



Conservation Commission

Regular

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36 Court Street
Springfield, MA 01103
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Christopher Collins

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

5:00 PM

Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center

I. Call to Order

5:00 PM Meeting called to order on August 22, 2023 at Richard Neal Municipal Operations Center, 70 Tapley Street, Springfield, MA.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Christopher Collins	CHAIR	Present	
Juanita Martinez		Present	
Clarence Jones		Absent	
Peter J Alminas		Present	
Fred Miller		Absent	
Frank Ryan		Present	
Paul Bongiorno		Present	

II. Public Portion (Continued)

III. Request for Determination of Applicability

1. Petition (ID # 7571)

Request for Determination of Applicability for Work Relating to Exploratory Borings for a Horizontal Directional Drill Construction Method for Replacement Lines at the Property Known as Rear West Columbus Avenue (A.K.A. 135 Clinton Street).

Applicant: Eversource Energy Services Company

Representative: Tighe & Bond, Inc.

Project: Exploratory borings for a Horizontal Directional drill construction method for replacement lines.

Location: Rear West Columbus Avenue (a.k.a. 135 Clinton Street) (12168-0205)

HISTORY:

08/08/23

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CONTINUE VOTE

Next: 08/22/23

COMMENTS - Current Meeting:

Negative Determination:

The work described in the Request is within the Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to jurisdiction under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the following conditions (if any).

Conditions:

1. This determination authorizes only the activates described in the Request for Determination of Applicability, filed July 2023 and presented at the August 8th and August 22, 2023 Conservation Commission public meetings. No further work, including but not limited to site grading, clearing or cutting of vegetation, shall be allowed.
2. The applicant shall provide an emergency contact number of those involved in the project, in case of emergency.
3. The Springfield Conservation Commission shall be notified prior to the start of work.
4. Reports of the drilling work shall be submitted to the Springfield Conservation Commission.
5. Work in the river, to the maximum extent possible, should avoid periods of high water or flooding. The applicant shall provide the Commission with an emergency action plan to deal with river flooding events. The pan should be submitted prior to the start of work.
6. Measures shall be taken to minimize river turbidity during boring work.
7. No materials, including but not limited to soils, sods, sediment or construction debris, shall be deposited or stored in the wetland areas or their buffers without prior authorization from the Springfield Conservation Commission.

RESULT:	APPROVED [5 TO 0]
AYES:	Collins, Martinez, Alminas, Ryan, Bongiorno
ABSENT:	Clarence Jones, Fred Miller

IV. All Other Matters Properly Before the Commission