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Joint Application of Northern
Pass Transmission, LLC, and
Public Service Company of
New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource
Energy for a Certificate
of Site and Facility.
(Hearing on the merits)

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Rachel Dandeneau Public Member

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- JO ANNE BRADBURY
- ERICK BERGLUND
- KATHERINE BERGLUND
- ROBERT COTE
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CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for coming. I see the Deerfield witnesses are back in their positions. Mr. Pappas, are you ready to go?

MR. PAPPAS: I am. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. Good afternoon, folks.
A. (Panel) Good afternoon.

Q. Ms. Bradbury, let me start by asking you just a couple questions on an exhibit you introduced yesterday as part of your direct, and that is Deerfield Abutters 168(c), which is the publication from the New Hampshire Fish & Game Department entitled, Wildlines. In it, on the second and third page, they talk about a regional initiative for Blanding's turtles. Do you recall that?
A. (Bradbury) I do.

Q. In fact, the New Hampshire Fish & Game took a lead in securing some grant money. Do you
recall that?

A. (Bradbury) Yes.

Q. The article refers to "identified priority sites for Blanding's turtles." Do you recall that?

A. (Bradbury) I do remember it. I'm just looking for it.

Q. Well, in the article it talks about, right in the beginning, these priority sites. And I was wondering whether there are any of these priority sites in Deerfield.

A. (Bradbury) Oh, absolutely. Deerfield is filled with them.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

A. (Bradbury) Oh, yes. Yeah, we do have a color map showing most of the priority sites centered right around the southeastern New Hampshire area, including Deerfield.

Q. Thank you.

So, Mr. Cote and Mr. Adami, let me resume with you because I left off last evening when we were discussing some items. First, Mr. Cote, in your direct testimony you talk about stormwater discharge
and your view that the EPA requires mapping
and monitoring of what you call "discharge
points." Do you recall that?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. And you discussed the difference between you
and the Applicant. The Applicant's position
is only substations, and the transition
stations require these discharge points. And
you believe they're required throughout the
192 miles; correct?

A. (Cote) That was the original testimony -- or
not testimony, but information provided
during the technical session by Mr. Tinnus,
that those discharge points would be at the
substations and transition stations only.
And he anticipated about nine or so discharge
points.

Q. Could you just give the Committee an example
of where you think a discharge point would be
required that's not where the Applicant
thinks it's required so that the Committee
has a sense of the difference between you and
their position.

A. (Cote) So I've worked in this program for
about 24 years with stormwater, and so I do
know a few people at the EPA. I've not dealt
specifically with construction stormwater
permits, but at industrial sites. I know at
industrial sites the definition of a
"discharge point" is extremely encompassing.
So, basically if you can see stormwater
running off of your site in any kind of
channelized flow, that is a point that the
industry needs to identify and include in
their permitting documents under the
stormwater permit program, because anywhere
on an industrial site you could have
activities that would include pollutants that
would potentially be transferred to surface
water during storm events. So the definition
is extremely encompassing. If you can see
stormwater channelizing even in the corner of
a parking lot or paved area, it's -- we have
always, in all of our stormwater plans,
identified those points. And they've been
subject to inspections and monitorings.

So the question is -- and I contacted
the EPA regional stormwater coordinator
because I'm not that familiar with
construction permits, and I asked her if the
same interpretation applied for construction
activities. And it was a telephone call, and
it's in my testimony. And she said yes. So
with a 190-mile project, I would think that
would encompass many more than nine discharge
points, which is a significant obligation.

So we don't have a stormwater plan
that's before us at this point, so the intent
of how this project intends to address that
requirement is very unclear.

Q. Okay. Sitting here, can you think of any
particular place that would be an example of
where one of these discharge points should be
mapped?

A. (Cote) Well, you can look back to my
questioning of Mr. Tinnus when he was here
being cross-examined, and I did bring up a
few exhibits from our supplemental prefiled
testimony. Actually, two locations very
close to our property. One was very clear.
It actually had a culvert that drained water
from the right-of-way, went under the road
and directly under the Lamprey River. So
that one is very obvious.

Q. And I recall that in an attachment to your
testimony. Thank you.

Let me ask you a couple questions about
your testimony where you believe that your
property will lose value as a result of
Northern Pass. First, can we go to... what's
on the screen now in front of you is a page
from Exhibit 201, and it is Bates Stamp
68115. And if you look, do you see where it
says 9709 on the right-hand side?

A. (Cote) Yes.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Hang on Mr.
Pappas.

(Discussion off the record)

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. Mr. Cote, if you look at what's on the
screen, this is a page from Applicant's
Exhibit 201, Bates Stamp 68115. If you look
to the right-hand side, do you see the number
7909? It's right next to that green area
that says "Menard."

A. (Cote) I believe it's 9709?
Q. Correct.
A. (Cote) Yes.
Q. Is that your property?
A. (Cote) It is.
Q. And the yellow dot, is that your house?
A. (Cote) Yes.
Q. And would you agree with me that your house
is a unique house, in the sense of it's
self-sufficient and the other things you
described in your testimony?
A. (Cote) Absolutely. It's off the grid.
Q. And as such, you have a bit of a narrow
market or small buyer pool who may be
interested in buying your house.
A. (Cote) I would say yes.
Q. And that pool is probably an influent [sic]
pool that could be selective and choose
alternatives if they didn't want to purchase
a home that's close to the right-of-way.
Would you agree with that?
A. (Cote) Yes.
Q. So, as a result, I understand that you
believe that your property will decrease in
value 10 to 20 percent because of the
Northern Pass Project. Is that right?

A. (Cote) Well, let me put it this way: If we knew when we purchased the property that this was a likely scenario, we would have most definitely had second thoughts about proceeding with the transaction.

Q. Okay. Do you think that the impact is limited to your property because it's unique, or do you think it applies to other properties in Deerfield?

A. (Cote) I think the effect actually is a lot larger. I think it affects the entire character of the town --

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Mr. Chair, this sounds like it's calling for testimony beyond what was included in his prefiled testimony.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Pappas.

MR. PAPPAS: I think it's a natural flow from his prefiled testimony. He testified in prefiled testimony that his property was unique, and he testified he thought the property value. I just wanted to see whether his opinion was limited to his property or if it was broader to Deerfield. I mean,
it...

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Do you think Mr. Cote has the necessary qualifications to testify about the value of other people's property?

MR. PAPPAS: That's a better question. I don't think I have laid that foundation, so let me -- well, let me do it this way. I think there's plenty of testimony, and Ms. Menard will touch on this. So I'll move on rather than spending time laying a foundation with Mr. Cote.

MR. PAPPAS:

Q. Mr. Cote and Mr. Adami, the last topic I'd like to ask you about is your prefiled testimony regarding the 2017 project that you described. And you provided a couple of photos that go along with that. Do you recall that?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. Okay. So what's on the screen now is Attachment B to your prefiled testimony which we've marked as Counsel for the Public Exhibit 642. Do you see that?
A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. I'm going to be interested in Photos A and B. And this gives orientation to where they were taken within the right-of-way. Is the location of Photo A and B within the right-of-way?

A. (Cote) It is, or they are.

Q. Go ahead. And we see your house down here on the left?

A. (Cote) Yes. On the right under the "A" where it says "Attachment B."

Q. Oh, thank you. You're right. I looked at the wrong... so on the screen now is Counsel for the Public's Exhibit 647, which was attached to your prefiled testimony. Is this picture taken on a location that's within the right-of-way?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. Okay. And was this taken in connection with that activity, the utilities activity in 2017?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. On the screen now is Counsel for the Public 648. Is this also within the right-of-way?
A. (Cote) It is.

Q. Was this picture taken in connection with the utilities work in 2017?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. Now, as I understand it, after this activity occurred, you called the utility and talked to somebody, I think, with the utility?

A. (Cote) Actually, I forwarded the photographs to Mr. Berglund, and he communicated with the utility.

Q. Ah, okay. Did you not discuss these photographs or this activity with the utility?

A. (Cote) I did not.

Q. So, Mr. Berglund, let me ask you. Did the utility describe for you any Best Management Practices they used during this 2017 construction activity?

A. (Mr. Berglund) I don't recall that they did. The discussion was they had -- we had had previous discussions to this event and talked about how far they were to go to do this repair, which required some work on that one pole. And my recollection is this was an
example of they went beyond it. And maybe

Bob can --

MR. BERGLUND: Do you recall

that?

A. (Cote) So, construction matting was used from
Mountain Road up through Mr. Berglund's
field, which was -- the boundary of his field
was the gate in the prior photo. When it
went beyond Mr. Berglund's hay field onto our
property, which is where these two photos
were, construction matting was not used. And
that is a steep slope going down toward the
wetland where one might think that Best
Management Practices would be more important
in the event of a storm event, which actually
was predicted for the day I took these
photos. But I had not had communications
directly with the utility regarding this
work, and Mr. Berglund did. And I was aware
of that, so that is why I followed up by
letting the chain of communication continue
as it had been prior to this point, which is
why I passed the information on to Mr.
Berglund.
Q. Okay.
A. (Mr. Berglund) Just to add to that, remembering now from Bob's comment about the matting, the matting did go across the field, and it was to go right up to the point of work was my recollection. And it stopped before that. So this is an example of not using the matting.

Q. Did anybody with the utility explain to you why they didn't use the matting all the way to the activity?
A. (Mr. Berglund) No.
Q. Okay. Thank you.

All right. Ms. Menard, let me turn to you and ask you some questions. First, I want to start by asking just a few questions about your direct testimony yesterday where you reviewed several of Dr. Chalmers' case studies.

Now, would I be correct in saying that your factual research showed that several of the comps in the case study appraisals didn't account for some factors, such as a Joint Use Agreement or other factors that you felt
should have been included in the comps?

A. (Menard) That is correct, both positive attributes as well as negative attributes of the various properties.

Q. Okay. And did your factual inquiry also reveal that some of the comps that were used were also influenced by the HVT, as well as the subject project?

A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. Now, would I also be correct in saying that what your factual investigation found was that for some of the appraisals in Dr. Chalmers' studies he didn't ascribe value to excess land that could be subdivided and add value to a parcel? Did you find that?

A. (Menard) Yes. It was an error in not recognizing the value of the land. But more importantly, I think we all can make mistakes, so, you know, myself included. But the fact that the decision regarding the subdividability -- he had evidence that it was subdividable with the realtor, and the broker was overruled. And not a phone call -- you know, there had been an
interview. So I would have thought that
would have been an important question to have
with the broker, if he was willing to sign
off on the subdividability, you know, despite
clear evidence. And on the tax records, his
notation of an improvement -- he had the tax
card in his appraisal, and there's no
evidence on the tax card of an improvement.
So, you know, these are the things that have
concerned me.

Q. Okay. And finally, with respect to Dr.
Chalmers' subdivision studies, did your
investigation find that he failed to ascribe
sufficient value in instances to back land,
and therefore that impacted his subdivision
studies?

A. (Menard) No. My criticism of the subdivision
study analysis is that his methodology is
he's -- well, he is incorrect in assuming
from a landowner perspective that the back
land has no value. New Hampshire real
estate, we value our land for many different
things. And so that premise I do disagree
with.
But what I was trying to raise yesterday
was more, again, regarding his approach to
ascribe his lack of -- you know, he finds no
evidence in his work, and he has to come up
with an explanation as to why this HVTL isn't
showing any impact. And so he creates this
scenario of the site value to back land
value, but he's not using appropriate time
periods in his analysis to make it
meaningful. It's not a relevant comparison,
in my opinion.

Q. Okay. Thank you. Let me ask you a question
about the NPT Guarantee Program that you
talked about. Now, that program has certain
requirements to qualify. Do you recall that?

A. (Menard) Yes, I do.

Q. And are you familiar with the Bilodeaus'
property in Deerfield?

A. (Menard) Yes, I am.

Q. Does the Bilodeaus' property qualify under
the NPT Guarantee Program?

A. (Menard) No, it does not.

Q. Why not?

A. (Menard) The criteria for the program is
extremely strict. And again, Mr. Chalmers, in his experience and work, has come to the conclusion that a property has to be within a 100 feet of the right-of-way in order to have an impact, and I have case studies in my materials that prove otherwise. And I -- so I do not agree. I feel the criteria is so narrow. I believe that the bottom line is there was, you know, less than 10 properties along the 192-mile route that would qualify.

Q. Okay. Sticking with impact on property values, let me ask you some questions about your prefilled testimony on that issue.

You testified in your prefilled testimony that the Northern Pass Project, if built, will negatively impact the value of certain real estate in Deerfield. Do you recall that?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Would I be correct in saying for properties where the value is negatively impacted, a view of the transmission line is a driving factor in impacting value?

A. (Menard) I would agree with that.
Q. And I think you also mentioned that for some properties, the hum of the transmission line or substation may have some impact as well; correct?

A. (Menard) The hum of the substation effects are noticeable when I'm marketing properties in that area. I don't believe people would -- there's going to be a stronger objection to the visual impact of Northern Pass Transmission than to the hum of the substation. It is a factor, and people are like, "What's that?" And it depends what way the wind is blowing whether or not you get a hum on a particular day and humidity and various things. But it is not as onerous a detriment. It does -- there are some people that don't -- it alerts them to the substation being in the area where they otherwise might have not known it. We do disclose it even if it's not humming. But it is not a primary market factor.

Q. In your experience, it's the view that's the driving force; correct? It's the view of the transmission line?
Q. Okay. Now --

A. (Menard) And also we have a new generation of buyers who have the health concerns and EMF concerns. My sister-in-law is understandably, you know, concerned about health effects of these power lines. And, you know, despite the lack of evidence, scientific evidence, it's a market factor where people just would not want to be exposed to, you know, living near a power line and they would choose otherwise.

Q. Okay. Now, in your experience, does it matter what of the transmission line can be seen? For instance, whether you can see an entire tower or whether you can see half a tower and some conductors or some other portion, does what you see have an impact?

A. (Menard) That's an interesting question. And I think that, you know, in my mind, it's the power lines. Just by the way we name them the "power lines." It's always been the lines. And the wooden poles are there, but they haven't really been, you know, in the
forefront. But again, as new projects are coming in, and certainly with this project, it's not going to -- the locational factor of the lines is going to be now, you know, mentally we're going to be focusing on structures. And so I can't say honestly that I have a lot of experience to distinguish between the two. But we are responding publicly, and I think across the state we are responding to these structures. And so I think that is going to be a shift potentially.

Q. And do you think that the size of the structures makes a difference?

A. (Menard) Absolutely.

Q. And would I be correct in saying, in your view, the taller, the bigger, the more you see, that has a greater impact?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. Okay. So do you have -- do you believe that distance plays a factor? In other words, the same view a 100 feet and 1,000 feet, do you think it has the same impact, or do you think there's one impact that's less or more than
A. (Menard) I don't know that I have enough
sales experience with these types of
properties to fine-tune my opinion in terms
of market value. I know what my intuition
tells me. But, you know, I had one case
study that I presented regarding
24 Nottingham Road that was 1,000 feet away.
And, you know, I went through a whole
marketing time with that property, and it was
clearly a view. But like I said, I can't be
any more specific than that. I just don't
have enough sales data to...

Q. Fair enough. Your prefilled testimony has
some examples of view lots, and the Committee
can read it. I don't need to go through it
with them.

   What's on the screen now is Counsel for
the Public 641, which are portions of the
Deerfield, New Hampshire 2015 Valuation
Update that was included with your prefilled
testimony. Do you recall that?

A. (Menard) yes.

Q. And briefly, how is this used in Deerfield?
A. (Menard) This is used as a guide if there's a particular property that has a view amenity. There's a dollar amount given to it. And that is used in the assessment noted on assessment card. So you actually have a taxable value associated with a view amenity.

Q. Now, on the second page of Counsel for the Public 641, you had underlined that sentence in Paragraph 3 in your testimony that says, quote, "Like land and building values, the contributory value of a view is extracted from the actual sales data," close quote. Do you see that?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Why did you underline that?

A. (Menard) Because I was trying to offer an opinion that, again, in terms of Deerfield's assessments, there is no distance distinction here. If you have a view, you may have value assigned to that view. And I used an example of this in, I'm thinking it was my original filing in December. It may have been -- no, it was in my original filing where I could demonstrate that, again, a view lot, people
are willing to pay more for it. And if you
go to -- are you going to go to the next
slide in my set?

Q. We can turn to the next page. Is this the
page you're thinking about?

A. (Menard) Yes. So the lot at the bottom,
Meeting House Hill Road, that property in
2010, I had in my testimony indicated that
the people paid $50,000 extra to buy that lot
for the view. And, you know, 7 years later,
the value is still there and it's showing as
taxable value. So these views are important.
And if you degrade them, then the assessor
has the -- could come through and reduce the
value. And that's why people buy these
properties, for the view.

Q. Now, looking at this page, for any property
in Deerfield that has a value ascribed with a
view, do they have some -- does the summary
or this valuation guide ascribe a dollar
amount to that? Is that what this is for?

A. (Menard) Yes. If I recall, there's about 26
pages of properties in this guide.

Q. And if a property has no view, does it add
nothing there?

A. (Menard) It wouldn't be in this assessment guide.

Q. Oh, this is only for the --

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Got it. You said a moment ago that if the view changes, the assessor will take that into account.

A. (Menard) Yes. And then you can go back to the page before where it is explaining that.

Q. Right, and you underlined that section of the page before.

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. So in your work as a realtor, do you ever use these view assessments?

A. (Menard) I have referred to them occasionally, more so with waterfront properties. And again, view lots are hard to come by, so it's not -- you know, I imagine up in the North Country there's -- they have a far better handle on this. So I use it when I need to, but it's not that often.

Q. Okay. Now, based on your experience as a realtor, do you believe that if the Northern
Pass Project is built, properties that have a view on it, will it affect their view value?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And how will it affect it?

A. (Menard) It would reduce it.

A. (Mr. Berglund) May I insert something here?

Q. Sure.

A. (Mr. Berglund) We're within 800 feet. And today there's very little impact view-wise from the towers, from the poles and the lines because this has grown up over the years. And we're almost at the point where we can't see it, certainly in the summertime. And there's no view on our tax card. With this project there will be because -- or there will be a reduction somehow of the total value. Excuse me. So it will be a negative view entry.

Q. Thank you, Mr. Berglund.

So, Ms. Menard, let me ask you some questions about your testimony discussing the Project's interference with orderly development of the region. Now, you testified that land conservation has played a
significant role in the development of Deerfield over the last 20, 30 years; correct?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. What's on the screen now is Counsel for the Public Exhibit 640 which was attached to your prefiling testimony; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. Okay. And I take it this is a map of Deerfield. What do the hashed portions indicate?

A. (Menard) I'm sorry. What does the what indicate?

Q. The hatched sections on your map, what do they show?

A. (Menard) Those are conserved lands.

Q. And how about the stars? What are they indicating?

A. (Menard) Those are initiatives by residents or the community to buy additional -- all the starred properties are lands that were conserved and added to the inventory, if you will, of conserved properties.

Q. Now, you testified that these conserved lands
create a greenway in Deerfield. Do you recall that?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And you testified that this greenway or open space is between several parks: Pawtuckaway State Park, Bear Brook State Park and North Meadows. Do you recall that?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Do you believe that this effort to conserve land was by happenstance or by design?

A. (Menard) It is a wonderful progression of -- you know, back in the 1980s, I think there was a family who sort of took the first step and conserved 100 acres, and the momentum has just built forward. And, you know, from a marketing standpoint, or real estate standpoint, somebody who's representing, you know, they're proud to be showing properties in Deerfield. There used to be people always wanting to buy land abutting conservation land because they would get the benefit of being near a park or near a piece of conserved land to go for walks or whatever.

And now people are actually willing -- and
again, generationally, now some of these
conserved lands are changing hands. People
are wanting to buy properties conserved. So
there's been a whole change of how we view
them and value them.

And just as a marketing example, I would
say that when I first started in real estate
in the '90s, if it had a conservation
easement on it, you know, potentially $500
per acres was a going rate. And we just -- I
marketed a property last year in Deerfield
that had 70 acres of conserved land, and the
new owner was willing to pay $2500 an acre
for it. So I feel very strongly that the
effort to again create open space and
maintain it adds value, not just -- it's not
a property unto itself; it's what's around
it, too, that adds value.

Q. So do you believe that the creation of these
conserved lands is an aspect of the orderly
development in Deerfield?

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Objection, Mr.

Chair. This is all material that could have
been and should have been included.
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Pappas.

MR. PAPPAS: Well, she testified about orderly development and her opinion on it. She included this map, and I'm trying to get to ask her a little more deeply whether or not these are what she considers part of the orderly development. I don't think it's "could have or should have." It's simply a natural progression of what her testimony was. I'm digging a little deeper to get down to the nub of her opinion on orderly development. I don't think it's "could have or should have." I think it's a natural progression of questioning based on her prefiled testimony.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Overruled.

You can proceed.

MR. PAPPAS: Thank you.

A. (Menard) Can you repeat the question, please?

BY MR. PAPPAS

Q. Yeah.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Yeah, and I guess I would ask if you could make sure your questions are focused so that the answers are focused and don't go on and address lots of
other topics that you don't ask about, that
would be helpful.

MR. PAPPAS: Sure.

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. I'm focused just on orderly development. And
with respect to these conserved lands, do you
think conserving lands is one aspect of the
orderly development in Deerfield, how
Deerfield is developing?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Okay. And do you expect that -- in your
experience, do you expect that pattern to
continue into the future?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Okay. So do you believe that if the Northern
Pass Project is built, it will have an impact
on conserving lands as part of orderly
development in Deerfield?

A. (Menard) Yes, it would unravel a lot of
wonderful initiatives and investments in
these properties.

MR. PAPPAS: Okay. Thank you. I
have no other questions.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Pacik,
Mr. Whitley, anyone have questions?

MS. PACIK: No questions. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I don't think Ms. Saffo is here.

Ms. Manzelli, do you have questions?

MS. MANZELLI: No questions.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Anybody here from the Dummer, Northumberland Group have questions? I don't see anyone.

Bethlehem to Plymouth Group?

No hands going up.

Ashland to Deerfield? Anyone?

MS. CRANE: They've been asked.

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Stark to Bethlehem? No hands going up.

Let's just see. Anybody else have questions for this panel?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Seeing no hands, Mr. Walker.
MR. WALKER: Yes.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. Good afternoon. My name is Jeremy Walker. I think we all met. I'm counsel for the Applicants.

MR. WALKER: And Mr. Chairman, just for efficiency's sake, I'm going to ask all the questions except for Ms. Menard, and Attorney Walkley will ask those questions, if that's okay.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. As a group you filed some testimony together, what you called your "environmental testimony," both prefilled testimony and supplemental testimony; correct?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And in that you raised concerns, various environmental concerns, both wildlife concerns and wetland concerns; correct?

A. (Ms. Berglund) Yes.

Q. And none of you on the panel is a wildlife biologist; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.
A. (Mr. Berglund) Correct.

Q. And none of you on the panel is a wetlands scientist; right?

A. (Menard) Yes.

A. (Bradbury) Could I add something to that response? We are not -- we don't make our living as wetlands biologists or wildlife biologists. But we, all of us, have taken full advantage of the materials that are available to us on the state agency web sites. Particularly good has been Fish & Game's web site in the area of the non-game and endangered wildlife material, and also formerly known as DRED, their "Good Forestry in the Granite State." We have all taken our lessons from that and other publications that are available to us. So we did not get an undergraduate degree in wildlife biology, but you don't even need a library card anymore to obtain extremely valuable information that you can use in your stewardship of your land. And we have all taken advantage of that.

Q. Thank you.

A. (Mr. Berglund) May I add to that, please?
Q. Well, I just -- my only question is --

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Hang on, Mr. Walker.

Let's let Mr. Walker ask the question, and you all provide the answers.

That's how we're going to do this, okay.

MR. BERGLUND: I have part of the answer, I believe. That's why I'm offering.

MR. WALKER: I can ask Mr. Berglund.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. Are you a wetlands scientist? Are you a certified wetlands scientist?

A. (Mr. Berglund) No, I'm not. But I have many years' experience working with professionals in that area. I have been on the conservation commission for about 18 years, a member of the Bear-Paw Regional Greenways, a trust organization that encourages people to learn about conservation easements and holds those easements. And I was a director there, as well as a member, and also working with conservation of our own land. And one project was the Wildlife Habitat Improvement
Program, which went over a number of years to
improve the habitat in our land, as well as
the Wetland Reserve Program. Thank you.

Q. Thank you.

Much of your testimony in the
environmental prefilled testimony had to do
with Blanding's turtles; correct?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Yesterday, Ms. Bradbury, you introduced a
number of exhibits dealing with the
Blanding's turtle. And you introduced one, I
believe it was by the DES. And you described
the DES's extraordinary efforts in protecting
the Blanding's turtle; correct?

A. (Bradbury) No, that's not correct. That was
Fish & Game.

Q. I'm sorry. Fish & Game.

A. (Bradbury) And it was in their Wildlines
publication, either Summer of 2017 or Fall of
2017 edition of that. Let me just get the
exact one.

Q. That's fine. Thank you for the
clarification. I just wanted to understand
when you were describing the "extraordinary
efforts," you were talking about Fish & Game.

A. (Bradbury) Yes, they have made extraordinary efforts. We're all very proud of them.

Q. And you note that your concern was that in the original Application you commented that the BMPs, you were concerned that they did not go far enough to protect the Blanding's turtles; right?

A. (Bradbury) Can you point me to the line?

Q. No, that's fine. Generally. I can go back to your prefilled testimony. But that's generally the concerns you've raised; is that right?

A. (Bradbury) That is a concern, that the BMPs will not actually result in the protection of the Blanding's. And part of that concern --

Q. That's all I was asking, Ms. Bradbury.

A. (Bradbury) Well, can I just clarify?

Q. I'm not sure there's much more to clarify.

A. (Bradbury) Well, part of the concern is that every adult Blanding's turtle is extraordinarily important to the survival of the species because of their ability to reproduce right up until the time of their
death, which could be 80 or 90 years. And high mortality of the young turtles leads to more need for the adults to survive. And knowing that they are -- I mean, we have these beautiful pictures of Blanding's turtles. But don't expect to see that very often. I've been looking for Blanding's turtles --

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Okay, okay, Ms. Bradbury. Please answer the question.

MS. BRADBURY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Walker, you may proceed.

MR. WALKER: Thank you.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. I know you've been sitting for a lot of these hearings, so you've seen the most recent, what we've been calling "avoidance and minimization measures," AMMs, right, which are essentially the BMPs that have now been proposed for the Project; correct?

A. (Menard) I believe I've seen the most recent. But I understand that there was some November submissions. And so there may be some that I
haven't seen. So, just FYI, there may be a
bit of a gap from -- you may have -- you
know, I realize there's been continuous
updating of information.

Q. Great. Thank you.

MR. WALKER: Dawn, if you could

pull up Exhibit 124a, please.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. And I'll represent to you that this is the
page from the November 2017 version of the
AMMs dealing with turtles. And it actually
carries on to the second page. And you've
seen the AMMs, including a number of
conditions for the protection of the
Blanding's and other turtles, including
what's shown on the screen. And I'll let you
look at those. But those include such things
as daily sweeps before the work starts and
such; is that right?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And that includes the role of the
environmental monitor, which is abbreviated
as "EM"?

A. (Menard) Yup. Mr. Walker, there was a
question on -- are we still on the same --
A. (Bradbury) No.
A. (Menard) Can you go back to the page before, please? We had raised a question recently about your fifth bullet point, "All turtles found will be removed to a safe, suitable location close to their point of capture." And we were concerned that we weren't sure that enough mapping had been done. We understood there to be mapping done on the right-of-way. And so if these turtles are going to be moved out of harm's way, they need to go to locations, obviously, out. I think initially it had been recommended that they were going to be moved pointing in the same direction and 100 feet away. But that may not be suitable. So without areas identified to place them in suitable locations, that was one of the gaps that I'm not sure has been filled. Maybe there has been some additional mappings done so that the environmental monitors are going to know exactly in various locations. But it's not something that you can decide on the fly.
That had been our point with that bullet.

Q. Thank you. You're aware there has been various consultations between the Project with Fish & Game and DES on these AMMs; right?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And you're aware that the Project is required to comply with these AMMs according to the DES permit; is that right?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. And I understand your concerns about the protection of the turtles, and no doubt that's an important task. But you would agree with me that the scientists at the Fish & Game which Ms. Bradbury described used extraordinary efforts to protect these, as well as the scientists at the DES have more expertise than you all as far as the protection of these turtles on this project and other construction projects; right?

A. (Menard) Mr. Walker, with due respect, all of us who have lands, and in particular, those of us that have conservation lands and easements, we are responsible for the
wetlands. We are the stewards of the land, not Fish & Game, not DES. And so I feel, and we all feel very passionately about this. You protect the Blanding's. You protect many species. We're talking about Blanding's. There are --

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Menard, do you remember the question?

MS. MENARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: What was the question?

MS. MENARD: The question is if the people who are making these decisions for permitting have more knowledge than we do. And yes, they do.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Then if he asks you a "yes" or "no" question, it's best if you answer "yes" or "no," and if you want to explain, he will let you explain. And if he doesn't, I will let you explain. But I thought where you were going was "no" with all that. But if the answer is "yes," say it. Okay?

MS. MENARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you.
Mr. Walker, you may proceed.

MR. WALKER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. Let me turn to Mr. and Ms. Berglund. In your prefiled testimony -- well, you actually explained in your testimony in the last couple days, your property, the right-of-way runs across a hay field, correct, in your property?

A. (Mr. Berglund) That's right.

Q. And you also explained that currently, in leaf-off conditions, I think in your prefiled it's described as the "conductors are quite visible in leaf-off conditions"; is that right?

A. (Mr. Berglund) That's right.

Q. And you can also see the existing poles that are there?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes, that's right.

Q. And in your prefiled testimony you've also described it that the structures and the wires, they've been there so long that they don't diminish the view or interfere with
your views of the wetlands and the wildlife
that we frequently --

A. (Mr. Berglund) Not the wires. I was
referring to the poles, which are either --
some are wood, and the others are rusted
metal. So those kind of blend in. That was
the point. Not a strong one, but I was
trying to be fair about it.

Q. So, essentially, they've been there so long
you've grown accustomed to them being there.

A. (Mr. Berglund) No. They don't stand out in
the view. It's not being accustomed to it.
You just don't see it.

Q. And in your prefilled testimony, you also note
that one of your concerns about the Project
is the continued "ruination" -- that was your
word -- of the hay field. And I take it that
the existing right-of-way is already imposing
on that hay field. So when you talk about
the continued ruination, is that what you
mean?

A. (Mr. Berglund) That right-of-way is destroyed
on a regular basis when there are heavy
vehicles. And even mats down ruin it. And
it requires a lot of work, that over the
years it's like a rut, a large rut.

Q. And you also referenced yesterday, you
described the wetlands, that area, it's about
a five-acre wetland that's within the
right-of-way?

A. (Mr. Berglund) That's right.

Q. And you stated that if the Northern Pass is
constructed, this wetland will be destroyed
or severely degraded.

A. (Mr. Berglund) That's correct.

Q. And I realize you have some experience with
wetlands. But have you had any certified
wetland scientist or anyone do an analysis to
determine that it would be destroyed if this
project were constructed?

A. (Mr. Berglund) I question whether that could
even be done. No, I haven't had anyone do
it. But I can say from my experience there
over 40 years, and also seeing what has taken
place, in particular, especially this problem
that developed in 2003 when a G146 wire was
re-strung, that was horrendous. And in
comparison to what Northern Pass is going to
be, that's a small project. And that did a
lot of damage, which it's still not fully
repaired, in my view. And so if you look at
what will take place with Northern Pass, that
is going to destroy it.

Q. When you look at the five-acre wetland, did
you look at the Normandeau assessment of the
wetlands for the Project?

A. (Mr. Berglund) I did.

Q. And did you see that their analysis was that
there would be 125 square feet of permanent
impact on that five-acre wetland? Did you
see that?

A. (Mr. Berglund) I must have come across that.
But they were looking at -- they focused on,
the way I read it, the 5.3 acres in the
right-of-way.

Q. You're right about that.

A. (Mr. Berglund) Now, a wetland is a system.
And so when you have a system that's
interrelated, all the activities and
functions that are going on, you do something
over A in the right-of-way, there's going to
be an impact elsewhere. But this wetland
drains into the Lamprey River. And, you
know, this is all connected, so --

Q. No, I understand that, Mr. Berglund. My
question was did you review their analysis
that there would be 125-square-foot permanent
impact in the five-acre wetland?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes, I did see it.

Q. In your supplemental testimony, you submitted
a chart where you created an estimate of the
number of road travelers through Deerfield --

A. That's right.

Q. -- that will have a view of the Project; is
that right?

A. (Mr. Berglund) That's right.

Q. And it looks like you took some data that you
found from the Southern New Hampshire
Planning Commission, as far as the number of
vehicles.

A. (Mr. Berglund) That was the source. That was
an analysis done. It wasn't an estimate.
Well, it was an estimate, but it was based on
an analysis, not something pulled out of the
air. And it's their numbers, which they do
every year as part of their orderly
development process and responsibility.

Q. And then you assumed 1.5 travelers per vehicle on average?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well, I did that for travelers. So let's back it up to the number of vehicles. That was over 3 million vehicles per year in Deerfield over the locations that I identified.

Q. And so ultimately you came to about 4.5 million travelers per year that would be crossing through these rights-of-way --

A. Well, I had assumed --

(Court Reporter interrupts.)

Q. Traveling through these rights-of-way and having a view of the Northern Pass Project; is that right?

A. (Mr. Berglund) They would be going under the lines, under the wires, or along in two places where the right-of-way runs parallel to the road of travel. But the one and a half was just an attempt to recognize in some cases we have more than one person in the vehicle. But to go back to the vehicle, it's 3 million versus 4-1/2.
Q. So that same number of road travelers, assuming your numbers are accurate, are also traveling under the existing structures when they travel under the right-of-way; correct?
A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes.

Q. Ms. Bradbury, you also, in your prefilled testimony, you raised concerns about the impacts on tourism by the Project; right?
A. (Bradbury) I'm sorry. Impacts on what?

Q. Tourism.
A. (Bradbury) Oh, yes.

Q. Are you aware that the Deerfield Board of Selectmen have considered the impact on tourism of the Project?
A. (Bradbury) Yeah, let me think.

Q. Just asking if you're aware.
A. (Bradbury) I'm just thinking. There's so many things to be aware of. Impact on the tourism...

Q. Well, let me bring up some board meeting minutes. That might help you, Ms. Bradbury.
A. (Bradbury) All right.

MR. WALKER: Dawn, if you could bring up what we marked as 455, please. And
just for the record, this is a Board of
Selectmen meeting dated November 14, 2016.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. And you'll see at the bottom of the page, Ms.
Bradbury, there is a reference to Northern
Pass prefiling testimony questions. And there
is a question about what impacts the
Project -- or what economic impacts the
Northern Pass -- oops. I don't read as fast
as you, Dawn -- will have on host
communities. And then if you turn to the
very next page, you'll see the highlighted
part, Ms. Bradbury. It was discussed that
the economic impact on tourism in Deerfield
would be negligible.

A. (Bradbury) Yes, I see that's the opinion of
those men at that time. I disagree.

Q. Okay. Fair enough.

Yesterday you introduced an exhibit that
was marked 168(a), and it was the flyer.
This was the flyer from the DES. Do you
remember this exhibit?

A. (Bradbury) Yes, I do.

Q. Ms. Bradbury?
A. (Bradbury) Yes.

Q. And you were showing the pictures on the front, and you noted that as the DES is touting all of the different scenic views in New Hampshire, that none of them have utility lines or poles in these pictures; correct?

A. (Bradbury) I think I said "high-voltage transmission lines."

Q. Okay. Thank you.

But if you look at a lot of these, in fact, all of these, you have views from the White Mountains, Mount Washington, I believe that's Polar Caves. You have views from the beach. In fact, none of these would have views of the Northern Pass Project on it, right, in any of these pictures?

A. (Bradbury) Well, they wouldn't have any Northern Pass views because Northern Pass isn't up there. I mean, it hasn't been built.

Q. Well, no, I'm saying even if it is built, Ms. Bradbury, it would not show up in any of these pictures; correct?

A. (Bradbury) I don't know the answer. Oh, the
paddle adventure, sure. We don't know where that picture was taken. If it was taken on Thurston Pond, then, yeah, there would be a big line of towers and lines running through there.

Q. Look at the pictures of --

A. (Bradbury) But these are -- let me just -- may I just point out, I mean, it's my understanding of what it is we think is beautiful about our state that they are inviting citizens and tourists to share with them. And I don't put beautiful photographs of high-voltage transmission lines and towers in the category of things that I think are beautiful to share with others. That's just not what I would do if I wanted to attract tourists.

Q. Thank you.

So, Mr. Cote, turning to you.

Yesterday, Attorney Pappas introduced Exhibit 646, Counsel for the Public 646, which was the article about Hydro-Quebec proposing to underground a portion of a line in Canada. Do you recall that?
A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. Nowhere in your prefilled testimony or your supplemental testimony did I see you offering an opinion about whether the proposed Northern Pass lines should be buried in Deerfield, nor did you suggest it was feasible to do so. Am I right about that?

A. (Cote) Yes.

Q. So when Attorney Pappas showed you that article last night, you had not seen it before.

A. (Cote) I had not seen that specific article, but I had heard that a segment in Canada was proposed to be buried.

Q. Do you know the cost for Hydro-Quebec to bury that line in that stretch of Canada?

A. (Cote) I believe it was $68 million.

Q. Do you know whether the Hydro-Quebec costs are "fully loaded"? And do you know what I mean by that term?

A. (Cote) I do not.

Q. In other words, whether the costs include material costs, as well as additional costs such as accounting, legal, overhead, that
type of thing. Do you know that?

A. (Cote) I don't know that.

Q. And do you know whether the stretch in Canada is being built under roads, in a road shoulder, through a transmission corridor, through a softened transmission corridor? Do you know any of that?

A. (Cote) No.

Q. And I take it you don't know whether any HDD is being proposed for that stretch in Canada either; right?

A. (Cote) Correct.

Q. And lastly, you don't know the depth or the topography that it's going through, Mr. Cote?

A. (Cote) No, I don't. That article just came out a few weeks ago.

Q. And I take it you would agree with me, Mr. Cote, that all of those are important factors when considering the feasibility of undergrounding a utility line; right?

A. (Cote) Yes. And I don't think I made any opinion anywhere in my testimony regarding that specific project.

Q. And so without that information, it would be
difficult for you to do an apples-to-apples comparison between what Hydro-Quebec is proposing and the Northern Pass line; right?

A. (Cote) Correct. And I did not.

MR. WALKER: Thank you. So at this point we'll turn it over to Attorney Walkley for Ms. Menard.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MS. WALKLEY:

Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Menard.

A. (Menard) Good afternoon.

Q. My name is Rebecca Walkley. I'm an attorney for the Applicants as well.

I wanted to start out just asking you a couple questions about your background. My understanding is that you're a real estate agent in the Deerfield and surrounding area; correct?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And I think I read somewhere in one of your pieces of testimony that you were a teacher before that. Is that right as well?

A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. And I understand that you work with them
often, but you yourself aren't an assessor, and you are not a licensed appraiser for the state of New Hampshire; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. And I also understand that you haven't done any sort of an economic analysis or study to evaluate the effect of high-voltage transmission lines on real estate values in this case or otherwise; correct?

A. (Menard) How did you describe at the very beginning? Because I certainly have been working to my capacity on trying to understand the effects of this particular project on the Deerfield market. And so what were you asking me specifically at the beginning?

Q. Just to make this simpler, you're not an economist. Your background is not in economics; correct?

A. (Menard) No.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Pappas asked you a little bit ago about -- or stated earlier that in your testimony you included a discussion about
view lots; is that right?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And I wanted to take a look at one of those examples that you provided in your testimony, marked Deerfield Abutters 5. And specifically this example is on Page 3 of that testimony. And you reference what you note as a "market snapshot." And this was attached to this testimony as Exhibit 4. And looking at that exhibit, which is PDF Page 16, it looks to me like this is somewhat of a comp sheet. It's not exactly clear to me what you were offering this for.

But my question is, just looking at these properties quickly, you would agree that there are a large number of differing factors among these various properties that you provided; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. And were you offering this as a comp sheet at all, or was that your suggestion with this document?

A. (Menard) No, not as a -- you know, when you say "comp sheet," if I was sitting down with
a client, I would be providing details about each of these properties. And I actually do have a worksheet where I go around to each of these properties and note was it city water or city sewer, you know, the topography, all the various -- so I basically did a market analysis to try to compare these different lots so I wasn't going to misrepresent the value. As you can see, there are a range of value from $45,000, 65, 75, 102. And then we have this beautiful lot up on Quimby Mountain for 195. So I wanted to make sure that there wasn't some added value to the Quimby Mountain lot that was above and beyond the view. Obviously, I wasn't fine-tuning every amenity or -- so, in a sense, yes, I did some background before putting this out there to just say, look it, I mean, it seems obvious that somebody was willing to pay good money for the view, outstanding view that this property offered.

Q. Sure. So I guess my question really is just that I guess you would agree with me, though, that there are a wide number of other factors
that you can consider if you were to do a
comp for this Lot 10 Quimby Mountain Road;
right? I think you just stated that. There
is a wide number of factors you would
consider to come up with actual comps for
that particular property; correct?
A. (Menard) Correct. I wasn't comping the
Quimby Mountain Road, if that's your
question.
Q. Okay.
A. (Menard) That wasn't the purpose of this
exhibit.
Q. And I did take a look at some properties. I
haven't gone to them as it seems you have.
But, you know, just as some examples, it
seems to me, looking at Google Maps, that the
first one you provided here, for example, is
right next to the Cigna health facility
that's here in Hooksett. Were you aware of
that?
A. (Menard) And I made a notation of that --
Q. In a separate document.
A. (Menard) It's on a little side street that's
more industrial in nature.
Q. Sure.
A. (Menard) So, yes.
Q. And some of these other properties that you've listed here are in more, as much as Hooksett can be, more dense residential areas compared to maybe these last two here that are a little bit different in terms of the topography and the area where they're located; is that right?
A. (Menard) No. Actually, I disagree. Farmer Road -- and again, I was very careful to address your concern. This is -- I'm putting out information, and I want to make sure that it's fair and not biased, just to say look it. You know, there's a lot of thought that went into the selection of these. And I have the listing sheets and background information. But that wasn't the point. I think you're trying to read more into what I was -- if we go to my testimony, it's clear what I was just trying to put out there. People are willing to pay for a view. That's all I was trying to get across here.
Q. But these properties that you've provided
here, other than to say that six properties
were sold in Hooksett in the last however
many years this took place, 2014 to 2016,
there is no relation to the value of that Lot
10 Quimby Road property relating to these
other properties other than the fact they
were sold within that time period; correct?
A. (Menard) I don't understand your question.
Q. You said earlier this isn't a comp sheet;
correct?
A. (Menard) I'm not --
Q. I think you stated that earlier, Ms. --
A. (Menard) When you say "comp sheet" --
Q. This isn't a list of comparable properties;
correct?
A. (Menard) No.
Q. Okay. Thank you. I think that's all I
wanted to know. I'll move on to something
else.
A. (Menard) I use a comparable sheet when I'm
actually doing a market analysis. I wasn't
doing a market analysis here, so I was not --
Q. Okay. Thank you, Ms. Menard.
A. -- comparing properties.
(Court Reporter interrupts.)

Q. And one other question on this particular example that you've given. Looking at Google Maps again, none of these properties have an HVTL or right-of-way in relation to these parcels; correct? So you're not offering this in any way to address impacts associated with HVTLS; correct?

A. (Menard) The only property that I represented that did not have an HVTL effect definitively was the Quimby Mountain.

Q. I think you didn't answer my question. I just asked you, these lots here, there's not a right-of-way abutting any of these properties or in relation to any of these properties. You weren't offering this with respect to impacts from HVTLS; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

On Page 2 of your testimony, this is different testimony on behalf of the partnership, Deerfield Abutters 8. In response to Question 5, you state that the words "abut conservation land" is a selling
feature. And I think you've said this this afternoon as well. Would you agree with that sentiment?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. During Dr. Chalmers' testimony, he noted that he's seen listings where access to rights-of-way are mentioned as assets. Were you present for that testimony?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. As a real estate professional, have you ever seen listings where access to rights-of-way are actually used to demonstrate a benefit of a property or a value added to a particular property?

A. (Menard) Yes. If a property has -- oftentimes the right-of-way corridors in some locations have access to snowmobile trails. So, for a snowmobile enthusiast, I can see somebody marketing that, certainly.

MS. WALKLEY: Dawn, I'd like to pull up Bates 54220.

BY MS. WALKLEY:

Q. This is part of Dr. Chalmers' supplemental testimony, which is Applicant's Exhibit 104.
And Ms. Menard, I believe that this is actually your listing that you've included in your testimony; is that correct?

A. (Menard) That is correct. It was actually my brother Peter's listing, but I was involved in the marketing.

Q. And in the listing it notes "possible views and access to trails along the power line at the west end of the lot." Do you see that statement there?

A. (Menard) Yes, I do.

Q. And I have a couple other questions about this particular property that you discuss in your Deerfield Abutter 5 testimony on Page 4. We don't have to pull that up.

In response to a data request, you provided several comps to support your assertions that this lot sold for less than market value. Do you recall that response to data requests?

A. (Menard) Yes, I do.

Q. And actually, I believe you asked Dr. Chalmers about some of those comps during his testimony. Do you recall that as well?
A. (Menard) Yes, I do.

Q. It's not clear to me, actually. As a preliminary question, how did you come up with those particular comps? Is that just based on your own experience as a real estate agent?

A. (Menard) My analysis -- stop me if you don't want to know the whole analysis, but I'll try to be brief and just give you an overview of how I arrived at that position.

My analysis was based on I submitted what single building lots were going for, which I'm very familiar with. So in my testimony I provided a list of comparable sales, a comp sheet as you would say, for what the going rate for a single building lot was. And then I provided as a response to your data request a listing of what sales of subdividable lots were going for. And there was a very clear distinction between the two. And so, again, it's probably too much information and not what you want, so --

Q. I just want to focus on the four examples that you gave in response to data requests.
A. (Menard) Okay.

Q. So we'll just go through those. And you provided these in response and marked them as Deerfield Abutter 6, I believe.

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. The first example that you've given of the comps for this particular property is actually a tax map. Well, the document that you provided is a tax map, I think. And this is for Lot 4-1. I don't know if we can pull this up. And you've noted on the side here that it was sold for $160,000 in 2015; is that correct?

A. (Menard) Yes, that's correct.

Q. I don't know if you've done the math on this, but would you agree with me that the price per acre for this lot is $8,000?

A. (Menard) I would not agree with that.

Q. So my understanding looking at this tax map is it's a 20-acre parcel and it was sold for $160,000. Do you see that on the document you provided?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. So you wouldn't agree that the price per acre
is $8,000?

A. (Menard) Oh, I misunderstood your first question. I mean, if you want to take an average that way, you're welcome to do that. But in my work, you've got wetlands. You've got -- each of those lots has pluses and minuses. And so to just do a flat per-acre price, that wouldn't really add value to me. What's more important is what's the development cost of these finished lots. How much is it going to cost the developer, and what are they going to put in to create each lot? And the value for that lot, what he ends up, that's of more importance to me than a per-acre price. So I rarely use a per-acre price in a property that has not been developed.

Q. For purposes of comparison, I'm just going to focus on price per acre just to give a comparison.

A. (Menard) If you want to.

Q. And the second and third examples you provided here actually do have higher price-per-acre values. Just to be clear, I
didn't just make up this methodology. On the second page that you provided here for 48 Healy Road, there's actually a price per acre listed there of $17,000. So you would agree that that is a metric that people use. In this case, it's actually higher than the one that was provided. That was for the Mount Delight Road example that you provided; correct?

A. (Menard) One of the flaws in MLS regarding that number that you're using is oftentimes that price per acre is on the list price and not the sold price.

Q. Correct.

A. (Menard) So you need to make sure that that number is correct. And I personally do not do a price-per-acre analysis --

Q. And actually, just --

A. (Menard) -- I do a building lot price.

Q. Just to be clear, that actually is -- $17,000 is the list price, price per acre. The sold price is more along the lines of $15,000, just to be correct.

A. (Menard) Okay.
Q. And I wanted to ask you about the third example you provided here, which is for 39 Mountain Road. And I believe you stated yesterday in your direct testimony that expired listings bring no value to the table regarding market value. I think that's approximately what you said. Do you recall that from yesterday?

A. (Menard) I raised that point with Mr. Chalmers' rebuttal as having used an expired listing --

Q. Right.

A. (Menard) -- when I'm -- a property that hasn't sold. We were talking about sale prices. What is it worth? What's the sale value? So you look at sold properties, not properties that have never sold. That's why I did not find that relevant.

Q. Okay. So I'm a little confused as to why you provided this third example, which is in fact an expired listing. You would agree that that's an expired listing? I think we can pull the page up probably.

A. (Menard) I do agree with it being an expired...
listing. I found it very interesting, and I just made a comment about it, that the one other property that was -- that didn't sell happened to be a subdividable lot on a right-of-way. This is on our Mountain Road right-of-way. And it didn't sell. And so if you recall, in one of my exhibits yesterday there was well over 33 lots in Deerfield that had sold in this time period, and this one didn't.

Q. Thank you.

A. (Menard) So that is why I just put it in there and I made a notation about it.

Q. I just want to ask you about the fourth example that you provided here as well. Understanding that you disagree with my price per acre, would you agree that this price closed at $125,000 -- this property closed at $125,000, and it's a 16.42-acre property?


Q. And I'm sure you haven't done the math, but would you -- I will represent to you that the price per acre of this particular lot is $7,612.67. Would you accept that?
A. (Menard) I'll accept that.

Q. So you would agree, again, that this last property sold for a lower price per acre compared to the Mount Delight property that you provided in your testimony.

A. (Menard) This property sold for lower price per acre?

Q. That's what I'm asking you.

A. (Menard) Yeah, and that's typical for lots that have excess acreage.

Q. Okay. So with respect to the four examples that you provided here -- and I'm actually just going to take out the one that's an expired listing. With respect to the three examples you provided here, you would agree that the Mount Delight property actually sold for within the range of property price per acre selling prices that you've included in your comps that you provided in response to data requests; correct?

A. (Menard) I disagree with your analysis.

Q. That's fine. You note in your testimony that the property ultimately sold to a developer.

And I think you also mentioned this yesterday
in your direct testimony; is that correct?

A. (Menard) The Mount --

Q. Mount Delight property.

A. (Menard) -- Delight lot? A builder-developer purchased the property, yes.

Q. Have you looked at the sale history for the two homes that subsequently were constructed on this particular lot?

A. (Menard) Yes, I did.

Q. I'd like to pull up those listing sheets, which is Applicant's Exhibit 451. And as you can see from the first home, it actually sold for the asking price of $279,900. Do you see that there?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And the days on market is 73. Do you see that as well?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And going to the next sheet, which is for the second lot, the selling price was below the list price by a percentage, and then the days on market is 70. Do you see that as well?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. So in light of the fact that the subsequent
sales history here reflects that these two
dproperties were able to be sold within a
relatively standard period of time, do you
still believe that the value of this property
was adversely affected by the potential
construction of Northern Pass?

A. (Menard) The adversity was borne by the
seller of the land. And the seller of the
land had to take a severely reduced price
when he sold the lot. And the builder
benefited from that and was able to build two
fine homes at competitive pricing, and he did
well.

Q. So I think the answer to my question is yes,
you still think, regardless of the fact that
these two properties were able to be sold
within a relatively standard period of time,
there was an adverse effect on this property.

A. (Menard) You're asking me to make a judgment
about houses that are built, and that's not
my testimony. My testimony is about the raw
land. I did not do an analysis with regards
to these houses. So that's my objection. So
my testimony is about the sale of the land
and the effect of the Project on the land. I did not do an analysis on these homes and the effect on these homes. If you would like me --

Q. Okay. Thank you.

A. (Menard) -- it would take me -- that's a different assignment.

Q. That's fine. I also wanted to ask you about your case study for 24 Nottingham Road which you mentioned. And you've included this as Deerfield Abutter 9. This property ultimately sold for $160,000 in 2012; is that right?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And you attributed the reduction in value, or the perceived reduction in value for this property, to the potential presence of Northern Pass; is that right?

A. (Menard) Yes, that's correct.

Q. And you provided the list sheets for this property, but I actually would like to pull up what we've marked as Applicant's Exhibit 454, which is also a list sheet for this particular property. And I wanted to start
down at the bottom of the page. You first
listed this property -- I believe it was
you --

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. -- for $269,900 in 2003; is that correct?
A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. And it didn't sell. And my understanding is
the listing expired in 2006; is that right?
A. (Menard) Yes. And she may have taken it off
the market as opposed to withdrawn.

Q. Okay. I think you would agree with me that
between 2003 when this property was first
listed and 2009 when it was subsequently
listed, there was a large shift in the real
estate market in general, Ms. Menard?

A. (Menard) Yeah, you just said 2009. I wasn't
remembering there being that big of a time
gap, but...

(Witness reviews document.)

A. (Menard) But yes, I would agree with you, the
market was changing.

Q. And you've also provided some comparable
properties on Page 5 of your case study for
this particular property at 24 Nottingham
Road. Did you have an appraisal done for this property?

A. (Menard) No. I did a market analysis. And then I believe we had a cash buyer, and so there was never an appraisal done on this property.

Q. So you're offering this list of comps just based on your real estate experience, not as part of an overall appraisal; correct?

A. (Menard) I'm not an appraiser.

Q. And the first comp that you provided here is 15 Nottingham Road. And the acreage for this particular property is four acres, with more frontage than the 24 Nottingham Road property; is that correct?

A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. And the sale price of this particular property was $182,000; is that right?

A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. In reviewing the property at 24 Nottingham Road, did you consider -- I assume you considered visibility of the existing right-of-way and potential visibility of the Project?
A. (Menard) Yes. Fifteen also had some visibility. It wasn't a direct view of the Project. It was a different setting. But yes, I most certainly did consider that.

Q. I'd like to just pull up quickly Applicant's Exhibit 453. And this is just a shot from Google Earth. And I'll represent to you, but I think you probably know, 24 Nottingham Road is up in the right circle, and 15 Nottingham Road is located down in the left circle.

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Is that correct?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. And it's a little hard to see from this small view, but the right-of-way is down there at the bottom where the word "Google" is.

And looking at 24 Nottingham Road, would you agree with me that directly across the street from this property at 24 Nottingham Road is a home? Correct?

A. (Menard) That is correct.

Q. And the property at 15 Nottingham Road has what seems to me to be a pretty clear view of the right-of-way, with the exception of some
trees there. Does that seem accurate to you as well?

A. (Menard) No. No, what they have a clear view of, there's another house that's right behind. And given the vegetation along that lane, there's not -- there is a view. It's not a clear view. It's not a prominent view as the view from 24 Nottingham Road.

Q. Okay. So your assertion is that 24 Nottingham Road, which has a house directly across the street from it, has a clear view of the right-of-way and potential Northern Pass line.

A. (Menard) Absolutely. You know, people -- you don't have to look just straight across the street to get a view. Look at the field land. If you're looking at the house right across the street to the right, that shoots straight across, right to the right-of-way. It's a morning sun view --

Q. So, going back to the sheets that you provided in your case study, you've noted that 15 Nottingham Road property sold for $22,000 above the 24 Nottingham Road
property; correct?

A. (Menard) Correct.

Q. And wouldn't it make sense to you that if there are views as you suggest from 24 Nottingham Road, as well as 15 Nottingham Road, that there would have been an impact -- you would have expected to see an impact at 15 Nottingham Road like you would have at 24 Nottingham Road if in fact there was going to be a view-related effect from Northern Pass?

A. (Menard) There was some market resistance to 15 Nottingham Road, but it was more about the Project and not about the view.

Q. So with respect to that property, though, and the comps that you provided here, there wasn't a market-level impact on that 15 Nottingham Road in terms of overall value; right?

A. (Menard) I would need my worksheets to -- that's a very fine-tuned question to be splitting 15,000. And again, I want the Committee to be very clear in terms of my work. I can't bring it to that level. I
can't say that, you know, this house had a $23,000 impact and that house had a $14,500. I don't have enough information. You know, this was a real-time sale with four of the listings, that I was the listing broker of three of them. I knew the properties well. I knew the buyers and what they were saying and how they were responding to. And I knew the hit that the seller took as a result of this project. And I'm not going to put it to the decimal point. You know, I'm not comfortable doing that. And making these kinds of analysis with regards to the value of the Project and what you're asking me to do, I'm not comfortable doing that. I can just represent that there was an impact. And I agree with you. There was an impact to both properties, but 24 Nottingham Road took a bigger hit.

Q. Thank you, Ms. Menard.

MS. WALKLEY: I have no other questions.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

Let's take ten minutes before the Committee asks
questions.

(Recess was taken at 2:36 p.m.
and the hearing resumed at 2:57 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Questions
from the Subcommittee? Mr. Oldenburg.

MR. OLDENBURG: Thank you, Mr.
Chair.

QUESTIONS BY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SEC COUNSEL:

BY MR. OLDENBURG:

Q. Good afternoon. I have a few questions, Mr.
and Mrs. Berglund, questions about the damage
that was done and the repair.

You had said, if I got it right -- and
I'm sort of drinking at the fire hose here
with all this information going back and
forth -- so if I heard this right, in one
part the idea was to use matting for the
equipment to go over. And they used that to
a certain degree. And then in another part
they didn't, and that's where the damage was.
Did you have damage in the areas where they
used matting?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well, I just want to be sure
we're on the same --
Q. Okay.

A. (Mr. Berglund) I think when you just said the Project -- the damage was yesterday's discussion about the 2003. Today we were talking about something that was 2017. Now, in that case, 2017, we did have matting on the field. And I had requested that, and they complied. And that is typical implementation to protect what's underneath. And I was very surprised how much damage -- it certainly would not be as much as if you drove these large trucks over it. But it was not where it was before the matting. It was damaged.

Q. So the matting, to some degree, worked as --

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well, it's better than having huge ruts, so...

Q. So the area that was damaged, I take it that was a different time frame, 2003?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes, it was.

Q. Okay. Did they come back and repair the damage that was done?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well, repairing the wetland, that -- it's largely tracks through the
wetland. I don't think you can repair that, except let it go and see what happens. I don't recall what was in the hay field that was -- that was just, you know -- we did have rutting there, and that's -- I don't think they came back and did something specifically there. And I don't think that I asked for it. I was really focused on the wetland and the damage down below.

Q. And was the work, the access, was that all within the easement area? Like where they entered and where they accessed through your fields, was that all within the easement area, or did they have to --

A. (Mr. Berglund) Hay fields. The exception was where the helicopter landed. That was not in the right-of-way. And I think there were cases where the right-of-way was not honored as inbounds, you know -- and I can see a few cases. I don't recall specifically, but I know that it was not always -- largely in the right-of-way, but there were exceptions.

A. (Ms. Berglund) If I may add to that. There was some reseeding done to the hay field and
the cow lane. The hay field was not up to
snuff, and we were not happy with the
reseeding and asked them to come back. As
perhaps as a matter of compensation, they did
put up a new gate to the hay field. There
was an old wooden one there that was sagging,
and they put a new metal one in. And they
told us that was to make up for some of the
damage. The ruts in the cow lane, though,
they stayed for a very long time.

Q. Okay. All right.

DIR. WRIGHT: Can I follow up,

Mr. Oldenburg?

MR. OLDENBURG: Sure.

QUESTIONS BY DIR. WRIGHT:

Q. Good afternoon, folks. Craig Wright with
DES. While he's on the subject, I figured
I'd follow up now.

A. (Mr. Berglund) Sure.

Q. I think one of the pictures we saw where you
had just described the gate, I think, Ms.
Berglund, is not in the right-of-way; is that
correct?

A. (Ms. Berglund) The picture that you saw
yesterday is in the right-of-way.

Q. So that --

A. (Ms. Berglund) That is in the right-of-way.

The gate that I'm referring to is in the cow lane, not in the right-of-way.

Q. And that's how they accessed to get to the right-of-way?

A. (Ms. Berglund) Correct. They came up through that, through the gate.

Q. And did they communicate with you before they accessed that area through there?

A. (Ms. Berglund) No.

Q. Did you report any of the damage to DES and ask for follow-up?

A. (Mr. Berglund) No. And it's certainly something I should have known about. I'm a member of the conservation commission. We deal with wetland impacts, but not -- you know, that's something I have subsequently learned. And looking back on it, I wish I had.

Q. Okay. I will encourage you in the future, obviously.

And same with the 2017. I think, Mr.
Cote, was that damage actually on your property?

A. (Cote) It was.

Q. Did you follow-up with DES at all or report that to DES?

A. (Cote) No. And the reason we didn't is because after we complained, they were very prompt about getting back in there and mulching. But the issue I still have with that is that under the construction general permit, Best Management Practices are supposed to be in place at the time of construction. And so if there was a rain event, like there was a half-inch rain event predicted on that date when I took those photos, which didn't occur, that would have been a significant amount of runoff into the wetland right at the base of that slope with, you know, sediment and erosion. So the issue there was it's really what should have been happening during construction, not after. But afterwards, after we complained, they actually did a good job mulching and restoring that slope.
Q. I think we'd agree that avoidance is the preferred alternative to mitigation after the fact. I think that's what you're saying.

MS. WEATHERSBY: Could I ask one question on the same subject? Thank you for letting me jump in.

QUESTIONS BY MS. WEATHERSBY:

Q. I understood the 2003 damage was done -- was a reaction to a pole falling during restringing. Is that correct?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes. They were pulling the wire, the conductor from the east, the west, and a large pole which was holding the conductor was erected -- well, in the wetland --

(Court Reporter interrupts.)

A. (Mr. Berglund) So the pole was in the wetland, and it was pulled down as they were pulling the wire. And that was --

Q. Do you know if it was ever determined why it fell? Was it not erected correctly, or was it just the soil conditions were so wet, in far enough?

A. (Mr. Berglund) What I learned after the fact,
and I'm just recalling it now, it was attributed to not sufficient anchoring on either side of the pole. The guy wires that come down, they strengthen that whole system. So, since then and up to today, it's been able to withstand the weight of the conductor.

Q. And this was a wooden pole with, what, a 115 kv line?

A. It was a 115 kV, and I think it was wood.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

A. (Ms. Berglund) if I may add something to that. The work that was done in 2003, that was, I believe, regularly scheduled work that they were there doing. And during that work, when the first helicopter landed, that was just to bring in tools and workers, as well as the tracked vehicles. And then during the time they were working on it is when the pole fell over. So it wasn't that they came to fix a pole having fallen over. It was part of their regular work.

MR. WAY: If I -- seems it's fashionable.
QUESTIONS BY MR. WAY:

Q. Just so I understand, Mrs. Berglund, the cow path that you're talking about, you're saying that is not on the easement and they did not have permission to use it? That's not on another easement or...

A. (Ms. Berglund) It is not in the easement. It goes from Nottingham Road to our hay field. It actually belongs to Mr. Cote and Mr. Adami, but it borders our land, and we have a right to use it to get to our hay field. So it is not in the easement. Did I answer your question?

Q. I think so. Mr. Cote, is that your understanding as well?

A. (Cote) Yes, it is.

Q. All right. Thank you.

MR. OLDENBURG: Everybody good?

Okay. Thank you.
same size and that type of thing. So when
you include something like a transmission
line, so you have a corridor that's either
adjacent or encumbered on a property. I
mean, in your experience, how often do you
run into that?

A. (Menard) Surprisingly few times given the
amount of infrastructure in Deerfield. I
mean, we have a fair number of lines around.
And I would say I've sold maybe six
properties or so in my career along a power
line. And I've certainly viewed properties
as a buyer agent that had power lines, but I
wasn't involved in the comping analysis. So
it was more a buyer reaction that lends to my
buyer reaction experience as opposed to
getting into the nitty-gritty of the value of
that deduction.

Q. So, relatively, trying to do what Mr.
Chalmers has done, you know, comparing
parcels with an easement, without an
easement, the sample size, the pool of comps
is pretty small. Is that a fair statement?

A. (Menard) That is true. And sometimes with
any property in any given market situation
you get lucky. Like if you're marketing an
antique and you happen to have two or three
other antique sales that year, you've got
them, and some years you don't. Then you
have to go outside your community to find
them. And with HVTL, it's a very complex
process to arrive at impacts. Yes, I would
agree with that.

MR. OLDENBURG: Okay. All right.
Thank you. That's all the questions I have.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Wright.

QUESTIONS BY DIR. WRIGHT (CONT'D):
Q. Good morning -- good afternoon.
A. (Mr. Berglund) Trick question.
Q. We already covered that, anyways.
   Mr. Cote, you mentioned this afternoon
   some concerns you had regarding the
   stormwater permitting requirements under the
   construction general permit.
A. (Cote) Yes.
Q. I thought that was covered under the DES
   conditions. And I did a quick look on
   Page 25, and there is a condition regarding
the general construction permit, that the
Applicant has to go to EPA, and if necessary,
develop the stormwater pollution prevention
permitting conditions. Is that your
understanding, or do you still have concerns?
A. (Cote) No, it is my understanding. But I
think what's being missed here is that permit
is a fairly -- it's a fairly comprehensive
permit. If you look at the permit itself,
the appendices and the fact sheet, it's
almost 300 pages of content. And there
are -- for example, we just touched a little
bit on discharge points. But once those
discharge points are identified, specific
Best Management Practices for the drainage
areas associated with all those discharge
points need to be identified and developed.
And that's actually quite a bit of work.
You're also looking at every individual
drainage area, seeing what kind of vegetation
is there, what is the land area that's being
affected. And so you could have either a
huge amount of stormwater runoff or very
little. And that entire program is managed
by EPA, so it's completely separate from DES. And DES, if you look at my testimony, because I did contact Mr. Pelletier to get a fee from them on what would their level of involvement be since they reference it in their recommendations. I don't know if you recall, but his response is that they take no responsibility for overseeing EPA's construction general permit. And if you're familiar with the application requirements for that, I'm sure you realize it's very nominal. They have to submit a notice of intent.

So a stormwater pollution prevention plan is not even required for review by EPA. So I'm not saying it's not going to get done, but there's a lot of information that would be there if it's done properly that we don't have before us right now.

Q. Okay. Thank you. That was my general understanding. And you are correct that DES is not delegated under the permit program. So it would be EPA's responsibility. But I just don't know if you were aware of that
condition and whether that was satisfied to your thought process.

Just to move on, Ms. Bradbury and I think Ms. Menard, just a couple quick questions.

With Mr. Walker you were talking about the AMMs and the time-of-year restrictions for the turtles. And I know you have some concerns about the mapping of the turtle areas in that. But I thought I read somewhere that you may have also had concerns regarding time-of-year restrictions as well. Did I misunderstand that? I think you had some concerns regarding the start date of when the march would begin? Is that accurate?

A. (Menard) I think I'll speak for myself, and other members may also want to comment. For me personally, they have "winter conditions preferred." And if they don't have good winter conditions, then they can move to dry conditions. And there's probably "if it's practicable" thrown in there, too. So, really, it's not avoidance. Especially it's
not avoidance if they're doing winter conditions because, again, I don't believe we have enough information that shows that, you know, matting in wetlands, even in winter conditions and during the construction process, that it's not going to cause harm to these species. Moving to dry conditions, a lot of hatchlings, there are other species -- there's other life stages where these turtles move around incredibly to get from one place to another. And if you bisect the right-of-way and create barriers, they may want to be getting from Wetland A to Wetland B for a completely different purpose in their life stage, and that's the whole concept of "core area." So I'm concerned about the timing. Either/or, I have concerns for timing —

Q. Okay. But if it's not going to be done during the winter, did I understand your thought process was that it should be an April 1 date instead of an April 15th date or something?

A. (Menard) No. The April 1 date has to do --
there's a big effort, and I agree with the
effort for nesting. A lot of females are
moving extensively in the spring getting to
nesting sites. So that's where a lot of the
initial search areas need to be swept, you
know, if they're doing construction activity.
But I think they were fairly focused on and
have a good handle on that aspect of the
endangered species protection. It's the
other life stages and the other times of year
that I am concerned about.

Q. Okay. Ms. Bradbury, is there anything you
wanted to add? In short.

A. (Bradbury) Yeah, I'll try. The Blanding's
turtles and the wood turtles hibernate in the
muddy strata. But they also have been
seen -- and that's complete anaerobic
respiration. They don't have to come to the
surface for oxygen. But they also have been
seen swimming slowly under the surface of the
ice in the winter during the hibernation
times. And I'm concerned that placing mats
over the wet areas where they happen to be,
that matting process will cause adult
Blanding's that are not that deep into the mud to be killed. And I also think that the more mats that you put down on top of a wetland, it just squishes it down deeper and deeper. And I just -- yeah. Okay. Sorry. Yes, I am concerned that they won't survive it.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

DIR. WRIGHT: No other questions.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Commissioner Bailey.

QUESTIONS BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY:

Q. Good afternoon.

A. (Mr. Berglund) Good afternoon.

Q. Ms. Menard, when you were being cross-examined by Ms. Walkley, she showed you a picture of two homes that sold in March of this year for like 270-something thousand dollars. Do you know, are those properties encumbered by the right-of-way?

A. (Menard) One of them would be, yes.

Q. One is and one isn't?

A. (Menard) That's correct. It was a piece of property, 6.5 acres, that was split into
3 acres, plus or minus. So there would be one that is abutting the power line and one further away, right next door, but not directly abutting the power line.

Q. And the price of the homes that the builder received, were they -- do you think that price was lower than it otherwise would have been, or do you think those were sort of fair market value for that kind of house?

A. (Menard) I'm at a disadvantage in that I've never been inside the house, so I don't know what the upgrades were. Certainly they didn't seem like a steal or an expensive house. I mean, nothing struck me as being out of the ordinary.

Q. Okay. All right. Thank you.

And Mr. Cote, when Mr. Walker asked if anybody had experience in environmental science, aren't you an environmental engineer?

A. (Cote) Yes, I am.

Q. So why did you not answer that question?

A. (Cote) Well, I believe his question was more directed towards wildlife and biology, and my
area of expertise is more like surface water pollution. So I don't think that that would have been responsive to his question.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

CMSR. BAILEY: That's all I have.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Weathersby.

QUESTIONS BY MS. WEATHERSBY:


A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. I didn't see that attached. Do you know if that's part of any of the exhibits? Is that part of the record?

A. (Menard) I believe in my prefilled it would be. I might have just put the cover sheet to reference the article. And then there was a couple interesting tables that were showing appraisal -- you know, what do appraisers think about these power lines, and how does it affect pricing. And so those were
responses to that survey information.

Q. So there's excerpts from it in your testimony?

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. Okay. I must have missed that when I was looking for the study. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Cote, just following up on your conversation with Mr. Wright about the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Permit. I understand that it's an EPA permit and that that would have separate Best Management Practices. But I got concerned in that exchange with the non-involvement of DES. Do you know, if there's BMPs in the federal permit, who enforces those?

A. (Cote) That would be EPA. And that's part of my concern, because I have worked closely with personnel at EPA over the years. And I'm sure, as anybody at DES knows, that agency is not very well staffed in the several programs that I've been involved with. There's been Thelma Murphy for 20 years there in the Stormwater Permits Program, and she's been the only point of
contact. Although, I did look a few days ago, and there is actually one person in all of New England who is assigned to the Construction General Permit Program. So I don't get the idea there's a lot of oversight of the stormwater program for discharges associated with industrial activity, which is what this project falls into.

And I guess my other comment on that oversight from EPA is I've done quite a few stormwater pollution prevention plans, mostly for industrial facilities over the last 20 years, and I have never heard of one of them being inspected for compliance with that program, which is good for my clients. But I think it gives you an indication that their resources may be extremely stretched thin to provide, you know, the kind of oversight we think might be present on a project like this.

Q. And have you ever encountered an instance where they perhaps are not enable to, but where EPA delegated that to like the state DES? Perhaps you might not even be able
to -- but have you ever encountered a
situation where they delegated the
enforcement to another --

A. (Cote) Well, some states in New England are
delegated to administer the NPDES program.
So in those states it would be state
personnel with their own stormwater programs.
But New Hampshire is not NPDES-delegated, so
the role for administering that would be from
EPA Region I.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. Berglund, you indicated
that the conservation easement on your
property is a federal Wildlife Management
Reserve conservation easement. Is that
correct?

A. (Mr. Berglund) It's a federal program,
Wetland Reserve Program. It's under that --
it's a conservation easement under that
program.

Q. Okay. And who would -- so it's part of a
federal program?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Yes, yes.

Q. Do you know if the Northern Pass Transmission
Project going on that easement would violate
any of the terms of your conservation
easement or somehow put it in jeopardy?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well, in my view, it violates
just about all the terms. But somehow
there's been a -- it's Natural Resource
Conservation Services that administers it and
monitors the easement each year. And I've
talked to them about what do we do here. We
have this power line. Well, the power line,
the right-of-way, was there before the
easement, and that seems to be the ruling
thing. I have not heard anything from them.
And I've asked them a couple times to
consider it, but that's where it stands.

Q. Okay. So the easement holder is not
concerned about the additional, or appears
not to be concerned --

A. (Mr. Berglund) Well --

Q. Has not expressed concern of the additional
power line going through.

A. (Mr. Berglund) It just may be that they don't
have the power based on the way the legality
works here.
Q. Okay. Does the public have a right of access to that conservation area on your property?

A. (Mr. Berglund) We have made that available to the public.

MS. WEAVERSBY: Thank you. I have nothing further.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Way.

QUESTIONS BY MR. WAY:

Q. Good afternoon, everyone.

A. (Panel Members) Good afternoon.

Q. How many of you are on the conservation commission?

A. (Mr. Berglund) I am.

Q. One. I got the sense -- Ms. Bradbury, are you on the conservation commission?

A. (Bradbury) No. I give my opinion pretty routinely.

[Audience laughter]

Q. Very good. One question I had, and maybe I'll focus on Ms. Menard. When we were talking about the conservation of lands, it's your opinion that there will be less conservation of lands if this project goes forward, less investment; correct?
A. (Menard) I guess I don't know that I can predict the future in terms of heading in that direction. I think what I was trying to represent is that this project will de-value the investment that people have made in the conservation efforts in our community.

Q. I'm glad you brought that up, because the other part of that statement that you brought up earlier, and I think I've got you quoted here, "It will unravel a lot of wonderful initiatives and investments in these properties" —

A. (Menard) Yes.

Q. — can you expand on that? How is that going to happen?

A. (Menard) Well, people understand the concept of the connectivity of the community's effort to create greenways from Bear Brook State Park to Pawtuckaway State Park. Deerfield was blessed with 5,000 acres of conserved land on our east and 10,000 acres on our west and 3,000–plus acres on the north. And people have conserved lands to try to connect these three. And so, you know, as far as,
you know, when I'm marketing properties and
people come to Deerfield and learn about
Deerfield, that's always a plus. You know,
Deerfield has great 90-acre tracks of land
all over town, town-owned forests. And lands
have been donated and people can hunt and,
you know, walk and, you know, do whatever.
And so this is an identifiable feature of
Deerfield that people move to our community
because of that. And, you know, the scenic
aspect of seeing woodlands and, you know,
subtle views here and there, and nice views
of Pawtuckaway is all part of that picture.

Q. Understood. But I want to make sure I
understand, because it's not clear to me,
"unravel a lot of wonderful initiatives." So
it sounds like we're taking back something
that was already put in place, not something
that might occur in the future. Is that what
you're saying?

A. (Menard) Well, people -- I understand your
question. People have taken the initiative
to financially invest in this idea of
conservation. And, you know, I say
"initiative" only because I've seen the momentum grow. And the effects are starting. The pattern has been set. You know, you see all the stars. And so it's something that's ongoing, hopefully. You know, hopefully it will continue. But, you know, you blow this project through with these industrial towers, and it's like, you know, wait a minute. It's in contrast to the vision of this network of landscapes.

Q. There are easements, though, that are in jeopardy of being pulled back in some manner, however they would be pulled back?

A. (Menard) No, I'm not suggesting that these easements will -- you know, it's going to threaten easements. But just the continued effort of, you know, continuing to add parcels. And, you know, it's a balance, too. I'm not saying that Deerfield is going to put a moat around town and prevent development. We need housing. It's all kind of a balance act that all communities are going through. But, you know, Deerfield has the evidence in property ownership and conservation lands to
show that the community has invested in  
conservation land. And residents have done  
the same. And, you know, this project is  
contrary to that effort. So maybe "effort"  
is a better word than an actual program or  
initiative.

Q. Thank you.

And Mr. Berglund, from your experience  
on the conservation commission, oftentimes  
they’re in the process of their own deals to  
buy easements, or at least you’re very aware  
of the easements that are being discussed.  
Are you seeing deals that might have the  
potential of falling through or that are  
going to be impacted real-time that are in  
the queue right now?

A. (Mr. Berglund) Two are in the works for 2018.  
And I don’t see anything in that set that  
would be impacted by what Jeanne just  
described. You know, it remains to be seen.  
You know, these things happen not in some --  
"these things" being people coming forward to  
conserve land or preserving it in some  
fashion. And there’s no set schedule. But
who knows how the schedule will vary in the
future based on the possibility of Northern
Pass being implemented.

Q. Thank you.

Ms. Bradbury, so, talking a little bit
about the impacts of tourism, I didn't have
your quote exactly, but you think this will
have a profound impact on tourism?

A. (Bradbury) Yes, I do, and not just in
Deerfield. I think it will affect tourism
for the entire state.

Q. And I understand that. But let's talk just
about Deerfield. And I read your prefiled,
and I think a couple places I focused upon or
at least saw was an emphasis for you was
Thurston Pond area.

A. (Bradbury) Yeah.

Q. And then I saw the Deerfield Fair area and
all that goes on at the Deerfield Fair.

A. (Bradbury) Yes.

Q. Trying to recall the visual assessments. Is
the Deerfield Fair area right in the line of
sight? I'm trying to recall.

A. (Bradbury) You will have to pass under the
towers from several different directions. I can't remember what --

MS. BRADBURY: Do you remember whether it's north, south?

MR. BERGLUND: From the north.

A. (Bradbury) From the north. So you can't get to the fair without traveling under the towers as proposed.

BY MR. WAY:

Q. All right. And so when you're in the fairgrounds, and I know there's part of it, having been there myself, a very good fair, but there's an elevated portion. What's the line of sight that you're seeing from the fairgrounds?

A. (Bradbury) I don't know. Can I check with my other witnesses, please?

MS. BRADBURY: I don't know. Does anybody know that?

A. (Bradbury) I'm not as familiar with the view from the fair as I am from the Thurston Pond dam.

BY MR. WAY:

Q. So what you're saying is that there could be
an impact on not just the fair season, but
the activities that occur in the fairgrounds
because people would have to go under the
poles to get to the fairgrounds?

A. (Bradbury) Yes, that's right. I'm focusing
on that. And I also focused on the Deerfield
Arts Tour, which is an annual event that
brings people from all over to look at and
hopefully purchase some of the artwork
created locally by Deerfield artists. And
the arts tour runs right through town, and it
would have a major impact on getting to each
one of these artists' exhibits throughout
that weekend where they have the arts tour.
That's also part of it.

Q. Okay. But that's not the fairgrounds --

A. (Bradbury) No, no --

(Court Reporter interrupts.)

Q. That's in the town proper area.

A. (Bradbury) It's spread right through the
town.

Q. All right. I noticed that you said you had
received a petition of 500 signatures.

A. (Bradbury) At the fair, yes.
Q. And did you get a sense of where those signatures were coming from? Are they from the in-town area? Or was there any feedback?

A. (Bradbury) I don't know the answer to that. I only know that that's the number they gathered at the fair, the petition-gathering people.

Q. And then I was interested in the last part, that the select board had a differing opinion. And to me, it's quite a difference. You're saying there'd be a profound impact, and they're saying it's going to be negligible.

A. (Bradbury) Right. I do not believe that they gave enough attention to the question before they answered it. And it would not surprise me, although it would be speculation, it would not surprise me that now that we have learned everything we have learned, that answer might be different. But that's speculation. But I do disagree with them because I think that people who come to Deerfield, which is a beautiful rural, quaint town, would be very much put off by the
introduction of industrial towers and lines
for the purpose of a non-reliability project
from Canada.

Q. Okay. And then this is my last point, and
I'm going to loop back to the Deerfield Fair
and where we talk about going under the poles
and going into the fairground. You're saying
that would impact people going to the fair.
What is your basis for saying that?

A. (Bradbury) Just the conversations I've had
with people in town, the people who know
Deerfield and know where the towers and lines
will be cutting across our entire town. The
people I know that go to the fair are people
that live in Deerfield. And I'm trying to
think if I know anybody from Massachusetts
that comes up.

Q. People that you know. Are you saying the
Deerfield Fair are primarily just people in
town?

A. (Bradbury) Not at all.

Q. I was going to say --

A. (Bradbury) People I happen to know personally
that go to the fair are from Deerfield.
Q. But wouldn't your concern be more not the people that are in town on this particular point, but the people that are coming from away?

A. (Bradbury) I am concerned about people coming from away. Part of the experience of Deerfield is its beautiful rural character. And the Deerfield Fair is an agricultural fair. I presume you've been, so you're aware of the --

Q. I have.

A. (Bradbury) So you're aware of the animals and the 4H and the kids that bring their animals that they raise to show and get ribbons and all that. This is an agricultural event.

Q. So is it safe for me to assume, though -- I hear what you're saying. But there has not been any sort of attempt to gather the opinions of people that are coming from outside of town to the fair itself to see if that would be an impact to them.

A. (Bradbury) I haven't done that gathering of information.

Q. All right. Thank you.
A. (Bradbury) There may be some out there. I just didn't do it.

Q. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Any other questions from the Subcommittee?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

This is the opportunity for redirect. Since you don't have a lawyer, I'll ask you the question I've asked other witnesses in this context.

Is there a question you were asked yesterday or today on cross-examination that you feel you need to follow up on or clarify? And it really does need to be something that happened during the questioning of the folks yesterday and today.

Ms. Menard.

MS. MENARD: Yes, I just have one question. And I apologize. Is it Attorney Winkley?

MS. WALKLEY: Walkley.

MS. MENARD: Walkley. Excuse me. Attorney Walkley asked me a question about the price per acre. And I don't want to leave you
with the impression that I never use a price-per-acre analysis. It is a very important analysis. But the reason why I wasn't feeling that it was something of primary importance to me is because my analysis is more on a lot price, so I'm more concerned about the cost to create the lot and the marketing of the lot. Some lots are more or less acreage, so it's not as primary as other factors in that kind of assessment. So I just wanted to make sure I'm not totally saying that's not an important analysis. But in this case, it wasn't a primary number that I would go on.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Anything else?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

Seeing nothing, thank you all.


CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Oh, yes.

Mr. Berglund, you have something?

MR. BERGLUND: I'll just jump in here. Turn the mic on.

I want to clarify my response
to Attorney Walker about, I think the question had to do with the wetland and the permitted impact as determined by Normandeau Associates. And I talked about how a wetland is a system, and we can't just look at the impact in the right-of-way. It's going to be the entire wetland system, the wetland that's affected. Now, certainly in the right-of-way would be most impacted. But then, because of the way things work, animals move in and out, habitats are here and there and they move, the determination in coming up with a specific number seems a stretch to me. So I wanted to make it clear to the Committee that this is very important in looking at a wetland. You can't just look at the right-of-way. It's the entire system. And that even goes beyond the wetland itself because there are drainages coming out. As I mentioned in my testimony, Lamprey River, which is just beyond Mountain Road, received some of that drainage. So it's a huge question, and I'd love to see the analysis done to come up with a specific number for
permanent impact.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Bradbury, I understand you have something?

MS. BRADBURY: Yes. I'm just refreshing my recollection. In my prefiled, I didn't mention that the fairgrounds are more than just the annual fair that happens every fall. We use those fairgrounds for the Dog Agility Trials, the NEAR Fest, which is the New England Amateur Radio Fest -- that's ham radio operators -- fireworks shows, the New Hampshire Horse and Trail Horse Show, the Sheep and Wool Festival. All these are separate events that take place. The Granite State Disc Dogs, Quarter Horse Association Show, Happy Trails for Forgotten Tails, and a number of other things. There's a lot that goes on through the year. It's not just once that they come in. And everyone has to get there. And I now see that I noted that coming from east, west or north, you will have to pass under the towers to get there. So, from... yeah -- no, you wouldn't pass under the towers coming from the south.

Q. All right.
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

Anything else from the panel?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

Now, thank you all. You can return to your seats. Let's go off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

We have our next witnesses in place.

(WHEREUPON, R. ANDREW ROBERTSON AND KATE HARTNETT were duly sworn and cautioned by the Court Reporter.)

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Whitley.

MR. WHITLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. Good afternoon. Could you both introduce yourselves for the record, starting with you, Mr. Robertson.

A. (Robertson) Sure. I'm R. Andrew, also known as "Andy" Robertson, and I'm here as a Deerfield, New Hampshire Selectman.

Q. Thank you.
A. (Hartnett) My name is Kate Hartnett, and I am on the conservation commission and the planning board in Deerfield.

Q. Thank you. I'm going to ask you now to pull out the written submissions that you made to the SEC because I'm going to have you confirm for the record and for the SEC what they are and whether there are any corrections. Mr. Robertson, we'll start with you.

You filed written testimony in November 2016 that has been marked as Joint Muni 152; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) That's correct.

Q. Do you have any changes to that testimony?

A. (Robertson) I do not.

Q. Okay. And that's the only testimony you filed; correct?

A. (Robertson) That is true.

Q. Do you swear to and adopt that testimony before the SEC today?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Thank you.

Ms. Hartnett, you filed testimony in November 2016 that's been marked as Joint
Muni 153; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes. It is on orderly development.

Q. And you also filed testimony in December 2016 that's marked as Joint Muni 154; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I did. That was on behalf of the conservation commission and planning board.

Q. And then you also filed testimony in April 2017 that's marked as Joint Muni 155; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) I actually believe it's 155 through 158 because of the exhibits.

Q. Correct. Yeah, I was just going to -- thank you. And those exhibits, Exhibits 1 through 4, are Joint Muni 156; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. And Exhibits 5 through 9 are Joint Muni 157?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And then Exhibits 10 through 15 are Joint Muni 158.

A. (Hartnett) That's right.
Q. Okay. Great. Do you have any changes to any of those testimonies?

A. (Hartnett) Just on 153, there was some confusion about the master plan. In fact, it is the final, even though the header says "Final Draft" and the footer says "2008," but in fact it's 2009.

Q. Okay. And I believe you're referencing one of the exhibits to your November testimony; correct? That's Joint Muni 153?

A. (Hartnett) That's right.

Q. Okay. And also in that written testimony, was there not a correction on Page 1 of that written testimony? Let's take a look together. Page 1, Line No. 9.

A. (Hartnett) Oh, you mean where it says I served the Town of Pembroke?

Q. Yes.

A. (Hartnett) Yeah, I'm a very busy person. There were a number of changes in that paragraph, Lines 9 through 16. And I thought they were corrected in the submission that came in under 154 under my background from -- and I think you're right.
Q. And I'm just asking if you want to change the word "Pembroke" to read "Deerfield" on Line No. 9.

A. (Hartnett) Yeah. There are a number of corrections there that are reflected on Page 1 of the 154, the corrected exhibit.

Q. Okay. And in the April 2017 testimony, did you have any changes? I'm thinking of Pages 2 and 3.

A. (Hartnett) You were referring to New Hampton?

Q. Yes.

A. (Hartnett) See how busy I am? Yes, that's right. Yes, changing "New Hampton" to "Deerfield."

Q. And where was that in your April testimony, those two changes from --

A. (Hartnett) Yeah, it was on Page 2, on Line 13.

Q. Okay.

A. (Hartnett) And on Page 3, Lines 7 and 8.

Q. Okay. I'm sorry?

A. (Hartnett) Let me just check. I think there is a Line 7. Yeah, it poked up again on Page 7, Line 15. I want to come back to
Deerfield, not in New Hampton.

Q. Okay. Any other changes to your April 2017 testimony?

A. (Hartnett) No.

Q. Okay. With those changes in mind, do you adopt and swear to all of the testimonies that you've prepared, as well as the exhibits?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I do.

Q. Thank you.

I want to start now and ask you some more substantive questions. Just give me a second to grab my computer here.

(Pause)

Q. I'm going to start with you, Ms. Hartnett.

Are you aware of Mr. Varney's opinion that the Project is consistent with Deerfield's Master Plan?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I am.

Q. And during his testimony before the SEC, he provided an additional explanation for that opinion, and I'm going to pull up a page of the transcript there to show you. What's up on the screen here is from Day 37 in the
morning, A.M., and we're looking at Pages 51 into 52. Do you see that on the screen there before you?

A. (Hartnett) I do.

Q. Okay. I'm paraphrasing, but his explanation was that the Project is consistent with the master plan because Deerfield's Master Plan doesn't specifically address transmission lines. And it's a planning document, so it's not intended to be applied to a specific project.

Do you agree with Mr. Varney's explanation for why the Project is consistent with the master plan?

A. (Hartnett) No, I don't.

Q. And why not?

A. (Hartnett) Well, the view of the planning board is that, just because there's no HVTL explicitly addressed, all the other elements that we talked about in the vision and the goals and the guiding principles depict a rural community character. Certainly we did not mention HVTLs, primarily because we never imagined such a dominant use and industrial
character. We never contemplated that coming through Deerfield. And I thought about it, and I thought it's true; there's no mention of casinos or nuclear waste dumps or federal prisons either. We just didn't think of those as things that we didn't want. But in addition, through our approach to master planning and our zoning and land use regulations, we very much wanted to integrate an approach to what we did want, which is truly the rural character.

Q. Thank you. And when you interpret the master plan or think of what its intent is, do you read it so that it only applies to specifically mentioned projects or types of development?

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Mr. Chair, I'm going to object. This is all covered specifically in Ms. Hartnett's testimony, including responding directly to Mr. Varney. Just because he elaborated a bit in live testimony doesn't change the fact this has already been addressed.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Whitley.
MR. WHITLEY: I do think Mr. Varney's live testimony added to what he submitted in writing. And the other witnesses, the other municipalities have been allowed to answer this question, and so I don't understand why Deerfield is not allowed to answer this question.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I can't speak to what other municipal witnesses have been allowed to answer specifically. I don't recall whether that particular question has been asked. But is there something -- she's already testified to it in her prefiled testimony. What else do you expect her to say at this point?

MR. WHITLEY: I'd just -- like I asked her, I wanted her to respond to the additional explanation that Mr. Varney provided before the Committee in live testimony.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Sustained. Wait. Let me reconsider that. Is there a specific statement in Mr. Varney's testimony that you want her to respond to, or is it the general statements that he made that are consistent with his prefiled testimony?
MR. WHITLEY: No, Mr. Chair. I think it is consistent with what's in his written testimony. So I'll move on.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Okay.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. Ms. Hartnett, I want to ask you now about a report that Mr. Varney did as part of his April 2017 supplemental testimony. And have you reviewed that April 2017 supplemental testimony?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I have.

Q. Okay. And you're aware, then, he prepared a report that was attached to it. And he examined the impacts of the HVTI line in Bedford, Londonderry and Concord. Does that sound familiar?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And do you understand that Mr. Varney used those three communities to support his conclusion that the Project would not be inconsistent with the orderly development of the host communities?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. And I want to put up before you now a
portion of his April 2017 written testimony. And this is Applicant's 96. And we're going to be looking at Page 3, Lines 14 through 19. Do you see that on the screen there?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. Do you think that the three communities that he examined are good comparison points for the Town of Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) I do not.

Q. And why not?

A. (Hartnett) Because it's an apples-and-oranges comparison, or actually maybe apples and -- well, it's not a comparison that works. Londonderry is a large town, very different, very close to build-out, primarily low-density residential with strict commercial areas. Bedford is also a large town, three separate land use zones -- the 101 corridor, the river corridor -- which is a primary mix of big box, business parks and office/industrial/retail along with suburban residential. In contrast, Concord is a city. And as we heard previously in testimony, the staff and representatives have clearly
described their vision to move away from the
20th Century land use regulations that they
use that generated things like the Loudon
Road/Concord Heights development. They're
moving actively now away from that 20th
Century approach to something such as the
downtown traffic calming, which has been very
successful protection of neighborhoods and
villages and urban growth boundary, and
trying to concentrate housing services, and
also actively protecting their conservation
and viewshed areas. That's called "new
urbanism." Very much in contrast to what
happened in Londonderry and Bedford. And I
would think that Deerfield is kind of a "new
ruralist" community, if you will.

One of the things that I thought was
quite significant about the review of the
master plan and zoning in that April
supplemental testimony is that it didn't
really make the analysis that Deerfield has
linked the vision, guiding principles and
goals of rural character with our zoning, our
subdivision and our site plan reviews. And
so we have an integrated approach to grow in a way that won't result in the kind of large town outcomes that Londonderry and Bedford have accomplished. Deerfield doesn't want to grow to become those things. So the economic engine that Mr. Varney cited around the HVTL are really not relevant to the Town of Deerfield, and I would add, almost all the towns in the 31-town corridor.

Q. Thank you.

Mr. Robertson, I want to turn now to you for a second. Are you aware that Dr. Shapiro has touted the benefits of the Project, including how tax revenues could reduce property taxes in the Town of Deerfield?

A. (Robertson) Yes, I'm generally aware. Okay.

Q. I want to show you now an attachment to Dr. Shapiro's April 2017 testimony. And that's Applicant's 103. Do you see that on the screen there?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. And I've highlighted there the estimated tax savings in Deerfield per $100,000 of assessment if the tax revenues are used to
lower the tax rate.

With these estimated tax savings, do you still believe that the negative impacts outweigh the positive ones?

A. (Robertson) Yeah, I do. And I will say, speaking as a selectman, the board of selectmen take their marching orders from the 2013 warrant articles that were passed in Deerfield, and another warrant article again in 2017. The community has made it very clear that they are opposed to the Project as it's presented now. And there has been little discussion of increased tax revenue offsetting their concern. We've had a number of public meetings in Deerfield. We've had literally hundreds of people show up at these meetings to voice their opposition, irregardless of tax revenue. To my mind, we have had three individuals speak favorably of the Project at a meeting or public session.

I would note that Deerfield's tax rate in the last 25 or 30 years fluctuated from a low of $17.51 to a high of $38.14. When you look at these revenues, certainly as a
selectman, it's always nice to consider the ability to lower a tax rate by two or three dollars. But given the history up and down, and some of those ups have certainly been as a result of valuation challenges to the town by utility companies, in the long run I would say that increased tax revenue does not offset the concern that the community has represented to the board of selectmen.

Q. Other than the public sentiment that you describe, does the board have any other concerns that you used in coming to your conclusion?

A. (Robertson) Sure. I think the board is generally concerned about increased abatement requests. These are onerous, cost us money, can result in loss of revenue. We are obviously concerned about a potential decrease in property valuation.

Another concern is certainly the historic town center. I know the photo simulations that were presented to us, and I assume everybody else here, show a view from basically the steps of our town hall that
make it appear as if the power lines would be completely invisible from our historic center. And in that exact spot, I think it's likely that they will not be too visible. But as you approach our historic center from either the northeast on State Highway 107, known as North Road in Deerfield, or on Church Street from the northwest, you are immediately going to be presented with wide open space, full view of multiple towers and these power lines. And our historic center is not just the town hall. That's certainly the center of it. But as you approach on North Road, you come by the historic Odd Fellows Home. There is what used to be an inn that is now an apartment building on the corner. These are very much in view of the proposed towers and lines.

Q. Thank you. And a slightly different subject, Mr. Robertson. I want to ask you now about the MOUs that the Project has been communicating with host communities about.

Are you aware of their outreach to communities to engage and enter into MOUs?
A. (Robertson) We are to some extent. I've actually seen some of the boiler plate MOU --

Q. Hold on. I'll put one up just to confirm that what you're thinking about is what you've seen.

   So this is from Mr. Quinlan's supplemental testimony, Attachment H. Is that the document you were just referring to?

A. (Robertson) Yeah, I believe so.

Q. Okay. Did the Deerfield Board of Selectmen ever discuss possibly signing one of these documents?

A. (Robertson) We've had no serious talks about signing these documents. I guess, to my mind as a selectman, it seemed premature given the status of the Project. It also seems sort of vague. We weren't sure what could actually be nailed down in the Memo of Understanding that would have meaningful benefit and value for the Town of Deerfield. And when weighing that against what was clearly, you know, ground swell of public opposition to the Project, we didn't feel it prudent.

Q. I want to turn back to you now, Ms. Hartnett.
Are you aware that in August 2017,
Northern Pass submitted some design changes
to the Committee?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And I'm going to show you the letter that
introduced those changes and point you in the
direction of Items 7 and 8 in that letter.

MR. WHITLEY: And just for the
record, this letter's already been marked as
Joint Muni 303.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. Do you see that on your screen there?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And those two items, they relate to vernal
pools in Deerfield; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And you've seen this letter before; correct?

A. (Hartnett) I have.

Q. Okay. And to your recollection, are there
any other design changes noted in the letter
in Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) Not that I could find.

Q. Okay. One of the vernal pools that's
mentioned there is on Wetland Sheet 658. So
let me put that up for you now. And this is from Applicant's Exhibit 199. Is that the vernal pool in question, Ms. Hartnett?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, it is.

Q. Okay. Is your microphone on, by the way?

A. (Hartnett) Is that better now? Thank you. Sorry. Dyslexia. I thought I was turning it off --

Q. That's okay. So as that letter described, in this design change the Applicant has moved the tower structure and construction pad to avoid the buffer. Is that your understanding?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And just for the benefit of the Committee, I'm going to put up the older version just to compare here. And this is from Applicant's l, Appendix 47. And this is also Wetland sheet 658. And that's the original design; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, it is.

Q. Okay. So they took that tower structure and construction pad, and they moved it outside of the buffer; is that correct?
A. (Hartnett) Looks like they moved the pad east.

Q. Okay. But the access road remains in the buffer; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. Do you still have concerns for the impact on this vernal pool?

A. (Hartnett) I do. Should I relate them?

Q. Yes, please.

A. (Hartnett) Okay. I just want to remind the SEC that you actually heard peepers and wood frogs from this vernal pool back in the spring. That was the vernal pool we talked about. I think Ms. Bradbury played a recording of it. That's this site.

My first point is that the 100-foot buffer is a measure based on a variety of considerations, but not including kind of the ecological health of the vernal pool system. The best science, and I happen to have the book here, shows that a minimum of 300 feet is really needed to be able to protect the ecological health. So, certainly large construction activity up and down,
immediately adjacent, and filling activity
just 100 feet away is not going to add to the
health of it.

Secondly, and I think more importantly
to my mind, I think, from my point of view
and my background, the original design
indicates that there may have been some
disconnect in the project planing between the
environmental work and the construction teams
to site initially that pad right smack,
bull's eye in the center of one of the
highest quality vernal pools in the top three
in the 192-mile corridor. So --

Q. I'm sorry. Go ahead.
A. (Hartnett) And then the third thing is when I
listen to the findings from Concord, and
certainly the work we've submitted for
Deerfield in our testimony, in my mind I have
conscerns for other towns who haven't had the
opportunity to perhaps dedicate as much time
as we have to this study. But specifially
for this vernal pool, it's that it's too
close still.

Q. Thank you. And you mentioned your opinion
that a 300 buffer is more appropriate. And
from your review of this plan, I take it you
believe the access road and the relocated
structure and pad are not 300 feet away from
that vernal pool?

A. (Hartnett) Well, you can see the 100-foot
lavender buffer dotted on the map.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Also on that same plan, do you notice
the aprons added to the road that's shown
there?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I see those flared aprons.

Q. And what do you interpret those aprons to
mean?

A. (Hartnett) I don't know. But I know that the
previous plan seemed to go straight across
the Thurston Pond Road, which is that area,
that diagonal gray there. And it's a Class
VI road. So, previous plans seemed to go
straight across.

As a planning board member, when I see a
flare like that, I think turning radius,
which makes me think access and egress.

Q. And in your role on the conservation
commission and the planning board, it sounds
like you've looked at construction plans that
may have aprons to indicate access. Is that
fair?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And you already named -- actually, strike
that.

MR. WHITLEY: Just again for the
Committee's benefit, I want to show the older
version of this wetland sheet. And again, this
is Applicant's 1, Appendix 47.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. And Ms. Hartnett, would you describe what the
corridor -- or what the access road does in
the vicinity of Thurston Pond Road?

A. (Hartnett) It goes straight across.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

And you stated it already, but the road
that's shown on both these plans is Thurston
Pond Road; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, it is.

Q. Okay. What's the status of that road?

A. (Hartnett) Thurston Pond Road is a Class VI
road laid out before the American Revolution
Q. And how are you familiar with that road?
A. (Hartnett) I've been living on it since 1992.
Q. Okay. And is that road privately maintained?
A. (Hartnett) It is a Class VI road privately maintained by two residents, and we have an agreement with the town select board to do so.
Q. And are you one of the residents that maintains that road?
A. (Hartnett) Oh, yes.
Q. Okay. And do you have concerns about the Project's potential use of the road to access the right-of-way?

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Objection, Mr. Chair. I think it mischaracterizes the record for the same reasons I've indicated previously. There's nothing in the record to indicate we've changed use of access roads from what we've already represented to the Committee.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Can you clarify, Mr. Needleman, what those flares are on the second of the two maps, the one with the brighter green on it?
MR. NEEDLEMAN: Yeah, my understanding is that when the engineers re-drew these maps for the more recent submittal, for some reason they chose to just do it that way rather than a continuous road. But it was not intended in any way to change the access roads that were used, which are actually listed in the Application right now.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Whitley, would you show us the two maps again, one after the other?

MR. WHITLEY: Yes, Mr. Chair. This is the older one, and this is the August 2017, more recent one.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Needleman, there's something else going on, because it's not just that they re-drew the flare versus the straight-across. To the right of the road it has a different entry point on the road. It makes a turn down toward the bottom of the map before it then turns right. Something else is going on here, and it's not the first time we've seen these flares. Can you come up with more information on that? I was going to say
something snide, but I pulled it back at the
last minute. Can you come up with a little bit
more on that? Because I know your position is
there's been no change, but it sure looks like a
change. So I think someone looking at it would
say, gee, that looks like a change. And that's
why Mr. Whitley is asking these questions.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Understood. I'd
be happy to do that.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: So I'm going
to overrule the objection. And I'm sure no one
remembers the question you asked now, so why
don't you repeat it, Mr. Whitley.

MR. WHITLEY: I assume no one
remembers it, so I am going to ask it again.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. Ms. Hartnett, my question was: Do you have
concerns regarding the Project's potential
use of the road to access the right-of-way?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And could you tell us what those concerns
are.

A. (Hartnett) Yeah. It's a small road, only
serves two homes. Lots of people use it. People come from all over town to walk their dogs, let their kids run, ride their bicycles, ride their horses. It has essentially no traffic on it. It is used a lot by people all over town for recreation and having a safe place to go walk a road without traffic. So my concern is a project of this magnitude would totally change the character of that road for a substantial amount of time.

Q. Thank you. And did Northern Pass contact you in your role on the planning board or conservation commission, or as one of the individuals that maintains this road, about this change?

A. (Hartnett) No contact.

Q. Thank you. The other revision regarding vernal pools that's mentioned in that August 25th letter is on Wetland Sheet 689. And I want to put that up on the screen here for you to confirm. This is also from Applicant's 199. Is this the vernal pool in question?
A.  (Hartnett) Yes.

Q.  Okay.  And here the change was they moved the access road to avoid the vernal pool; is that correct?

A.  (Hartnett) Yes.

Q.  Okay.  And I don't want to have you repeat the same concerns, just for efficiency's sake, but is it fair to say that the concerns you had for the vernal pool on Sheet 658, you have the same concerns for this one as well?

A.  (Hartnett) Yes.

Q.  Okay.  Thank you.

Now, Ms. Hartnett, I want to ask you about Mr. DeWan and his visual impact work on behalf of the Applicant.  And I'm going to put up for you now a page from Mr. DeWan's Supplemental VIA.  And this is Applicant's 93.  And I'm showing you Page 21 from that document.  Can you see the highlighted portion on the screen there?

A.  (Hartnett) Yes.

Q.  Okay.  You see that he's explaining that Thurston Pond was considered in his initial visual impact assessment as part of the Alvah
Chase Town Forest?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. I want to put up now that original Visual Impact Assessment. And this is the page reference that Mr. DeWan provided. So this is Page 6-21 of the October 2015 Visual Impact Assessment, which is Applicant's 1, Appendix 17. And you see there that Alvah Chase is listed as one of the scenic resources in the town of Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And are you familiar with this area?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And how are you familiar? Why are you familiar with it?

A. (Hartnett) It's my neighborhood.

Q. And your "neighborhood" meaning, a little more specifically?

A. (Hartnett) I live on a parcel that's immediately west of Thurston Pond.

Q. Okay. And let me turn back to the Supplemental VIA here.

Do you agree that Thurston Pond Road is part of the Alvah Chase Town Forest? Or
excuse me. Let me restate that.

Do you agree that Thurston Pond is part
of the Alvah Chase Town Forest?

A. (Hartnett) I do not agree. But I also want
to correct. That was another dyslexia. I
live east of Thurston Pond. Sorry about
that.

Q. Thank you for correcting that.

A. (Hartnett) Of all the mistakes for a
geographer to make. I apologize. Late in
the day for me.

So, about Thurston Pond. Thurston Pond
was never part of the Alvah Chase Town
Forest. There's an error which was explained
to me by -- well, on Google Maps, Alvah Chase
Town Forest is shown going across Thurston
Pond. People in Deerfield know we clarified
a while ago the status of that town forest.

It's just a small parcel, completely
landlocked. The access to Thurston Pond is
across the Class VI Thurston Pond Road. And
one reason so many come and walk the mile up
and down the road or come in from Middle or
Ridge Roads is because Thurston Pond is right
there. It's a beautiful pond. And it's an access, scenic destination for people in town. Never part of the town forest.

Q. Thank you. So I think it was in your response just now, but I want to have you clarify. It sounds like you disagree with Mr. DeWan about public access to the pond, that you believe there is public access to the pond.

A. (Hartnett) I know there's public access.

Q. Okay. And how and what is that public access to the pond, if you could just clarify?

A. (Hartnett) It is via Thurston Pond Road.

Q. Okay. And do you believe there will be views of the Project from Thurston Pond?

A. (Hartnett) I do.

Q. And do you believe that the views of the Project will detract from the -- strike that.

Do you think the views of the Project will be an unreasonably adverse impact on Thurston Pond?

A. (Hartnett) Well, having sat through so many proceedings, I know that I'm not a VIA expert. So let me just say that currently
the work that Joanne Bradbury did pointed out that there's one teeny pole that you can see to the west from the existing right-of-way and that, were the towers to be built, there would be much more visibility of both the conductors and probably some towers.

Q. Okay.

A. (Hartnett) But I don't think there's been any VIA officially done there.

Q. Okay. If the Project had contacted the town, would it have been easy for them to find out about the status of Thurston Pond not being part of the Alvah Chase Town Forest?

A. (Hartnett) You know, when I looked at the highlighted area, there's a phrase there that says that it was not included in the 2011 Deerfield Trail Inventory and Plan. And that would have been a sign that there was something amiss in the Alvah Chase listing. So, people in town and just talking to conservation commission or the planning board, we could have easily clarified that.

Q. Okay. And similar question about whether there's -- whether or not there is public
access to Thurston Pond.

A. (Hartnett) Same answer.

Q. Okay. So in your mind, is this a scenic resource that Mr. DeWan missed in his analysis?

A. (Hartnett) A very strong yes.

Q. Okay. And if Mr. DeWan missed this one, does that make you think that others were missed because of the lack of dialogue with the town or local residents about scenic resources in Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) I can refer to the supplemental testimony of the select board, planning board and conservation commission. When we sat together, we came up with 7, just off the tops of our heads for consideration.

Q. I didn't mean to interrupt you. That supplemental testimony you're referring to is your April 2017 testimony; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

MR. WHITLEY: Okay. That's all I have, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Pappas.
CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. Good afternoon, folks. I'm Tom Pappas. I represent Counsel for the Public.

Mr. Robertson, let me start with you.

A. (Robertson) Sure.

Q. And what I want to ask you first is some questions about your testimony regarding the impact of the Project on town infrastructure, and specifically roads.

A. (Robertson) Certainly.

Q. Do you have something on the screen in front of you?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Okay. This is Bates Stamp 67697 from Applicant's Exhibit 200. And it is the Alteration of Terrain Permit application plans. And this is where it starts in Deerfield. Do you see the Deerfield–Allenstown line?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. And the first road here that is in Deerfield is the Mount Delight Road. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.
Q. And it's showing access, two access points from Mount Delight Road in Deerfield. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. What kind of road is Mount Deerfield Road.

Is that a town road?

A. (Robertson) Mount Delight Road is a town road, a fairly bumpy town road in fairly poor condition. Unlined, basic rural road.

Q. Okay. Approximately how wide is the road?

A. (Robertson) Oh, I would say it's probably a two-rod road. I don't know the exact width. And depending which sections were done by which road agent, there's probably some variation.

Q. Do you know the width and the area where the access points are located on this map?

A. (Robertson) I do not know the exact width. I would say that two cars can comfortably pass. A large truck and a car might have some difficulty.

Q. Okay. Do you know whether currently there is any kind of access to the right-of-way at the location where it's shown on the map?
A. (Robertson) There are probably some ATV wheel marks, maybe some dirt bike wheel marks. That's a very hard scrabble, ledgy area with some low-growing brush there.

Q. Okay. So would I be correct in saying that if the Project were going to use this area to access the right-of-way with large construction vehicles, such as cranes and Redimix trucks, bulldozers and so forth, they're going to need to create access?

A. (Robertson) There would need to be considerable work done. I'm certainly not an engineer, but I am familiar with that area. And right now that's probably best accessed by four-wheel-drive, ATV-type vehicles.

Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 67701 from Applicant's Exhibit 200. And this is, I believe, Thurston Pond Road that Ms. Hartnett was recently talking about; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) That appears to me to be Thurston Pond Road, yes.

Q. Okay. And Ms. Hartnett, do you know the proximate width of the road where the Project
is showing two access points off this road?

A. (Hartnett) I do. The best image is if one
car is coming, another car needs to pull over
if it's in the other direction.

Q. And currently -- well, let me ask this
question: What's the topography like where
the road meets the right-of-way on either
side of this road?

A. (Hartnett) It's very flat.

Q. Okay. And currently, is there access to the
right-of-way? In other words, is there any
road in that location going on the
right-of-way, either side of the road?

A. (Hartnett) To the west there's a gate, and
that's because there used to be uncontrolled
ATV access. In a pitched battle over about
eight years, that ATV access stopped, through
a combination of adding rocks to the wall and
replacing the gate once when it was broken
in. So now there is no more access road
there. The area that's all in yellow was
completely disturbed by the ATV traffic and
has completely changed the character of the
wet in that area.
Q. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 677027, Applicant's Exhibit 200. And it shows Haynes Road. Do you see that?
A. (Robertson) I do.
Q. And again we see two access points to the right-of-way proposed in this area. Do you see that?
A. (Robertson) I do.
Q. Is Haynes Road a town road?
A. (Robertson) Haynes Road is a town road.
Q. What kind of road is Haynes Road? Describe it.
A. (Robertson) Well, I live on Haynes Road. And it's very narrow. It's paved, but a small country road, again unlined. Two passenger vehicles can pass on the road. But it's quite narrow with, as mentioned, no lines, in relatively bumpy, cracked asphalt shape.
Q. And how about the topography of the right-of-way in the area shown to potential access?
A. (Robertson) Right at roadside it's flat. It becomes rolling probably within a hundred yards on each side of the road.
Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 67703 of Applicant's Exhibit 200. And this is Lang Road. Do you see that?
A. (Robertson) I do.
Q. And is that a town road?
A. (Robertson) It is a town road that becomes discontinued at a certain point.
Q. Okay. And again you see potentially two access points?
A. (Robertson) Yes.
Q. Describe the town road for us in the area of the access points.
A. (Robertson) The town road has been discontinued by the access points. Trying to get my bearing here. Yeah, on the south side, the right-of-way falls away downhill at a fairly steep angle. There's not as much slope certainly on the opposing side.
Q. Now, you said the town road was discontinued. Is it discontinued before it gets to the right-of-way?
A. (Robertson) It is. In fact, if you look at this residence that you can see sort of slightly right of center, you can see a long
dirt driveway.

Q. Yes.

A. (Robertson) The road pretty much discontinues after that driveway. It's still used heavily as a recreational route. People hunt, hike, fish, walk their dogs there.

Q. But they don't drive their cars down the discontinued road?

A. (Robertson) They cannot. There is a bridge that I believe has a plank or two across it for the benefit of snowmobiles, but it certainly would not support a vehicle of any sort.

Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 677057 of Applicant's Exhibit 200. And this shows Church Street. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. And Church Street is a town road?

A. (Robertson) It is.

Q. And that's the town road that goes through the center of town; correct?

A. (Robertson) That goes through what we consider the historic center of town, yes.

Q. And I think the Committee has gone down it a
few times, so they know the condition of that road.

Now, here on the screen is Bates Stamp 67706 that shows Route 43. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Now, that's a state highway; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) That is a state highway referred to as "North Road" in Deerfield.

Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 67707 which shows Mountain Road. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Is Mountain Road a town road?

A. (Robertson) Mountain Road is a town road.

Q. And describe that road for us in the area where it's showing a potential access point to the right-of-way.

A. (Robertson) That is a paved residential street, unlined, very narrow, the same size dimensions as I've referenced for previous roads.

Q. All right. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 67709 of Applicant's Exhibit 200. And this shows Nottingham Road. Do you see that?
A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. And is Nottingham Road a town road?

A. (Robertson) It is.

Q. And the Committee has gone down Nottingham Road because this was on one of the site visits to look across that pond. So I think the Committee's familiar with that road.

Is this a fairly heavily traveled road in town?

A. (Robertson) Well, it's more heavily traveled than you might expect, because as the name implies, it connects Deerfield to Nottingham. Folks that commute to the seacoast, to Durham, that area, which there are quite a number of in Deerfield, use this road certainly as a commuting road to cut east.

Q. And you can see there are two potential access points, one of which is close to the pond, and the other one's across the street. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Bates Stamp 67710 of Applicant's Exhibit 200. It shows Cate Road. Do you see that?
A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Is Cate Road a town road?

A. (Robertson) Cate Road is a town road.

Q. And it's shown with two potential access points. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Can you describe Cate Road in the area of the access points for us?

A. (Robertson) Sure. It is a paved road there. Cate Road is essentially a paved road until it approaches the substation that the lines plug into, and then it becomes a dirt road.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Pappas, couple things. What exactly are we doing here? What is the endpoint of these questions about the map which we can look at and you're asking them to describe?

MR. PAPPAS: His testimony related to potential damage to town roads and impact on town infrastructure roads. I'm having him identify all the town roads and the condition of the roads, and then I'm going to circle back and ask him about his concerns about damage to the roads in these areas. So I
thought it would be helpful for the Committee to
know what town roads we're talking about and the
current condition of the town roads.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: How many
more are there?

MR. PAPPAS: Three, four. You
want me to do it in a summary manner? There are
four more.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Sure. Ask
him about the roads in one question.

How much more questioning do
you have for these witnesses? We're trying
to plan some other things now.

MR. PAPPAS: Probably about maybe
40 minutes, at most.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

So do the wrap-up question on this topic, come
to break point on topics, then we're going to
take a break and we'll talk about the schedule
for the rest of the day.

MR. PAPPAS: Okay.

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. So, Mr. Robertson, let me just ask you.
There's another access point on Nottingham
Road which you just talked about. There's an access point on Mountain Road. Is that a town road?

A. (Robertson) Yes, it is.

Q. And just briefly tell us the condition of Mountain Road.

A. (Robertson) Depending which section you're on, I believe in that section Mountain Road is paved. Mountain Road is a paved, small country road that becomes gravel at a certain point and actually dead ends in a swamp.

Q. And the last road is Reservation Road. Are you familiar with that road?

A. (Robertson) I am familiar with Reservation Road.

Q. Is that a town road?

A. (Robertson) It is a town road, yes.

Q. What's the condition of that road?

A. (Robertson) Again, it's a small paved road that eventually becomes dirt. That is a direct access to the Deerfield end of Pawtuckaway State Park. It also provides access to a federal learning facility.

Q. Okay. So we've now reviewed nine town roads
where the Project has proposed to have
access, and we've seen -- or I'll represent
to you there are 20 access points. We saw a
lot of them. We didn't see the last couple.
And there's been testimony, and you can see
it on the maps that there will be over 80
towers constructed in Deerfield, and there
will be a similar number of towers relocated.
And there's been lots of testimony about the
types of construction vehicles that will go
on and off the right-of-way. You were
concerned about damage to town roads. Now,
let me just -- before I get there, I want to
do two other things that relate to this.

What's on the screen now is Counsel for
the Public Exhibit 649. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. That's the Deerfield Driveway-Road Cut
   Regulations; correct?

A. (Robertson) Yes.

Q. Now, would I be correct in saying that
   Deerfield -- that if the Project had to come
to Deerfield, for all those 20 access points
   they would have to comply with these
regulations?

A. (Robertson) I would certainly hope they would.

Q. And Deerfield has a process for which someone applies for a permit for a driveway cut; correct?

A. (Robertson) They do.

Q. And on the screen now is Counsel for the Public Exhibit 650. This is a copy of the Permanent Driveway Application. Do you see that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Now, would the -- whether the access point is a temporary access point or a permanent access point, would the Town prefer that the Project go through the permit process so that the town can review the proposed access for safety and the other things the Town reviews it for?

A. (Robertson) In my opinion, the Town would prefer that.

Q. So, with respect to the driveway regulations and the permit process, if the Subcommittee were to grant the Project a permit, would the
Town like to see a condition that would require the Project to go through the Deerfield driveway application process and get the 20 access points reviewed by the Town's engineer and whatever the Town does to ensure safety and the other items?

A. (Robertson) Yeah, this is not a question that my board has taken up formally. But as a selectman in Deerfield, I would certainly think that we would appreciate that.

Q. Yup. Now, your testimony described potential damage to town roads and the concern of damage to town roads. The Committee's already heard testimony about potential damage, and particularly damage at access points, so I don't need to review that again. I think they understand what your concern is.

So my question is simple: If the Project were to receive a permit, would Deerfield like to see a condition that requires the Project to restore any damage to any town roads to a condition that is satisfactory to the Town?

A. (Robertson) I think obviously the Town would
favor that. Can I mention one other?

Q. You may.

A. (Robertson) Another concern that's not being mentioned here, that is a concern to the Deerfield Board of selectmen because we've been through it a couple times before, it's not just the access points to the line. We are also concerned about the substation. When components are brought into the substation, they're extremely large, extremely heavy. And they travel at least initially on state roads, but they do eventually end up on Deerfield town roads. We've been advised that there will be a large, heavy component arriving for the substation in 2018, which I don't believe has anything to do with NPT. But there's certainly an expansion plan for the substation as a result of NPT. When we have gone through this process before, typically the components for the substation that we've seen, transformers, move at a very slow rate of speed, tie up the center of town for hours, if not days, and certainly have the
potential to wreak havoc on old, fragile roads. And that is a concern of the Town of Deerfield, as well as access points to the line for construction.

Q. That segues into my final questioning on this topic, which is your testimony about significant disruption of travel for residents. Do you recall that part of your testimony?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Now, we reviewed the nine town roads, and you described most of them as pretty narrow roads, some extremely narrow roads. And there's going to be very large construction vehicles traveling on those roads and certainly going on and off the right-of-way. Just very briefly tell us, based on your experience, the concern for traffic in town. What is your concern?

A. (Robertson) Well, depending where you live in Deerfield, there may not be a road that allows you to detour easily around a road shutdown, or heavy work that causes large delays. Mount Delight Road and Nottingham
Road in particular are heavily used by commuters in the morning for both work and for school. Mount Delight Road is the major access point that students in Deerfield use to get to Concord, which is our high school of choice. And as I mentioned, Nottingham Road is used heavily by commuters in the morning headed towards the seacoast as well. And significant -- you know, any shutdown or blockage of those roads at particular times during the day could certainly cause a hardship for our population.

MR. PAPPAS: This is probably a good time for a break.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: So we're going to take a ten-minute break. Go off the record.

(Discussion off the record)

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

Mr. Pappas, whenever you're ready.

MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

BY MR. PAPPAS:
Q. Mr. Robertson, let me just ask you a couple questions on your testimony regarding orderly development of the region.

Now, in your prefiled testimony you stated that the Northern Pass Project will have an undue influence on the orderly development of Deerfield. Do you recall that?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Did anyone on behalf of the Project meet with the Deerfield Board of Selectmen to discuss the Board of Selectmen's view about the Project's impact on orderly development?

A. (Robertson) I don't remember a specific meeting to address that question. But in all fairness, I can say that I know there has been contact with our legal representation and that we've received some correspondence.

Q. But apart from contact with your legal representation, I want to know whether or not -- well, let me ask it this way first: Did anybody from the Project ever approach you to ask about your view of the Project's impact on orderly development?
A. (Robertson) To the best of my knowledge, the Board of Selectmen was not approached physically, no, with that question.

Q. Okay. And was the board of selectmen ever asked to provide in written form, from the board to the Project, the board of selectmen's view on whether the Project would interfere with orderly development?

A. (Robertson) Again, I don't remember that question being physically put to us at a meeting. But that may well have been conveyed through our attorney or through written material.

Q. Well, I'm not talking about in this proceeding. I'm talking about outside this proceeding. So am I correct that you're not aware of the Project asking the board of selectmen for its view on orderly development?

A. (Robertson) And fully understanding that this is outside this proceeding, I don't recall that physical request coming up at a selectmen's meeting. But I wouldn't rule out that even outside of this proceeding our
legal representation may have received some communication.

Q. Okay. Earlier this afternoon there was a -- I believe it was earlier this afternoon -- there was an exhibit that indicated a board of selectmen discussion in a 2016 meeting regarding the Project's potential impact on tourism. Do you recall that exhibit?

A. (Robertson) I recall the exhibit, although I don't know that it was specific to tourism. I think it was more along the lines of economic impact.

Q. Okay. Were you on the board in 2016?

A. (Robertson) Oh, yes. I've been on the board forever.

Q. Let me ask it this way: Has the board discussed since 2016 -- well, let me back up. In 2016, did the board specifically discuss the Project's potential impact on tourism, or was it a broader discussion about economics?

A. (Robertson) I believe the discussion arose over the prefiled testimony and economic impact to the town.
Q. And has the board taken, as a board, a
position on that issue, whether or not the
Project would have any impact on tourism or
economics in the town?
A. (Robertson) We certainly didn't make a motion
and adopt a statement for the board. But I
can give a little bit of rationale behind our
reasoning there. And right from the get-go,
I would exclude real estate. I think the
board has clearly recognized that there could
be an impact on residential home sales and
property sales in the real estate market,
particularly for property, you know,
bordering or well within site of the proposed
line.

In regard to tourism, when the board
looked at economic impact, we looked at
basically what Deerfield has for retail
offerings and tourist offerings. Deerfield
is a very small town. We have a store with a
gas pump, we have a store without a gas pump.
We've got a couple places you can buy lunch.
We've got some gravel pits. We don't have
hotels, motels. We used to have a
campground; we don't anymore. The board was looking at the general economic nature of the town and not seeing an immediate economic impact with regard to retail primarily. And again, I would note that we did recognize that there would likely be some sort of impact with regard to real estate sales.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

Ms. Hartnett, let me ask you a few questions, and first start with the issue of orderly development. Now, your testimony indicates the Deerfield Planning Board believes that the Northern Pass Project would unduly interfere with the orderly development in Deerfield; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, and I think it was also reflected in the supplemental, which included the conservation commission and select board.

Q. What is the prevailing land use in Deerfield, or what is the prevailing development in Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) Can you rephrase the question?

Q. Sure. On the subject of whether it interferes in the orderly development of
Deerfield, I want to know what is the current
development of Deerfield. What is the
current prevailing development that would be
interfered with, if you will?

A. (Hartnett) I'm going to put my planning board
hat on to answer that question.

Q. Sure.

A. (Hartnett) And let me just say I've been on
the planning board for 26 years and on the
conservation commission for 30. None of this
stuff happens fast.

The master plan focus on rural character
will only get implemented by the way we do
our zoning. We have one
agricultural-residential zone in 52 square
miles. That's it. The whole town is zoned
agricultural-residential. Unlike other towns
that have different zones you've seen in
different places -- I mentioned in Bedford
and Londonderry, they have, you know,
commercial, industrial, that kind of thing --
we don't have that. We have a very unusual
approach guided by the master plan. And so
we have that agricultural-residential zone.
We have four resource protection overlays that apply across the whole town. And that has -- if you want to know, I can tell you, but you may not care. And three overlays for the built environment: Business, senior housing and wireless. We have mandatory open space, subdivision requirements for anything over four acres, which is a major subdivision. So, anything big that's built has to be built in a much smaller area and connect the open space around it, connect it to a larger town-wide vision, which is our open space network that connects those three state parks east, west and north of us.

So, the other thing that is very distinctive is that I think we qualify as a rural town because we've got a mix of land uses. We don't put everything, all residential in one place, all commercial someplace else. It's all mixed up because of those overlays. We have mixed incomes, we have mixed ages. Deerfield has not really gone the route of some towns to the south where things have gone much more into little
pockets. We're still very integrated as a town. So you can have a residential subdivision next to an individual home, and you can have a business right next to that, as long as it meets the overlay requirements. Does that help get to your answer?

Q. Yeah. Now, earlier this afternoon you testified that Deerfield has linked all of its land use regulations and planning documents to maintain a rural character.

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And so that rural character, is that the type of overall development that Deerfield looks to promote?

A. (Hartnett) Yeah. And it's in the guiding principles, our vision, our goals. I can site specific pages. It's examples of things like controlling growth and development to keep it in line with existing character. That's our guiding principle on Page 6. In the Deerfield Open Space Plan on Page IX, which is Page 9, sustaining rural character where homes, businesses, services and recreation are set within a functioning
network of wildland, managed forests and working farms. Open spaces is a significant component. We're fitting development into a larger natural environment, and that is our 50-year vision in our open space plan.

Q. Okay. Well, let me ask you just a couple questions about that open space plan.

So on the screen now is Counsel for the Public's Exhibit 651, which is the cover page to the Town of Deerfield's Open Space Plan, dated August 2010. I assume you're familiar with this document.

A. (Hartnett) I am.

Q. Okay. What's on the screen now is Map 4, entitled "Deerfield Open Space Plan" from that larger document. Do you see that?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. Now, as I understand it, this shows conservation land in Deerfield; is that right? Conservation is shown on that map?

A. (Hartnett) Conservation is in dark green.
The stuff in light green is our 50-year plan to connect Bear Brook, Pawtuckaway, North Woodstock Meadows.
Q. Okay. So, in your testimony, when you talk about the "green infrastructure," is that what you were referring to, the plan to connect all these things as shown in the light green?

A. (Hartnett) Yeah. Open space network is kind of a skeleton of natural lands. And our goal is to fit development within that skeleton.

Q. So does this map show what Deerfield seeks to do in terms of orderly development, as you said, over your 50-year plan in the context of the rural character you've described?

A. (Hartnett) That's our goal. And our tools are the zoning, subdivision, site plan review.

Q. I take it that its your view that the Northern Pass Project would unduly interfere with your goals in what you seek to do with the orderly development in the next umpteen years.

A. (Hartnett) Yes, because right now the natural landscape is the dominant character in Deerfield. And for many reasons already discussed, major infrastructure would make...
the built infrastructure, the built presence
much more dominant in town.

Q. Okay. Now, did Mr. Varney come and meet with
the Deerfield Planning Board to discuss the
Planning Board's view of the Project?

A. (Hartnett) He did not.

Q. Did Mr. Varney come and meet with the
Deerfield Planning Board to discuss your open
space plan and your vision for orderly
development in Deerfield over the next 20,
30, 50 years?

A. (Hartnett) He did not. And may I add, very
respectfully, that the review of the master
plan and the zoning was more an inventory of
what we have rather an analysis of how we use
it.

Q. You're referring to Mr. Varney's inventory?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Did anybody from the Project meet with the
Deerfield Planning Board to discuss the
Project's impact on the orderly development
in Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) Well, there was one meeting with
Northern Pass representatives in 2012, I
believe, in May, which the planning board had
it on the agenda to discuss Northern Pass at
that time. And one of the residents in town
who was an employee asked to be included in
that, and ultimately when we met in May
brought some representatives from Northern
Pass. However, when you review the minutes
of that meeting, they didn't really ask any
questions. And the questions we asked them,
mostly they said they'd get back to us, and
never did. Similarly, we invited Northern
Pass to a conservation commission meeting in
January 2016. Kind of the same thing. It
was really around how impossible the
Application was to access, to understand what
we're looking at.

Q. Thank you. Let me ask you a few questions
about your environmental concerns that you
talk about in your prefiled testimony.

   Now, you testified that the Project only
assessed the impacts to wetlands within the
right-of-way; correct?

   A. (Hartnett) Correct.

   Q. And you also testified that the Northern Pass
Project will impact wetlands outside of the right-of-way; correct?

A. (Hartnett) We believe so.

Q. And we heard testimony earlier this afternoon about the wetlands being a system beyond the right-of-way boundaries. Did you hear that testimony?

A. (Hartnett) Correct.

Q. Do you know the amount of wetlands, either in terms of acreage or some quantification, outside the right-of-way that will be adversely impacted by the Project?

A. (Hartnett) I don't think there's any way to make that calculation right now. It's dependent on a lot of other things about the practices and work within the right-of-way.

Q. Okay. By that, do you mean it's dependent on how the construction is done and whatever Best Management Practices are employed?

A. (Hartnett) In terms of surface water impacts, yes. In terms of ecological impacts, it's a much broader question.

Q. Okay. Can you give us some sense of the magnitude, if you will, or some sense of what
the impacts might be outside of the right-of-way, whether it's to wetlands or to habitats outside it? I want to get some sense of impact outside the right-of-way because you and others have testified that there will be impacts outside of the right-of-way.

A. (Hartnett) Right. Well, certainly we have both the substation and the right-of-way. And as someone who looks at things as integrated systems, I certainly know that that level of activity, no question, will influence the wildlife.

I can tell you that on December 4th I found a painted turtle hatchling moving from its nest to water, just a few weeks ago. And I saw a painted turtle swimming in a beaver pond on November 26th. I think the discussions of BMPs and restrictions don't imagine that level of activity by species that could include Blanding's and wood turtles. We heard the recording from the vernal pool of wood frogs and spring peepers. The level of activity in that area could
certainly interrupt that. Surface water quality issues, we’ve seen some examples both within the right-of-way and outside, based on previous work by a utility in Deerfield. Is that the kind of thing you’re meaning?

Q. Yes.

A. (Hartnett) Okay.

Q. So let me ask you a few questions about environmental monitors. You testified that given the Project’s scale and the construction schedule and the proposed construction activity, that the Project’s generic BMPs and environmental monitors will not be sufficient. Do you recall that?

A. (Hartnett) I do.

Q. And we’ve heard earlier testimony about the number of towers and the number of relocated towers and, you know, the existence of wetlands and vernal pools and steep slopes and access points and so forth. Do you have -- and the potential for multiple crews to be working at the same time. Do you have any sense or view in terms of how many environmental monitors would be
necessary to even adequately or properly
monitor Deerfield, let alone the rest of the
Project?

A. (Hartnett) I've thought about that a lot. I
don't have any way at this point of
calculating it. I'm extremely uncomfortable
with the concept given the stretched
resources of DES, given the testimony you've
heard from others, including Ray Lobdell and
Rick Van de Poll, about the realities about
how hard things are in the field. I can't
imagine a project of this scale not causing
significant ecological damage to both
wildlife and natural resources. We just
aren't scaled up to do this.

Q. Do you believe that the Deerfield
Conservation Commission should be involved if
the Project were to receive a permit and move
forward with construction? And I mean to be
involved in either monitoring or somehow --
the monitoring or protecting, if you will,
the various environmental issues in
Deerfield?

A. (Hartnett) You know what? That's a question
no one's ever asked. So this is right off the top of my head. Haven't talked to the conservation commission. I think we would be way out of our league. From my understanding in talking to Ray Lobdell and other environmental monitors, it's a specialized field. It needs expertise. What Jeanne Menard mentioned about what happens if you find a species, there's a whole set of protocols. This is a very difficult area. It's not for amateurs.

Q. Okay. Finally, let me just ask you some questions about one of the Deerfield case studies that's in your last prefiled testimony, and it's Case Study No. 4 regarding the North Road area near the right-of-way. Do you recall that case study?

A. (Hartnett) Let me pull it up, please.

Q. Sure.

A. (Hartnett) Give me a minute. I'm on case No. 5. Do you have the page number for that?

Oh, I found it, Case Study No. 4.

Q. Thank you. Now, that is in the North Road area; is that right?
A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And that's near the right-of-way?

A. (Hartnett) It's actually crossed by the right-of-way.

Q. Okay. Do you know what that parcel was used for most recently? Your testimony talks about a complaint about a two and a half to three acres being disturbed earlier this year, and that's discussed in your case study.

A. (Hartnett) Right.

Q. And it talks about storing 2,000 to 7,000 timber mats.

A. (Hartnett) Right.

Q. Are you aware of any project in the Deerfield area currently going on that would require this number of timber mats?

A. (Hartnett) Well, actually, that's a curious question. As I understand it, not related to Northern Pass, there's an Eversource utility maintenance project happening immediately adjacent to the substation. But I think the timber mats for that are coming from Massachusetts.
Q. Your prefilled testimony was filed in April of this year, and it describes what was observed on this site. Are you aware today of any additional activity on this site since April of 2017?
A. (Hartnett) No.

Q. Has anything been submitted to the Deerfield Planning Board regarding activity on this site?
A. (Hartnett) No.

Q. Has anything been submitted to the Deerfield Conservation Commission regarding activity on this site?
A. (Hartnett) No.

Q. Mr. Robertson, has anything been submitted to the board of selectmen regarding activity on this site?
A. (Robertson) No, not that I'm aware of.

Q. Do either of you know what the activity on this site relates to, other than what's in the prefilled testimony, which is two and a half to three acres was disturbed and there are a lot of timber mats being stored?
A. (Robertson) I do not.
MR. PAPPAS: Thank you. I have no other questions.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: And we previously established that there was no other intervenor group that had questions for this panel; correct?

MS. HARTNETT: Excuse me, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Yes, Ms. Hartnett.

MS. HARTNETT: I'm sorry to interrupt you. I just remembered something I wanted to add in response to Mr. Pappas. May I do that now?

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Oh, why not.

MS. HARTNETT: I'll be brief. When you showed the open space plan, that is work we've been working on for a long time. I'm very proud of it. I neglected to mention that as part of this process in relation to a data request, I did get letters from six residents of Deerfield who have been involved in
conservation, who said that if this project comes through, they're a lot less interested because the character of that open space network is severely compromised. That's in the data request. I don't know if it's in the record. I don't know how to find it. But I could get those letters if you need. I thought it should fit within that. I'm sorry I forgot it.

MR. PAPPAS: Well, thank you for that addition.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Dumville.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. Good afternoon.

A. (Robertson) Good afternoon.

Q. Good afternoon. My name's Adam Dumville, and I represent the Applicants. I believe we've all met at the technical session the last time.

Mr. Robertson, you've been a member of the board of selectmen since approximately 2000; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) Yeah, that's about right.
Q. So you've been a member of the board since the Project's inception?

A. (Robertson) Yes.

MR. DUMVILLE: Okay. Dawn, can you please pull up Applicant's Exhibit 470, please.

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. Applicant's Exhibit 470 is a summary of the outreach that the Applicants have conducted.

Ms. Hartnett, Mr. Pappas was just asking you if Mr. Varney had reached out to the planning board, and you said that he had not; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) That's correct. I think there was one letter or memo that he described a telephone conversation. And then in our supplemental testimony there are two letters, one from Mr. McGarry and one from Mr. Coogan, addressing that memo.

Q. So you would agree, then, that on August 24, 2015, on Page 2 over here, "Project Representative made phone call to town officials," would it surprise you that that was actually, in fact, Mr. Varney reaching
out to Mr. Coogan and Mr. McGarry, the
planning board chair?
A. (Hartnett) It would.

MR. DUMVILLE: Okay. Dawn, may I
have the ELMO, please?

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. I'm pulling up Applicant's Exhibit 477, which
is a memo written by Mr. Varney. And as you
can see here, this is regarding a phone call
that Mr. Varney had with Mr. Coogan and Mr.
McGarry discussing land use planning in the
town of Deerfield.

A. (Hartnett) Oh, yeah, I'm familiar with this
memo. I didn't realize that's what you were
talking about.

Q. Okay. So you're aware Mr. Varney had sought
input from the town of Deerfield.

Ms. Hartnett, you also said that you had
invited Northern Pass to meet with the
conservation commission to discuss the
Application in January of 2016. Do you
recall saying that?

A. (Hartnett) I do. But may I follow-up on
this?
Q. You can certainly do so on redirect. But I'm asking you about your invitation to meet with the conservation commission in January of 2016.

A. (Hartnett) Right.

Q. And you said Northern Pass had not followed up on that meeting to Mr. Pappas a minute ago?

A. (Hartnett) What happened was that -- let's see. There was a phone call with somebody from Burns & McDonnell with me to give me some information on wetlands impacts. And then, much later, I don't know, maybe in the summer, we got a letter from Normandeau describing how to read the wetland application.

MR. DUMVILLE: Dawn, can you please go back to Applicant's Exhibit 470?

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. At the top of the right page here, "January 11, 2016, meeting with conservation commission to discuss the project wetlands application." Were you aware of that meeting?
A. (Hartnett) Yes, I was there. In fact, I think we invited him to that one.

Q. So I'm confused. You said that you had invited Northern Pass to a meeting and they declined to attend to discuss the wetlands application.

A. (Hartnett) No, no. I said we invited them -- there was one meeting with the conservation commission. I'm sorry. If there was -- if I caused confusion. I could have misrepresented what I was trying to say.

But let me restate that in January of 2016, several representatives -- and I could look them up for you if I have a moment -- attended the conservation commission meeting. We also had representatives there from the Lamprey River Advisory Committee. We had an extensive discussion about the difficulty of accessing the wetlands information. I got a call from Mr. Tinnus, that's who it was, who sent me, I think it was him, sent me a one-page summary of wetlands impacts.

Q. Okay. I just wanted to make sure we were on the same page about --
A. (Hartnett) Yeah, I'm sorry about the confusion on that.

Q. That's okay. And I apologize if that was my mistake.

A. (Hartnett) No, there's a lot of --

A. (Robertson) She's trying to --

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Take turns apologizing to each other.

MS. HARTNETT: Sorry. I saw your hand.

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. So, also, Ms. Hartnett, in your testimony you had also cited some e-mails provided by Mr. Coogan and Mr. McGarry that had stated that there was not a follow-up after the August 24, 2015 meeting where they had sought to discuss impacts of the substation. Do you recall those e-mails?

A. (Hartnett) Well, I guess, yeah. The confusion is that I thought the memo was from November of 2016. And in our supplemental we have two e-mails, one from Mr. Coogan and one from Mr. McGarry from March of 2017.

Q. Okay. In those e-mails it was represented
that the Northern Pass Project did not follow up to discuss the substation expansion. Do you recall that?

A. (Hartnett) Well, the subject of those e-mails was more about the nature of the memo that you showed me previously.

Q. Okay. So we also see here on this outreach here, May 16, 2016, there was a meeting with the Deerfield Board of Selectmen specifically to discuss the Project substation expansion and address the board's question.

So you would agree with me this meeting was held after that memo that we were just discussing earlier; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Just give me a minute.

(Witness reviews document.)

A. (Hartnett) So the memo I have in my possession for the Deerfield Planning and Land Use conference call was from November 4, 2016, and I think what you showed me was April. So that's the -- I'm still confused from back there. I've got November 4th, 2016.

Q. Okay. The one I showed you a little while
ago was from August 24, 2017, and now I'm
asking you about the May 16, 2016 meeting.
Were you aware that there was a meeting held
with the board of selectmen to discuss the
substation expansion?

Mr. Robertson, I believe you were at
that meeting; correct?

A. (Robertson) The May 16th meeting?

Q. Yes.

A. (Robertson) Yes, I remember that meeting
well.

MR. DUMVILLE: And Dawn, can we

pull up Applicant's Exhibit 468, please.

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. And Mr. Robertson, the topic of that meeting

was mostly to address questions about the

substation expansion; correct?

A. (Robertson) Yeah. The board of selectmen had

some concerns about the substation expansion.

We also had some concerns about a piece of

property that had been purchased along the

lines. At one point, I believe it was at an

informational hearing at Deerfield

Fairgrounds earlier, a Project representative
had said that Public Service did not own
property in that vicinity. We knew they did
and were concerned that maybe there was some
other proposed project we were not aware of
for that piece of property.

We were also concerned about the
substation. I believe an engineer came to
our meeting under public pressure, to some
extent. We made that meeting public. It was
very well attended. I'm going to say there
was probably in excess of 140 people there
who, for the most part, voiced their
opposition to the Project and offered
supplemental questions to what the board of
selectmen was interested in knowing.

Q. And so there was some follow-up questions
from that meeting; right?

A. (Robertson) That I don't recall. I'm
assuming it's quite likely there were.

Q. Okay. I'm representing here that Applicant's
Exhibit 468 is enclosing follow-up answers to
questions that came about from that meeting.
Do you recall that? And addressed to the
chair as well.
A. (Robertson) I don't recall this specific letter. But it looks quite likely it was in our correspondence file.

Q. Okay. And there's three extra pages in this.

MR. DUMVILLE: But Dawn, can we just show those quickly?

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. And those are responses to your questions?

A. (Robertson) Hmm-hmm.

MR. DUMVILLE: Dawn, can we go back quickly to Applicant's 470, please?

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. Mr. Robertson, last topic I wanted to cover on the outreach summary is, as you see on the left page here, on March 14, 2017, the Applicant sent a letter offering to meet with you to discuss the MOU. And you touched on those issues with Attorney Whitley. Do you recall that?

A. (Robertson) Yes, I do have some recollection of that.

Q. Okay. So I believe you testified, Mr. Robertson, that you had seen a boiler plate MOU; correct?
A. (Robertson) Yeah, I have some familiarity with the boiler plate MOU.

Q. Right. And it seemed vague. My question is: If there were specific concerns that the Town had, why didn't you address those or actually red-line the MOU and send it back to the Applicants?

A. (Robertson) Well, I guess this isn't particularly flattering, but I'll explain a little bit about being a selectman in a small town.

Our community is very much opposed to the Project. For lack of a better explanation, I would say that the board of selectmen did not wish to be seen colluding or collaborating, for lack of better terms, with the Project and decided that it was not in our best interest to continue with a Memo of Understanding at that point in time.

Q. And you're aware that the Memorandum of Understanding does not contain any requirement that the Town support the Project; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) Vaguely aware of that. But
again, I think the atmosphere that we were operating in, and operating in at the time, led us to believe that it was not in our best interest to look into a Memo of Understanding.

Q. And you raised or discussed with Mr. Pappas some specific issues about road restoration. And he asked you if you would support a condition about having the Applicants restore local roads. That would have been also one of the topics in a Memo of Understanding that could have been addressed; correct?

A. (Robertson) That I don't know.

Q. Okay. Well, that was actually in the boiler plate MOU that you referred to. Are you aware of that?

A. (Robertson) I don't have a distinct recollection of that.

Q. Okay. And so you have not actually red-lined the Memorandum of Understanding at all and sent that back to the Applicants; correct?

A. (Robertson) At this point in time, the board of selectmen has not.

Q. Is the Town still interested in working with
the Applicant if a certificate is granted to the Applicants?

A. (Robertson) I wouldn't rule out an interest. But I couldn't commit further than that.

Q. Okay. Ms. Hartnett, switching gears for one second. I believe you were here for the majority of the cross-examination of the Applicant's construction panel; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) I was here for a lot of construction, yeah.

Q. Were you here when the Deerfield Abutters had the opportunity to question the construction panel?

A. (Hartnett) I don't remember. Can you ask the next question?

Q. So Attorney Whitley had asked you some questions about relocating construction pads and access roads around those vernal pools. Do you recall that?

A. (Hartnett) I do.

Q. And you're aware that Ms. Bradbury had specifically requested that the Applicants modify those crane pads and access roads.
Are you aware of that?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I am.

Q. And do you have any reason to -- or why do you think -- strike that.

MR. DUMVILLE: So, Dawn, could we bring up Joint Muni Exhibit 152?

BY MR. DUMVILLE:

Q. Mr. Robertson, this is your original prefiled testimony. And on Page 1, Lines 15 to 18, you were asked a question about will the Project have an undue influence on the economy of the town and region.

And you said that the board of selectmen do not feel there would be any significant, detrimental impact on the host community; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) That is.

Q. Okay. And Mr. Whitley also asked you some questions about tax revenues.

MR. DUMVILLE: Dawn, could we pull up Applicant's 466, please?

Q. Now, you received this letter in February of 2017 indicating that the Applicant's first-year taxable investment by Northern
Pass would be approximately $122.9 million.
Were you aware of that?
A. (Robertson) Yes.

MR. DUMVILLE: And Dawn, could we pull up Applicant's 465, please.

Q. And based on the current assessed values in the town of Deerfield, you're aware that Northern Pass would then become the number one, have the highest assessed value in the town; is that correct?
A. (Robertson) Yes. Public Service has long been the highest taxpayer, as illustrated here.

Q. Okay. And you're aware that, based on the tax letter that we just saw, Northern Pass would pay approximately $1.9 million in the first year of operation; is that right?
A. (Robertson) That's what the letter said, yes.

MR. DUMVILLE: And Dawn, could we go to Applicant's 471, please, and Page 177.

Q. And this is the Town of Deerfield's 2016 Annual Report. And the following top ten highest taxpayers currently, as you said, also lists Public Service Company of New
Hampshire. And so Northern Pass would again become the highest, top taxpayer in the town; is that correct?

A. (Robertson) Based on that letter and the estimate.

Q. Would it surprise you that, based on our calculations, Northern Pass would make up about 18 percent of the tax base for the town of Deerfield?

A. (Robertson) It wouldn't surprise me.

Q. Okay. Ms. Hartnett, back to you for a second.

In your supplemental prefiled testimony, you discussed some concerns about visual impacts in the town of Deerfield.

MR. DUMVILLE: Dawn, can we please pull up Applicant's Appendix 17, Page A57 on one side and A58 on the other side?

Q. Ms. Hartnett, are you familiar with these maps?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. So you're aware these are Mr. DeWan's visibility analysis maps; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.
Q. And on the left side, which is APP 14757, the purple indicates the current visibility of structures in the town of Deerfield. Do you see that?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, I do.

Q. And on the right side, 14758, it indicates the proposed visibility with the new structures; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. So, based on these maps, you can see how the computer generates theoretical visibility within the entire town; is that right?

A. (Hartnett) I can see what the computer does there, yes.

Q. Okay. And in your supplemental prefiled testimony, you had listed out, and I believe you also referenced it today during your testimony, that there was some areas that you believe Mr. DeWan had missed; is that right?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. And first off, Mr. Whitley asked you some questions about Thurston Pond. And he considered that -- and Mr. DeWan considered
that part of the Alvah Chase Town Forest; right?

A. (Hartnett) He reported it was part of the forest. It's not true.

MR. DUMVILLE: Okay. Dawn, can you pull up that Google map, please? What exhibit is it?

MS. GAGNON: 479.

MR. DUMVILLE: 479? Dawn, can we just zoom in on this Google map for a second?

Q. And so this is just a Google map search that I did just while we were sitting here. And the Alvah Chase Town Forest actually shows Thurston Pond in the middle of it; correct?

A. (Hartnett) It certainly does.

Q. Okay.

A. (Hartnett) And that was the source of the confusion for Mr. DeWan and Ms. Kimball.

Q. And do you have any evidence that would support a conclusion that Thurston Pond is a tourist destination?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, my own experience.

Q. And what are you basing that on?

Q. Are there any guide books that say Thurston Pond is a heavily visited tourist area?
A. (Hartnett) No.

Q. Okay. Back to the couple places that you said that you had noted Mr. DeWan had missed. You had listed off, for example, Mount Delight Road, North Road, Middle Road, Reservation Road, Thurston Pond Road. Am I correct that the Town has not designated any of those as locally scenic roads?
A. (Hartnett) That's correct. I just want to correct one thing. That testimony is from the select board, conservation commission and planning board working together. It's not my testimony. It was filed and says that on the first page as a result of us working together.

Q. I understand. But those roads have not been locally designated; correct?
A. (Hartnett) No, they're not scenic roads.

Q. Okay. And two other spots that are in your prefilled testimony that you mentioned was the junction of 43 and 107, which is actually the junction of Raymond Road and Stage Road; is
that right?

A. (Hartnett) Yup.

Q. And that's on the Lamprey River Scenic Byway?

Does that sound familiar?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And you're aware that Mr. DeWan thoroughly assessed the impacts of the Project to the Lamprey Scenic Byway; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. And Whittier Road is a locally designated road; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. Okay. And you're aware that Mr. DeWan did, in fact, assess that resource on Page 6-21 of his Visual Impact Assessment?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. And the Town has not performed any visual impact assessment for this project; is that right?

A. (Hartnett) That's correct.

Q. Now, Attorney Whitley asked you, before starting off, he'd asked you about changing your testimony and references to Pembroke and New Hampton. Did you have to make those
changes because you were working off stock testimony?

MR. WHITLEY: Objection. Calls for speculation.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Overruled. You can answer.

A. (Hartnett) I really have no idea.

Q. Okay. So in your prefiled testimony, Ms. Hartnett, you also raised some concerns about wetlands. And Deerfield Conservation Commission had filed specific comments with the New Hampshire DES twice, once on May 15, 2016, and again on September 15, 2016; is that right?

A. (Hartnett) I don't have the dates in my mind, but I'm sure you do.

Q. But fair to say that you had conversations with DES and submitted your specific concerns to the agency; right?

A. (Hartnett) We as a conservation commission, yes, put concerns in writing.

Q. Okay. And the Applicants had responded to those concerns in turn; correct?

A. (Hartnett) We got letters from Lee Carbonneau
Q. And DES issued its final permit conditions on March 1, 2017; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. So DES had the benefit of receiving and reviewing your comments and the conservation commission's comments prior to issuing its final decision; correct?

A. (Hartnett) Oh, yes.

Q. Okay. But my understanding is that you are unsatisfied with the ultimate outcome that New Hampshire DES has reached; is that right?

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A. (Hartnett) Let me say that, I think as background, I actually worked at DES as a contractor for a number of years. I know a lot of people who still work there. I have very high regard for the expertise and knowledge and dedication of the people at DES. I also have some understanding of the resource constraints and the personnel constraints of that agency. And so any concern that you see from the conservation commission is based on our informed opinion
that, regardless of what is in writing in a permit, the actions on the ground will be very hard to monitor to ensure compliance and to follow up afterwards. And that's based both on my experience on the conservation commission for 30 years and my previous work experience on linear projects.

Q. So your main concern is that it will be hard to monitor and enforce compliance. So in your view, then, DES did not get anything wrong in issuing a permit to the Applicants; is that correct?

A. (Hartnett) I can't really comment on that. I think it's... in terms of the process, most of the conditions are boiler plate, standard conditions. This is not a boiler plate, standard project. I'll just leave it at that.

Q. I specifically asked you at the tech session if there were any other specific Best Management Practices that you thought were missed in the DES conditions. And those were the draft conditions at the time. And you couldn't identify any specific BMPs; is that
correct?

A. (Hartnett) At that time, that's true. I think the hard work from the Deerfield Abutters and some of the research they've done specifically and some of the work I've done on the realities of trying to monitor for species, especially the ones we've talked at great length about, indicates to me there's a real gap between what is hoped for and promised and written and what in fact will happen in the field. I just think that Best Management Practices don't guarantee no impact; they try to minimize impact.

Q. Ms. Hartnett, the last topic I'd like to cover is in your supplemental prefilled testimony you attached a few letters from residents that had conveyed concerns about lights and noise of the substation. Do you recall that?

A. (Hartnett) I do.

Q. Okay. And you're aware that the Applicants have committed to keeping the sound level at the substation at 29 decibels at any of the occupied residential properties in the near
vicinity; correct?

A. (Hartnett) I'm aware of that.

Q. Okay. And while this doesn't necessarily
apply here, as a point of reference, the town
zoning ordinances provide that the applicable
level for primary residential areas is 55 dBA
from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and 45 dBA from
10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Were you aware of
that?

A. (Hartnett) Oh, yes. Very definitely. I
remember those hearings.

MR. DUMVILLE: Thank you very
much.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Members of
the Committee, who has questions for the panel?

Commissioner Bailey.

QUESTIONS BY SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SEC COUNSEL:

BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY:

Q. Mr. Robertson, you testified that, I think I
heard you say that the great majority of
residents in town oppose the Project, but you
knew of three people who were supporting it.
Did I hear that right?

A. (Robertson) And that would be with regard to
public appearance. When we have had meetings where Northern Pass issues have been discussed, we have typically had in excess, well in excess of 100 residents or more show up to express opposition and urge the board of selectmen to oppose the Project, which we've sometimes been reticent, at least with the fervor that they have. And to the best of my recollection, we have had three people speak publicly at a selectmen's meeting or public meeting in favor of the Project.

Q. We've had people speak in favor of the Project from Deerfield, and they're very memorable people. I don't know if we're talking about the same people or not. But there's a sign that looks like it was stenciled, that's a small billboard on somebody's front lawn that I happened to see one day. It's on a road off Route 4 that says "Support Northern Pass." I guess I'm just wondering how sure you are that it's such limited -- that the support is as limited to three people?

A. (Robertson) I'll be quite honest. I suspect
that we have more than three lineman and
their families that live in town. Clearly
there's folks on both sides of the aisle that
don't come to select board meetings or don't
come to public meetings. That said, I
mentioned early on in my testimony that the
board has basically used as its walking
orders the warrant articles that the town has
passed, in 2013 in particular, expressing
their direct opposition to the Project. And
in quite rough numbers, there were two
warrant articles in 2013. Both of them were
very close to 800 in favor of opposing the
Project, 400 just in favor of the Project,
and a similar result in 2017.

Q. Four hundred in favor, 800 opposed?

A. (Robertson) Eight hundred opposed to the
Project, 400 -- the warrant article didn't
say, "Are you in favor?" It said, "Do you
oppose the Project as it's presented?" I can
read you the exact language if you'd like.
"To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state
its opposition to the Northern Pass
Transmission Project as currently proposed"
is the first line of that. And the vote was
800 were in favor of that warrant article,
400 were not. So you could extrapolate that
the 400 might be in favor of the Project.
Q. Okay. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr.
Oldenburg.

QUESTIONS BY MR. OLDENBURG:

Q. Direct follow-up on that because that was
going to be one of my questions. In reading
that warrant article, it was a petition
warrant article. Does that mean that a
citizen or citizens group brought that
forward? That wasn't -- didn't come from the
select board?

A. (Robertson) That did not come from the select
board. A group of citizens brought it
forward. If you're not familiar with small
town government, petition warrant articles
are based upon a percentage of your
electorate who are registered voters have to
sign that petition. In Deerfield, typically
if you're in excess of 25 signatures, your
petition is good to go.
Q. And the warrant article is posted as is? The
select board -- you don't change it?
A. (Robertson) We don't. If there's something
particularly egregious in the warrant article
that leads us to believe that it might lead
to something unenforceable or illegal, we
might certainly advise the petitioners of
that.
Q. Because I read it. And you read the first
line, and to me it's very leading.
A. (Robertson) Hmm-hmm.
Q. So you see, "If the town of Deerfield shall
state its opposition of Northern Pass." It's
not whether or not you're favor of it. It's
you're opposed to it. And then it basically
lists everything that people see wrong with
it: Height of the towers, resulting
impairment and Deerfield's a rural small
town, degradation of its scenic vistas,
inconsistent with the master plan,
diminishing of the property values. So it
listed basically everything that people --
and I'm sure the opposition sees it as
negative with the Project; yet, you still got
36 percent of the people to say, "I don't oppose it."

So I guess that's my question. The 36 percent of the people, the 443 that voted against this warrant article, are they just people that vote against everything the town's in favor of? Or do you have any sense of where those people are?

A. (Robertson) As a selectman, I don't have any particular sense. And that is much the same in regard to any warrant article that you see as a selectman. We typically -- we look at the results. You're right. This was a petition article. It wasn't our warrant article. But that's a fairly strong statement. And at least for our town to see that kind of advantage, 800 to 400 vote, that's very significant. Lots of times issues are decided by 50 or 60 votes. And to see, you know, a two to one outcome meant something to the board of selectmen.

A. (Hartnett) May I follow-up on that?

Q. Sure.

A. (Hartnett) I know it's late and I don't want
to go on, but I think this is important.

In our supplemental prefilled testimony, Joint Muni 156, Exhibit 1, there's actually an excerpt from what's called a deliberative session for the 2017 vote that gives you a feeling for the process. There were petition warrant articles there as well. And because we're not a town meeting town, discussion of what's on the warrant happens at a deliberative session. So I won't take your time now. I just wanted to call that out. There is a discussion in that Exhibit 1 of what happened.

And I would also like to reference back to an earlier comment about Deerfield being truly a rural town. We have a huge range of people, from contractors to, you know, estate owners with very high-end horses running around. We're not a homogeneous town. We have an extreme range of people and personalities and interests. So I think what Andy said is exactly right. It is a town where usually votes are decided by not that much of a margin. Quite a distinct
difference to have this. I just wanted to put a larger context on it.

Q. Thank you.

A. (Hartnett) Town government is not known if you don't live in a small town.

Q. Thank you, because I was -- that was going to be one of my questions, was how do you -- do you do a deliberative session or -- thank you for clarifying that.

The other question I had was, you were questioned by Counsel for the Public, Mr. Pappas, about the driveway regulations. And there were -- for the curb cuts for the access roads. We don't have those yet. And so all I saw was what was on the screen. So who in the town oversees those applications and approves those applications?

A. (Robertson) The primary review of those applications is the highway agent in town. And he typically would do that in conjunction with the code officer and building inspector. But the primary yay or nay would be from the highway agent.

Q. And is there -- so if exactly what Mr. Pappas...
had laid out is if a condition approval was
that the Applicant had to comply with the
driveway regulations and had to be submitted,
is there an appeal process? So if they put
in something or they can't meet the
requirements in the driveway regulations, is
there a hardship waiver? Is there --

A. (Robertson) That I'm not entirely familiar
with. I know when you apply for a driveway
cut permit, and some of this is much more in
the planning board end of things, the speed
limit on your road, the line of sight from
the end of your driveway, all these things
come into play. And Ms. Hartnett may be able
to give you a more definitive answer than me
with regard to that.

Q. All right. Do you know, is there a waiver
process, or is there a hardship if they can't
comply?

A. (Hartnett) I don't think so. Here's the
reason: That the main concern about locating
driveways is around safety. So if it doesn't
qualify under safety, we don't want to grant
a hardship waiver.
Q. Well, I was thinking we had the discussion with the City of Concord about the width. So they have a standard width of access for construction. And because --

A. (Hartnett) We don't have those.

Q. -- of the size of the cranes or anything else -- it's hard not to see what was in the documents, so...

A. (Hartnett) No. In a more typical situation, the planning board would be involved through site plan review at a site-specific level. And we discuss all that as a planning board. The driveway permit is kind of farther along in the process once the Project has gone through a bunch of other review by the planning board.

Q. Okay. All right.

A. (Hartnett) If that makes sense.

Q. Yeah, it does. Thank you very much.

MR. OLDENBURG: That's all.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Before we continue, I want to go off the record for a minute.

(Discussion off the record.)
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

We'll go back on the record.

Mr. Wright, do you have questions?

MR. WRIGHT: Yes, sir.

QUESTIONS BY DIR. WRIGHT:

Q. I'm Craig Wright with DES.
A. (Hartnett) Hi.

Q. Ms. Hartnett, you've expressed, obviously, in your testimony and today also a lot of concerns about environmental monitoring.
A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. So I want to follow up on that. You expressed concerns about the ability of state agencies to get out in the field and appropriately monitor the Project --
A. (Hartnett) Yes.

Q. -- including DES. And I'm assuming Fish & Game, you have similar concerns there?
A. (Hartnett) Oh, yeah.

Q. There will also be third-party monitors hired by the Company out in the field, either by the Company or by the construction company.

I'm assuming that doesn't satisfy your
concerns?

A. (Hartnett) You know, I don't want to give the impression that I'm just thinking nothing's going to make me happy. The opinions I'm voicing are based on the experience that we've had in Deerfield with utility activities over the years, particularly because we do have the substation as well as the right-of-way. And so this is not theoretical. I would say it's based on a variety of situations that have arisen over time realistically.

Q. I apologize for the very open nature of this question, but I don't know how else to ask you. What would it take for you to be satisfied? If the Project were to move forward, would you have any specific suggestions to us as a committee as to what additional conditions could be placed in the certificate regarding environmental monitoring? And I know I'm putting you on the spot.

A. (Hartnett) No, that's okay, because I've thought about that a lot. I've always
considered myself not a NIMBY, "Not In My Back Yard," person. I spent most of the years of my life working on an interface of planning and resource protection. So you're asking me a very key question. Though having thought about this a lot, I have to say that, and I don't know if I can even say this without a legal objection, but it seems to me when I look at other projects that have come along that have a different concept, whether it's, you know, Clean Power Link or the others we talked about, or the subterranean cables from the maritimes, those are 21st Century solutions to the need of transmission. And I just get the feeling that these towers are firmly in the 20th Century and that New Hampshire may be one of the last places where this kind of thing is going to happen. I don't know if that's exactly an answer to your question, but that's the best I can come up with. It just doesn't fit the character of either Deerfield or this state to have what I consider an old-fashioned solution to a new problem.
Q. Okay. Thank you.

A. (Hartnett) Sorry. That's the best I can do.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Weathersby.

QUESTIONS BY MS. WEATHERSBY:

Q. Good afternoon -- actually, evening. Just to follow up on the town votes on the warrant articles, because I find it very interesting that there is as much support for the Project as there is in Deerfield. Obviously, more people are opposed. And I'm thinking to myself that Deerfield and, of course, Franklin are hosting the largest infrastructure for the Project and therefore will be having the most tax revenue.

Do you think that -- do you have a sense as to whether those who support, Deerfield residents who support the Project are doing so based on the effect on their taxes, or do you feel as though they are supporting the Project kind of on its merits, feeling like it's a good project?

A. (Robertson) Yeah, as I said, we have had very few people publicly come forward before the
board in favor of the Project. Those who have, one in particular, has been very clear and very vocal that her interest is in increased tax revenue, and she sees the Project as bringing that to town. Another resident that I've heard from personally and has appeared publicly, I think tax revenue plays into it, but she's just in favor of the Project. She sees it as a good thing to do for the region. The third person I don't recall giving any particular explanation. But I think, you know, I speak for myself as a selectman. But certainly, that's what has stood out in our mind. Clearly, there are members of the community that -- you know, we don't go door to door after a vote or after a public hearing and say, "We noticed you weren't there, you know, what's your opinion?" But when you have a couple hundred people show up extremely passionate, extremely vocal at your meeting, and then you have one or two people on the other side, it certainly makes an impression on the board.

Deerfield is a complicated place, as
Kate has alluded to. For those of you familiar with utility construction company names, it puzzles me. I have actually seen in town an ICR truck in a driveway with a "Just Say No to Northern Pass" sign at the end. And maybe they butt heads night and day over it, but that sort of gives you an idea of how complicated the situation can be in town.

Q. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Iacopino.

MR. IACOPINO: Just had one question for Mr. Robertson.

QUESTIONS BY MR. IACOPINO:

Q. During cross-examination by Mr. Pappas, you were asked if the Committee were to grant the certificate, would you want a condition that the Applicant would be required to restore roads, quote, "to a condition satisfactory to the Town." And I guess my question is: There's been a representation that the Applicant, if a certificate is granted, would restore roads to a condition that is as good
as or better than they existed when they
first came in. Is that condition
satisfactory to you?

A. (Robertson) Well, if the Project is
inevitable, that condition would certainly be
desired and I assume would be satisfactory.

MR. IACOPINO: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Anything
else from the Committee?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Whitley,
any redirect?

MR. WHITLEY: Thank you, Mr.
Chair.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. WHITLEY:

A. This will be pretty brief, particularly given
the hour.

Ms. Hartnett, I want to start with you
first. You had an exchange with Mr. Pappas
and Mr. Dumville about some letters from town
residents that you had attached to your
April 2017 testimony. Do you recall those
letters?
A. (Hartnett) I think it was actually December '16 response to a data request.

Q. Well, let me point you to Joint Muni 156 --

A. (Hartnett) Yeah.

Q. -- Exhibit No. 2.

A. (Hartnett) All right. Hold on for a second.

(Witness reviews document.)

MR. WHITLEY: And just for the record, while she's doing that, that's Bates stamp 6806 through 6811.

A. (Hartnett) You mean the ones on noise?

Q. Well, I'd like you to take a look at those letters and see if they address more than just noise.

A. (Hartnett) Oh, okay. Sure.

(Witness reviews document.)

A. (Hartnett) Yes. Exhibit 2 or -- I got it.

Q. And more to the point, I think your exchange with Mr. Pappas, I think your response was that there were letters from town residents that addressed how the Project could potentially undermine some of the goals of the master plan.

A. (Hartnett) Yes, that is right.
Q. And my question to you is -- you're correct that the cover page for those letters does mention noise. But my question to you is: Do those letters you've already provided to the SEC also address that exchange you had with Mr. Pappas as well?

A. (Hartnett) Yes, they're actually additional letters that address that. You're right.

Q. Okay. Thank you.

MR. WHITLEY: And again for the record, that's Joint Muni 156.

BY MR. WHITLEY:

Q. Mr. Robertson, I want to turn to you for a second now. You had an exchange with several parties about the 2013 warrant articles. Do you recall some of those exchanges?

A. (Robertson) I do.

Q. Okay. And just for the record, the 2013 warrant article is an exhibit to your testimony, which is Joint Muni 152. Does that sound correct?

A. (Robertson) Yes.

Q. One of the points that was made was that the way that the warrant articles were written
was kind of a leading question. Is that how you remember the exchange going?

A. (Robertson) I do remember that, yes.

Q. Okay. Is it correct to say that, although the board of selectmen can't change the wording when they receive a petition, the voters at a town meeting can certainly amend a warrant article? Isn't that correct?

A. (Robertson) That is indeed correct.

Q. So if there was a concern at town meeting that the warrant articles as proposed by petition were unfairly favoring one outcome or the other, town meeting has the power to amend those petition warrant articles.

A. (Robertson) That is indeed correct. And I could also add, as you are probably aware, we have had other petition warrant articles taking an opposing position that have basically gotten changed so they did not support the opposing position at our deliberative session, with the full support of those in attendance.

And just to give a little bit more of a degree of how the town feels, one of the
things that occurred at our last deliberative session was the board of selectmen increased our legal line, anticipating that we would need legal representation as we went through the SEC process, that sort of thing. The town deliberative session actually voted to increase the legal line in the budget by more than the selectmen had increased it. And when we subsequently expended what we had allocated for Northern Pass legal representation, various residents in Deerfield have raised literally thousands of dollars of private funds, which we put together a mechanism to use that money for legal representation for the town. I don't have the exact amount to date. But in the last year we've certainly cleared $15,000 in donations to assist the Town in maintaining legal representation.

Q. Thank you. I want you to look at those 2013 warrant articles now. And again, they're exhibits to your November testimony. Let me know when you get there.

A. (Robertson) Just want to make sure I have the
same ones.

(Witness reviews document.)

A. (Robertson) I'm there.

Q. Okay. And we're talking about Article 17 on Joint Muni 6616 and then Article 18 on Joint Muni 6617.

A. (Robertson) Right.

Q. And I think you started to make this point earlier, but you read the first sentence or first line of both of those warrant articles. And could you just read it out loud, just the first line just again?

A. (Robertson) Sure. Starting with 17, "To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to any new overhead development of alternating current and direct current, high-voltage transmission lines within its borders, and in turn manifest the Town's strong preference for burial of such lines in a manner consistent with state and federal requirements" --

Q. Just the first line. That's all.

A. (Robertson) I just realized it was a fairly lengthy run-on sentence there.
Q. Just the first line. Not the sentence, the first line.

A. (Robertson) Okay. And Article 18 was, "To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to the Northern Pass" --

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Slow down, slow down.

A. (Robertson) Okay. I'll start over.

"To see if the Town of Deerfield shall state its opposition to the Northern Pass Transmission Project as currently proposed."

Q. Thank you. So, neither one of those warrant articles is a neutral question of do you support the Project or don't you support the Project. Is that a fair way to --

A. (Robertson) Yeah, I think that's a fair way to categorize it.

Q. Okay. And so it's possible that someone may have voted against one or both of those warrant articles, but not necessarily be in favor of the Project.

A. (Robertson) True.

MR. WHITLEY: That's all I have, Mr. Chair. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Okay. Thank you very much for your time. You can return to your seats.

Off the record.

(Discussion off the record.)

(WHEREUPON, LISE MORAN was duly sworn and cautioned by the Court Reporter.)

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms. Fillmore.

MS. FILLMORE: Thank you.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. FILLMORE:

Q. Ms. Moran, can you please introduce yourself to the Committee, and spell your last name for the record.

A. My name is Lise Moran, M-O-R-A-N.

Q. And what position do you hold with the Town of Whitefield?

A. I'm the president of the Whitefield Historical Society.

Q. And you're here testifying today on behalf of the Town?

A. Yes.

Q. You filed prefiled testimony with this
Committee dated November 15, 2016; is that correct?

A. Yes.

MS. FILLMORE: And for the record, that's identified as Joint Muni 94.

BY MS. FILLMORE:

Q. And you also filed supplemental prefiled testimony dated April 17, 2017; is that correct?

A. Yes, it is.

Q. And that's marked as Joint Muni 192. Do you have any corrections to either of those testimonies?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Can we start with the November 2016 testimony, and you can explain what your changes are.

A. Yes. I believe that testimony I was outlining what I did in New York City for the New York Landmarks Conservancy.

Q. Let me stop you there. I believe that's your April 2017 --

A. Oh, okay. I have the April, but...

Q. Well, let's start with that.
Q. All right. Which corrections do you have to your April 2017 testimony?

A. Yes. On Page 2, on Line 16 through 20, I just wanted to add that I am now on the Executive Committee of the New York Landmarks Conservancy, Chairman of the Awards Committee, and also I am on the Nominating Committee.

Q. Thank you. Were there other corrections to that testimony?

A. Not to that one.

Q. On Page 3 of that testimony?

A. Oh, yes. I'm so sorry. On Page 3, Line 4, the appendix is F, as in Frank.

Q. All right. And let's go back to your November 2016 testimony.

A. Yes, I have that November 16th, 2016 -- November 15, 2016, yes.

Q. I believe there was one.

A. Yes.


A. Okay. Thank you.

Q. Line 16.
A. Yes. Thank you so much. Yes. On Line 16, the property that was continually operated with the Dodge Family from 1866 until 1979. So please correct on Line 16, it is "1979."
Thank you.

Q. All right. And with those changes, do you hereby adopt and swear to that testimony, both sets of testimony today?
A. Yes, I do.

Q. Thank you. Just going to ask you a few questions.

Have you read the Programmatic Agreement that's involved in this case?
A. Yes, I have.

Q. And what is your reaction to that agreement?
A. I feel the agreement does not sensitively address the adverse effects of historic properties or historic resources. I feel that it doesn't outlay enough what to do in a situation of finding either relics or being close to a historic house and having something happen. In other words, it doesn't have the treatment plan that outlines what they would do, what the Northern Pass would
Q. And do you see anything in that agreement about specific mitigation elements?
A. No. I believe the elements were -- in other words, avoidance should be the first element, minimizing should be the second, and mitigation should be the third resort, in that order.

Q. And in connection with that, I'm going to show you a transcript from earlier in these hearings. What will be coming up on the screen shortly is the transcript of Day 41, the Morning Session, the bottom of the Page 24. And I'll represent to you that at this point, Counsel for the Public was cross-examining the Applicant's historic resources expert, Ms. Widell. And can you just read at the top of -- do you have something on your screen?
A. Yes, I do.

Q. Okay. Can you read at the top of the screen, starting on Line 23 and continuing on to the next page, please.
A. "My question was, with respect to this
project, the Project that's before the Site Evaluation Committee, that's subject to their review today, how does this Programmatic Agreement address those concerns of New Hampshire's historic resources?"

Q. And can you read the answer?

A. Yes.

"In a number of ways, I'd be happy to illustrate a couple, and then I would be happy to go into further. I think the most important one is what we just mentioned, which is the development of specific mitigations for specific adverse effects and the creation of a specific mitigation plan which will be documented and written in an Historic Properties Treatment Plan."

Q. Can you continue to read right down to the bottom of what's showing right now?

A. Yes.

"Okay, 'which will be.' It's not done yet, correct?"

"Yes."

"So it's not in front of the Committee. They can't look at that and say, 'Wow, I'm so
relieved. I don't have to worry about historic properties anymore. I know that there is a plan in place that's going to protect them.' Correct? They don't have that, right?"

"No, they do not have it."

Q. And what's your reaction to that testimony?

A. I think that's very poor management of historic resources because I think a treatment plan would outline any adverse effects, any mismanagement of properties. I think it would be a very good thing to have a safe and comforting thing.

Q. Thank you, Ms. Moran.

MS. FILLMORE: The witness is available for questioning.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We're going to have Ms. Moran come in and read everyone's testimony when testimony needs to be read.

MS. FILLMORE: I would have tried to summarize, but it would have been bad.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Pappas.

MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. PAPPAS:

Q. Good evening, Ms. Moran. I'm Tom Pappas. I represent Counsel for the Public. I just want to ask you a few questions about your testimony regarding orderly development. Does the orderly development of Whitefield depend on tourism and the history of the town?

A. Yes, it does.

Q. And would I be correct in saying that Whitefield's attractions include the historic town common with its bandstand and town green?

A. Yes.

Q. It also includes the unique views -- let me ask this: Is the Whitefield's town common unique among North Country towns?

A. Yes. I even said that in my testimony, that Whitefield has a round circle of a town common, and a lot of other towns in the North Country have a two-way street -- Littleton Lancaster. You know, that sort of -- Jefferson. Those are the towns, that's their
Q. Okay. Do you have something on the screen in front of you?
A. Yes, I do.
Q. What's on the screen is a copy of Joint Muni exhibit -- or actually, Joint Muni Bates stamp 008048 and Joint Muni Exhibit 192. You're familiar with this map; are you not?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. And this map shows the three ways into Whitefield to get to the Whitefield Common as either Route 142, Route 3 or Route 116; is that correct?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. And would I be correct in saying that the Northern Pass transmission line will pass over all three of those routes?
A. Definitely 116 and 3. And yes, because 142 gets into -- yeah, 142 goes into -- so, yes, yes, absolutely.
Q. So would I be correct in saying every visitor to Whitefield, certainly the Whitefield Common, is going to go over -- go under the Northern Pass Project? Is that right?
A. Yes, it is.

Q. And would I also be correct in saying that the Northern Pass towers will be visible from the town common if they're erected?

A. I believe so.

Q. Okay. So do you believe that the negative impact to the town common is the view of the Northern Pass towers either going to the Common or seeing it from the Common?

A. Yes.

Q. Okay. Now, is tourism, in your view, the primary driver of economic development in Whitefield?

A. Yes. Also with the lumber operation, too. But I'd say tourism is very, very important.

Q. Does Whitefield itself promote tourism in the development of the town?

A. Yes, they do.

Q. How does it promote tourism?

A. Because they have a brochure that they put out that shows campgrounds, inns. It shows places to get a meal, gasoline. It's like a fold-over brochure.

Q. Okay. Is it your belief that anything that
negatively impacts tourism in Whitefield will interfere with the orderly development of Whitefield?

A. Yes, I do, because there's a big, big, big push for heritage tourism. And I believe a lot of people who come to Whitefield are there specifically to research their family's genealogical information. And perhaps they bought a house and they want the house histories. New people coming to town wanting to know about their house is what I'm trying to say.

Q. So it's your view that the Project will negatively impact tourists because it's going to negatively impact as you just described. Is that --

A. Yes.

Q. Has anyone from the Project met with the Whitefield Historical Society to get the Society's views on the Project's impact to orderly development?

A. No.

Q. Are you aware of whether anybody from the Project has met with the Whitefield Board of
Selectmen or the Whitefield Planning Board to
discuss the impact on orderly development to
Whitefield by the Project?
A. No, I'm not aware.
Q. Okay.

MR. PAPPAS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I have no other questions.
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Any other intervenor groups have questions for Ms. Moran?

[No verbal response]
CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Seeing none,
Mr. Walker.

MR. WALKER: Thank you.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. WALKER:
Q. Ms. Moran, good evening. And we met earlier.
I am counsel for the Applicant. Just a few questions tonight.

From your prefiled testimony, you
obtained your degree in historic preservation in 2014; is that right?
A. Yes, it is.
Q. And since that time you've described how
you've inventoried a couple of properties for
purposes of determining eligibility on the National Register; is that right?

A. State register.

Q. State register. Okay. Thank you.

You have not, though, in your professional capacity, in any way performed an analysis of effects of any project on historic properties; correct?

A. Just what I've learned in graduate school.

Q. Okay. And you've expressed your concerns tonight and in your prefilled testimony on the impact of the Project to tourism.

You have not done any surveys or studies or anything like that for purposes of this project in Whitefield?

A. I've done them, I would say, with regard to Donovan Rypkema -- you know, you've heard of him. He's an economic -- let me put it this way: He's an historic preservationist with an economic bent. He teaches at the University of Pennsylvania. And he has done a survey of heritage tourism and how people spend more money when they're going to a town to do research and to go to historic sites.
than the average tourist would. And all of
those things are documented. So I would say
across the board, for every single state in
the union, heritage tourism is big. People
spend more time when they're researching and
have a historical plug they want to get to.
They spend more money in restaurants, hotels,
buying things in stores --

Q. But Ms. Moran, sorry to interrupt you, my
question to you was have you done any studies
with regard to the impacts of tourism in
Whitefield?

A. No, I've just seen it with my own eyes.

Q. And as far as the historic sites in
Whitefield, you describe in your prefiled
testimony your general concerns about the
impact of the Project visually on historic
sites. But you've also referenced four
particular sites in your prefiled testimony.
The James/Joudin/Moran farm complex; correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Mountain View Grand Resort?

A. Yes.

Q. The Kings Square Historic District?
A. Yes.

Q. And the Major David Burns historic farmland.

A. Yes.

Q. And have you reviewed the Applicant's consultants', so, Lynne Monroe, Preservation Company's report that deals with each of those particular sites?

A. Yes, I read that over.

Q. And you've read the analysis, and you've seen the photos and the photo simulations from some of those?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Okay. And have you done any type of effects tables for those four sites?

A. Not personally.

Q. When you say "not personally," has anyone done them on your behalf?

A. No, they haven't.

Q. And you know what I'm referring to, as far as "effects tables" under the federal regulation?

A. Yes, yes.

Q. One of the sites, and I'm not going through all four, but I do want to ask you about one,
which was the Mountain View Grand Hotel.
You've expressed some concern about tourism,
and tourists or visitors to that hotel, is
that right --
A. Yes.
Q. -- as a result of the Project?
A. That's right.
Q. Are you suggesting that the view of the
proposed project from the Mountain View Grand
will drive visitors from that hotel?
A. Yes.
Q. Okay. Now, you're aware that the existing
corridor is about a mile and a quarter from
the hotel; correct?
A. Yes, I am.
Q. And you're aware that there is a wind turbine
sitting right to the northwest of the hotel?
A. Yes, but it's to the northwest.
Q. Right. Do you know how tall that is?
A. The wind turbine? No.
Q. And you're also aware that there is a cell
tower that's visible from the front porch, so
as you're looking out from the front of the
Mountain View Grand?
A. Yes.

Q. Have you reviewed the effects tables that were prepared by the Applicant's consultants with regard to Mountain View Grand?

A. Would that be part of Ms. Widell's testimony?

Q. Well, it's actually part of the effects tables that were presented pursuant to the request of the DHR, the New Hampshire DHR, sometime this summer, and I can't recall the exact date.

A. I would say no, but I have seen the map, whatever maps. I have a copy in front of me. They're the maps that show the height of the towers that will go from Route 116 to Route 3 that will be the southern view of the Mountain View Grand. That would be their viewpoint.

Q. But the effects tables that describe the -- go through the federal regulation, you know, the 36 CFR 800, different criteria for an adverse effect, there's an effects table that was done by Ms. Widell. Have you seen that?

A. I've only read her testimony.

MR. WALKER: Okay. Dawn, if you
could pull up --

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. Have you seen the photo simulations that have been prepared for the view from the Mountain View Grand before and after?

A. Yes, I have.

Q. Okay. And even reviewing those, you believe that the view of the proposed project will drive visitors from the Mountain View Grand?

A. Yes, based on their advertising.

MR. IACOPINO: Can you repeat that, please?

MS. MORAN: Yes, based on the advertising they have right now, there are pictures that show an unimpeded view from the front porch. So as you are sitting, you will be looking south, and that's where the towers would be. And they have printed advertisements of two people in rocking chairs looking south, and there is nothing impeding their view. And they use that as their Internet advertising as well, that same picture. And thirdly, they have it in a room framed with the two people in the two Adirondack chairs.
MR. WALKER: So, Dawn, if you could pull up, please, this is from Applicant's Exhibit 1, Appendix 17.

Q. And these are the -- I think you said you did see some photo simulations?

A. Yes.

MR. WALKER: Okay. I don't know if you can put those side by side, Dawn.

Q. So I'll represent to you, Ms. Moran, the first one on the left is a view from the porch. And this was from the Applicant's Visual Impact Assessment expert. And the second one is a photo simulation of the view with the Project. And the one on the left is existing conditions.

A. Yes.

Q. And you've seen these. You've compared the view before and after?

A. Yes.

Q. And you believe that the view after will drive visitors, as a result of the change in the view?

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Walker, can you do us a favor and have them done one at...
a time, and if it's possible, toggle back and forth, because these pictures are very small in these screens.

MR. WALKER: Thank you. So first we'll show you the existing conditions.

And Dawn, I don't know if there's a way to blow it up even further so that just the photo is blown up.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. So, Ms. Moran, this is a photo of the existing conditions. And you would agree with me it was taken on a pretty clear day; correct?

A. Yes.

Q. Have you had a chance to look at that?

A. Yes, I am looking at it.

MR. WALKER: Now, Dawn, if you could do the same with the photo simulation of the Project.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you, Dawn.

A. Yes, I do see the line there.

BY MR. WALKER:

Q. It's your opinion that the change in the
view, after looking at this photo simulation, would drive visitors from the hotel?

A. It is my opinion.

MR. WALKER: I have nothing further. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Questions from the Subcommittee? Mr. Way.

QUESTIONS BY MR. WAY:

Q. Good evening, now. I'm wrestling with that last point of prominence with regards to seeing those cell towers -- not the cell towers -- the transmission towers. The wind turbine that's there, the cell tower that's there, do you have any information whether that has resulted in people not coming back to the Mountain View Grand?

A. One thing I must make clear here about the wind turbine. That is a good thing because it's helping their electric bill. I mean, that's a positive. I mean, it's only one. It's positive. It's only one and it's positive.

Q. Cell tower?

A. The cell tower I do not agree with at all. I
think it was -- and the Mountain View Grand,
I don't believe, and I'm pretty sure a
hundred percent they didn't want that in the
beginning.

Q. But what I'm trying to get to is whether the
presence of that has resulted in people
having a negative experience and not coming
back to the Mountain View Grand.

A. I think in this case that they're certainly
not going to like it. It's there. The
find -- you know, it's not like they did the
research and said, "Oh, my God, is there
going to be something here?" I think that
they found it was there. And I mean, I
didn't go up to them and interview them, so I
can't ask.

Q. Because I think it's a big statement. You're
saying that the presence of these towers will
result in decreased visitorship to the
Mountain View Grand, and I'm trying to get a
sense of what's the basis for that. And I
guess what I'm saying is, someone sitting on
those Adirondack chairs that I like to sit on
sometimes, you're looking out over the vista
and at some point you're saying, "My God, there's a tower there and I'm not coming back." Is that what you're --

A. No. There are blow-downs, too, you know. I mean, a lot of trees just have a way of -- and also there's 90, 85 and 95. Those were the lengths -- those were the heights of the four towers that I believe will impact the hotel. Those are higher. Right now you don't see them. In the first picture you didn't see them. But I saw them. Anything over -- I mean, it's definitely something you're going to see, and it's not conducive to the golf and the view, the unimpeded view that has been advertised. "Unimpeded" and "breathtaking." Those are their words, not mine.

Q. Certainly. But are you speaking more for yourself, your opinion of just how you might view it, or what -- how can you speak for other people?

A. I'm speaking for the Whitefield Historical Society.

Q. Okay.
A. And residents of the town, and residents of
the Mountain View Road as well. And guests.
I'm a guest myself. I am a guest. I stay
there myself and have since I was nine years
old.

Q. All right. Thank you very much.

A. Welcome.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Other
questions for Ms. Moran?

[No verbal response]

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Ms.

Fillmore, do you have any redirect?

MS. FILLMORE: I have just one
question.

REDIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MS. FILLMORE:

Q. Ms. Moran, I'm over here. Apologize.

You said that you've stayed at the
Mountain View Grand often.

A. Yes.

Q. Would these towers affect your experience
there?

A. Yes.

Q. And on the basis of that and the other things
you know about the people who come to
Whitefield, do you believe it would affect
their experience?

A. Yes, I do.

Q. Thank you. That’s all I have.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you,
Ms. Moran. Thank you for your patience.

MS. MORAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.

I don't think there's anything else we should
try and do today. Ms. Crane, thank your group
for being ready today, but things stretched out
and it doesn't make sense to start anything now.

Mr. Needleman.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: You asked me
earlier about the access road issue and the
aprons. I have more information about that. I
could share it now or I can wait until next
time.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I think
everybody would appreciate hearing it the next
time we're together.

MR. NEEDLEMAN: Sounds good.

CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.
With that, we'll adjourn and we'll be back on Thursday afternoon.

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