, US Army Corps of Engineers, NH Department of Transportation, NH Division of Historical Resources (NH Department of Cultural Resources), NHDES-Alteration of Terrain, etc.);
5. Transfer of this permit to a new owner shall require notification to and approval by the Department;
6. This permit shall not be extended beyond the current expiration date.
7. This project has been screened for potential impacts to known occurrences of rare species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or have received only cursory inventories, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species.

APPROVED: _____

Craig W. Day
DES Wetlands Bureau

BY SIGNING BELOW I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE FULLY READ THIS PERMIT AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL PERMIT CONDITIONS.

OWNER'S SIGNATURE (required)

CONTRACTOR'S SIGNATURE (required)

SHORELAND IMPACT PERMIT 2016-00969

Permittee: Public Service of New Hampshire
c/o Kurt Nelson
13 Legends Drive
Hooksett, NH 03106

Project Location: Main Street, Durham
Durham Tax Map/Lot No. 12 / 7-2

Waterbody: Oyster River

APPROVAL DATE: 05/12/2016 **EXPIRATION DATE:** 05/12/2021

Based upon review of the above referenced application, in accordance with RSA 483-B, a Shoreland Impact Permit was issued. This permit shall not be considered valid unless signed as specified below.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION: Impact 29,943 sq. ft. within the protected Shoreland in order to run 12.9 miles of overhead, underground, and underwater components within a right-of-way.

THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. All work shall be in accordance with plans by Normandeau Associates dated January 7, 2016 and received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on April 14, 2016.
2. This permit does not authorize the removal of trees or saplings within the waterfront buffer that would result in a tree and sapling point score below the minimum required per RSA 483-B:9, V, (a), (2), (D), (iv).
3. No more than .4% of the area of the lot within the protected shoreland shall be covered by impervious surfaces unless additional approval is obtained from DES.
4. All activities conducted in association with the completion of this project shall be conducted in a manner that complies with applicable criteria of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 1400 and RSA 483-B during and after construction.
5. Erosion and siltation control measures shall be installed prior to the start of work, be maintained throughout the project, and remain in place until all disturbed surfaces are stabilized.
6. Erosion and siltation controls shall be appropriate to the size and nature of the project and to the physical characteristics of the site, including slope, soil type, vegetative cover, and proximity to wetlands or surface waters.
7. No person undertaking any activity in the protected shoreland shall cause or contribute to, or allow the activity to cause or contribute to, any violations of the surface water quality standards established in Env-Ws 1700 or successor rules in Env-Wq 1700.
8. Any fill used shall be clean sand, gravel, rock, or other suitable material.

9. This permit shall not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of any impact that will occur within wetlands jurisdiction regulated under RSA 482-A including all wetlands, surface waters and their banks, the tidal-buffer zone, and sand dunes. The owner is responsible for maintaining compliance with RSA 482-A and Administrative Rules Env-Wt 100 - 900 and obtaining any Wetland Impact Permit that may be required prior to construction, excavation or fill that will occur within Wetlands jurisdiction.

10. This permit shall not preclude DES from taking any enforcement or revocation action if DES later determines that any of the structures depicted as "existing" on the plans submitted by the applicant were not previously permitted or grandfathered.

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5. Transfer of this permit to a new owner shall require notification to and approval by the Department;
6. This permit shall not be extended beyond the current expiration date.
7. This project has been screened for potential impacts to known occurrences of rare species and exemplary natural communities in the immediate area. Since many areas have never been surveyed, or have received only cursory inventories, unidentified sensitive species or communities may be present. This permit does not absolve the permittee from due diligence in regard to state, local or federal laws regarding such communities or species.

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SHORELAND IMPACT PERMIT 2016-00970

Permittee: Public Service of New Hampshire
c/o Kurt Nelson
13 Legends Dr.
Hooksett, NH 03106

Project Location: 295 Durham Point Road, Durham
Durham Tax Map/Lot No. 20 / 12-1

Waterbody: Little Bay

APPROVAL DATE: 05/12/2016

EXPIRATION DATE: 05/12/2021

Based upon review of the above referenced application, in accordance with RSA 483-B, a Shoreland Impact Permit was issued. This permit shall not be considered valid unless signed as specified below.

PERMIT DESCRIPTION: Impact 28,271 sq. ft. within the protected Shoreland in order to run 12.9 miles of overhead, underground, and underwater components within a right-of-way.

THIS APPROVAL IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

1. All work shall be in accordance with plans by Normandeau Associates dated January 7, 2016 and received by the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) on April 14, 2016.
2. This permit does not authorize the removal of trees or saplings within the waterfront buffer that would result in a tree and sapling point score below the minimum required per RSA 483-B:9, V, (a), (2), (D), (iv).
3. No more than 5% of the area of the lot within the protected shoreland shall be covered by impervious surfaces unless additional approval is obtained from DES.
4. All activities conducted in association with the completion of this project shall be conducted in a manner that complies with applicable criteria of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Wq 1400 and RSA 483-B during and after construction.
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7. No person undertaking any activity in the protected shoreland shall cause or contribute to, or allow the activity to cause or contribute to, any violations of the surface water quality standards established in Env-Ws 1700 or successor rules in Env-Wq 1700.

8. Any fill used shall be clean sand, gravel, rock, or other suitable material.
9. This permit shall not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of any impact that will occur within wetlands jurisdiction regulated under RSA 482-A including all wetlands, surface waters and their banks, the tidal-buffer zone, and sand dunes. The owner is responsible for maintaining compliance with RSA 482-A and Administrative Rules Env-Wt 100 - 900 and obtaining any Wetland Impact Permit that may be required prior to construction, excavation or fill that will occur within Wetlands jurisdiction.
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