

**GOFFSTOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES TO MEETING OF FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

In attendance were Jean Walker—Chairman, Andrew Chaplin, Jane Raymond, Susan Tucker, Evelyn Miller, Courtney Carter, Peter Georgantas-Select Board Representative, and Patty Gale, Planning & Zoning Assistant.

Jean Walker called the meeting to order at 7 pm. She asked the Commission to introduce themselves. Courtney Carter was the voting alternate member.

**Plan Presentation:**

**Map 2, Lot 59, Request for Relief of the Outer 50' of the 100' Wetland Conservation Surface Water Conservation District Buffer and Conditional Use Permit Request from PSNH dba Eversource Energy, for impacts within the Eversource easement area that is located within the Wetland Surface Water Conservation District Buffer for the B143 Electric Transmission Line. Eversource Energy is proposing to replace utility overhead structures and associated improvements within the buffer and are required to obtain a Conditional Use Permit per Sections 13.3.7, 13.3.7.1 of the Goffstown Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 23 Roberts Road, Zoned: Agricultural. (Comments/recommendations need to be forwarded to the Planning Board.)**

Presentation was given by Sherrie Trefry and Trent Delehanty of VHB Engineering, and Jeremy Fennell of Eversource Energy.

Sherrie Trefry reviewed plans and explained the right of way and easement area off of Roberts and Addison Road. Sherrie stated that they would use the existing access area that comes off of Addison Road. They would be working on replacing 14 wooden poles with 14 new weathered steel structures as part of their rebuild project for the B143 Line. All of the replacements would occur within 10 ft of the existing structures identified as 17 through 30. No additional land clearing is needed. The work will follow the footprint of the former wetland crossing to minimize cumulative impacts. All work will follow the Best Management Practices Manual for Utility Maintenance in and adjacent to wetlands and waterbodies. They have filed for an NHDES Alteration of Terrain Permit and other required permits. The 100' X 100' work pads and positions around the structures are sized to allow sufficient space for construction. Sherrie explained the erosion control measures they would be using as well as there will be timber matting used in areas where avoidable wetlands impacts are proposed to occur and will be removed as soon as the work is complete and will not be left in place for longer than one growing season. Sherrie explained the construction process and the restoration that will immediately occur and the protection measures for any streams or vernal pools that were identified. The total temporary wetlands impacts are 22,719 sq ft.

Jane Raymond asked what the weathered steel was and sherry explained that it allows rust to form on the steel but still protects it and blends in with being brown and not silver. They do not have to be painted.

Evelyn Miller asked if the Town was concerned about something and where there is an environmental inspection report conducted, who would they contact if they wanted to review it.

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Jeremy Fennell stated you could contact Patty Gale as she has all my contact information and I can send the report to her. Jeremy stated they would begin the work in the Summer and be completed by the Fall.

Patty Gale asked if they were putting the Geotech Fabric under the timber matting.

Jeremy Fennell explained he understands the concept but it really doesn't have a benefit and explained the cleaning up process of removing the fabric after and explained how effective the timber matting is.

**Jane Raymond motioned to recommend that the Planning Board grant the relief of the 50' outer buffer and approve the Conditional Use Permit, seconded by Evelyn Miller. Vote all in favor, (6-0-0), motion carries.**

**Correction/Acceptance of the Minutes of January 28, 2026:**

**Andrew Chaplin motioned to approve the minutes as printed., seconded by Courtney Carter. Vote four in favor with two abstentions, ( 4-0-2), Susan Tucker and Evelyn Miller abstained.**

**Correspondence:**

- 1) NHDES Alteration of Terrian Permit for B143 Electric Transmission Line Structure Replacements for Goffstown and Bedford submitted by VHB for Eversource Energy (PSNH).**
- 2) NHDES Letter regarding Disqualified Forestry Statutory Permit by Notification for property located at 49 Greer Road, owned by Thibeault.** The Commission reviewed and discussed. Staff will get clarification as to if this is related to an existing closed wetlands permit or a new permitted work and get back to the Commission.
- 3) NHDES Dredge & Fill Permit for Town of Goffstown, Montelona Road, for Hardy Brook culvert.**
- 4) NHDES Notice of Recipients of Minor or Major Impact NH Wetlands Permits or Approvals Updated Requirements.**
- 5) Request from Jamie O'Brien to serve on the Conservation Commission.** The Commission reviewed and discussed there are no openings at this time. Patty Gale stated she has reached out to the Jaclyn Cohn to see if she wishes to remain as an alternate member but has not heard back from her.

**Piscataquog River Committee Update:**

Peter Georgantas updated the Commission on the removal of the Hadley Falls Dam. Peter explained the NHDES was awarded 4.5 Million NH Arm Grant for the removal of the dam. In 2026 NHDES will start the environmental studies. In the Fall of 2026, they will have a public meeting to explain the environmental studies and the river restoration process. In the Spring of 2027, the Hadley Falls Dam removal process begins. From the years 2027 to 2032 DES will monitor the river restoration for compliance with the grant.

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The Commission briefly discussed. Peter Georgantas stated this would not impact Glen Lake as the river would still flow. Evelyn Miller suggested we add a link online of frequently asked questions and the answers regarding the dam and staff stated they would look into that.

**Open Space Update & Stewardship:**

Patty Gale updated the Commission that the Town was processing the funds to be released for the closing of the Shost easement that is scheduled next week.

**Other Business:**

Peter Georgantas stated this would be his last meeting as the Select Board Representative as he did not run for re-election. Peter served as Select Board Representative for 12 years. The Commission thanked him for his many years of service.

**Adjournment:**

**Jane Raymond motioned to adjourn, seconded by Andrew Chaplin Miller. Vote all in favor (6-0-0), the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Gale, Planning & Zoning Assistant

*These minutes are subject to approval by the Conservation Commission.*