

December 1, 2020

Lindsey Lefebvre
United States Army Corps of Engineers
New England District
696 Virginia Rd
Concord, MA 01742

Re: 2020 Seacoast Reliability Project (NAE-2015-00665) Annual Progress Letter Report

Dear Ms. Lefebvre-

The purpose of this letter report is to outline cultural resource work undertaken by Eversource Energy (“Eversource”) for the Seacoast Reliability Project (the “Project”) pursuant to the terms outlined in the *Memorandum of Agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers, New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer and Public Service Company of New Hampshire D/B/A Eversource Energy Regarding the Seacoast Reliability Project from Madbury Substation to Portsmouth Substation, New Hampshire* (the “USACE MOA”) and the *Memorandum of Understanding between the New Hampshire State Historic Preservation Officer and Eversource Energy Regarding the Seacoast Reliability Project, Madbury to Portsmouth, New Hampshire* (the “DHR MOU”) in compliance with Administrative Condition III of the USACE MOA and Administrative Condition D(1) of the DHR MOU. Work undertaken to comply with the applicable cultural resource stipulations included in the State of New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee’s *Order and Certificate of Site and Facility with Conditions* (the “SEC Certificate”) are also provided here for reference.

This document provides a comprehensive summary of all work completed to date. Stipulations and other applicable conditions for each agreement document are included below along with documentation of work undertaken to accomplish each directive. The degree of completeness (“complete”, “in progress”, or “ongoing”) is also noted. When available, a tentative timeline of future work is also provided.

USACE MOA

STIPULATIONS

I. **Historic American Engineering Record (HAER) of the Little Bay Underwater Cable Terminal Houses Historic District - COMPLETE**

- HAER documentation approved by the National Park Service on 08/12/2019.
- Final deliverables were hand delivered to the DHR on 09/06/2019.
- Final deliverables mailed to the National Park Service on 09/26/2019.
- Hard and digital copies were hand delivered to local repositories including the Durham Historic Association, the Durham Public Library and the Langdon Public Library on 09/25/2019.

II. Stabilization, Relocation, and Rehabilitation of Durham Cable House Terminal – **IN PROGRESS**

- Cable house relocation methodology was reviewed by the DHR on 07/18/2019.
- Arnold M. Graton Associates completed movement of cable house to temporary location on 09/09/2019.
- Arnold M. Graton Associates constructed new foundation and completed movement of cable house to permanent location on 09/26/2020.
- Richard Irons began rehabilitation work on 10/7/2020.
- Final rehabilitation scope sent to the DHR on 11/06/2020
- DHR site visit at 50% completion of rehabilitation work completed on 12/09/2020.
- Expected completion of rehabilitation expected early December 2020; will arrange final site visit with the USACE, the DHR, and the Town of Durham after completion.

III. Exterior Interpretive Signage – **IN PROGRESS**

- Preliminary discussion with the Town of Newington about signage location on Fox Point completed late summer 2020.
- Preservation Company and Bailey Donovan began working on draft layout September 2020.
- Town of Newington requests task be eliminated in 10/14/2020 letter.

IV. Interior Interpretive Displays in Durham and Newington – **IN PROGRESS**

- Historic cable segments have been recovered from the bay and samples have been created for the displays.
- Received input from the Towns on displays on 2/19/2020 and 9/30/2020 (Newington) and 2/13/2020, 2/20/2020, and 10/7/2020 (Durham).
- Draft text/layout sent to the DHR and USCAE on 11/18/2020 and comments received on 11/18/2020.
- Display delivery to the towns expected mid-December 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

I. Post-Review Discoveries – **IN PROGRESS**

- Notification of additional identified stone walls in Project Area on 8/27/2019.
- Although construction is complete, Eversource will continue to report any post-review discoveries until all cultural resource mitigation tasks and restoration/landscaping efforts are complete.

II. Monitoring and Reporting – **ONGOING**

- First annual progress report letter issued on 09/27/2019.
- Second annual progress report letter issued on 11/20/2020.

VI. Amendments – **ONGOING**

- Eversource Energy requests amendment on behalf of the Town of Newington on 11/19/2020.

DHR MOU

STIPULATIONS

I. Alfred Pickering Farm

1. Use of Weathered Steel H-Frame Structures on Alfred Pickering Farm - **COMPLETE**
 - Structures installed Winter 2020
2. Publication of booklet summarizing history of agriculture in Newington and public presentation - **IN PROGRESS**
 - Booklet in development, expected completion late 2020/early 2021

II. Durham Point Historic District – COMPLETE

1. Stone Wall and Quarry Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures
 - Measures employed; construction now complete in Durham Point Historic District
2. Stone Wall WP-33 Stipulation
 - WP-33 alteration completed Spring 2020
3. Physical Impact Avoidance to Quarry
 - Access route adjusted and timber matting was employed; construction now complete in Durham Point Historic District

III. Newmarket and Bennett Roads Farms Historic District – COMPLETE

1. Stone Wall Impact Avoidance and Minimization Measures
 - Measures employed; construction now complete in Newmarket and Bennett Roads Farms Historic District

ADMINISTRATIVE CONDITIONS

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS – ONGOING

2. Cultural resource sensitivity training for environmental monitors and onsite personnel
 - Eversource developed a Historic Properties Training for both general onsite personnel and supervisors in the Historic Properties Training Plan and held multiple training sessions. Training continues for onboarding of any new personnel.

B. POST REVIEW DISCOVERIES – ONGOING

1. Consult with DHR for project plan changes with effects to historic properties
 - Blasting vibration monitoring plan for Newington Center Historic District approved by DHR on 09/19/2019 and by USACE on 09/20/2019. Plan implemented on 09/30 and 10/01/2019.
 - Structure 105 Modification approved by DHR and USACE on 10/02/2019.
 - Structure 45 and 83 Modifications approved by DHR and USACE on 03/30/2020.
2. Consult with DHR for unanticipated discovery of any architectural or archaeological resources.
 - Notification of additional identified stone walls in Project Area on 8/27/2019.

- Although construction is complete, Eversource will continue to report any post-review discoveries until all cultural resource mitigation tasks and restoration/landscaping efforts are complete.

D. MONITORING AND REPORTING – ONGOING

1. Annual summary letter detailing work undertaken pursuant to this MOU
 - First annual progress report letter issued on 09/27/2019.
 - Second annual progress report letter issued on 11/20/2020.
2. Document location of stone walls in Durham Point Historic District and the Newmarket and Bennett Road Historic District on right-of-way plans, follow BMPs to minimize impact to stone walls, DHR and landowner consultation for proposed alteration or incidental damage to stone walls.
 - Eversource has included the location of all known stone walls on right-of-way plans and has created a data set to be archived and included on plans for future maintenance and construction plans on the transmission line.
 - Proposed alteration to stone wall WP-35 consultation with landowners completed on 09/17/2019 (TNC) and 09/05/2019 (Sandberg); approval by the DHR on 10/03/2019. Stone wall was rebuilt 6/16/2020.
 - Although construction is complete, Eversource will continue to report any post-review discoveries until all cultural resource mitigation tasks and restoration/landscaping efforts are complete.

SEC CERTIFICATE

CONDITIONS

Condition 27 (pg. 5) - If the Applicant changes plans for the Project and such changes may lead to newly-discovered effects on historic properties, the Applicant shall consult with DHR/State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to resolve any adverse effects to such properties – **ONGOING**

- See DHR MOU Administrative Condition B1

Condition 37 (pg.6) - Eversource shall file a copy with the SEC and all relevant state agencies BMPs for work near archaeological and historic sites – **COMPLETE**

- Submitted to DHR on 06/07/2019

Condition 44 (pg.7) – Applicant shall submit vegetation plans to DHR for review and comments – **COMPLETE**

- Vegetation plans submitted to the DHR in four batches from April and May 2020.

Condition 46 (pg. 7) Applicant shall pay the Town of Newington twenty-thousand dollars to be used by the Town to mitigate Project's impact to historic sites in Newington - **COMPLETE**

- Check hand delivered to Town of Newington on 05/20/2019.

Condition 49 (pg. 7) Develop protocol for measures to preserve historic stone features within Project site during construction, operation, and maintenance - COMPLETE

- Historic Stone Features Management Plan approved by DHR on 07/10/2019
- Proposed Stone Wall Alterations submitted to DHR on 06/19/2019 (WP-6, 11, 36, and 42A) and 09/27/2019 (WP-33 and 35).

If you have any questions or feedback on Eversource's Project compliance or reporting thus far, please feel free to call me at 603-717-5198 or email me at brooke.kenline-nyman@eversource.com.

Sincerely,



Brooke Kenline-Nyman
Eversource Energy
Cultural Resource Specialist

Cc: SEC Administrator
Phil Barthel, Eversource