

December 20, 2021

New Bedford Conservation Commission 133 William Street Rm 304 New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

RE: Request for Determination of Applicability

Eversource Energy

ROW 143 Infrastructure Installation

Dear Commission Members:

In accordance with 310 CMR 10.00 Wetlands Protection act Regulations, Eversource Energy is submitting a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) and attached documentation for the proposed electrical infrastructure installation (Project) in New Bedford, MA. The Project site includes the existing Eversource right-of-way (ROW) off Flaherty Drive, shown on Figures 1 and 2, and is surrounded by wooded land and commercial buildings.

The proposed project would include the installation of distribution poles, riser poles and entrenched underground conduit to provide service to a new customer. All workspace would be in uplands and within the existing Eversource ROW.

A survey for aquatic resources identified two bordering vegetated wetlands west and southwest of the project area. No activities are proposed within Resource Areas, however portions of the project would be located within 100-foot Buffer Zone.

Eversource respectfully requests the Conservation Commission concurrence with a finding that the project area depicted on plans and the project work described herein are not subject to jurisdiction under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Documentation to support this RDA notification is attached and includes:

- WPA Form 1 RDA
- Figure 1 USGS Locus Map
- Figure 2 Aquatic Resources Map

If you have any questions or require any addition information, please contact me at (508) 270-6505 or via email at episkura@kleinfelder.com.

Respectfully yours,

Eiles Pisken

Eileen Piskura

Environmental Permitting Lead

cc. James Clancy, Eversource



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WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act M.G.L. c. 131, §40

A. General Information

Important: When filling out 1. forms on the computer, use only the tab key to move your cursor - do not use the return





| 1. | Applicant: | | | |
|---|--|----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| James Clancy james | | iames.clanc | es.clancy@eversource.com | |
| | Name | E-Mail Address | | |
| | 247 Station Drive, SE270 | | | |
| | Mailing Address | | | |
| | Westwood | MA | 02090 | |
| | City/Town | State | Zip Code | |
| | (718) 441-8159 | | | |
| | Phone Number | Fax Number (if | applicable) | |
| 2. | Representative (if any): | | | |
| | Kleinfelder | | | |
| | Firm | | | |
| | Eileen Piskura | episkura@k | leinfelder.com | |
| | Contact Name | E-Mail Address | | |
| | 4 Technology Drive, Suite 110 | | | |
| | Mailing Address | | | |
| | Westborough | MA | 01581 | |
| | City/Town | State | Zip Code | |
| | (508) 270-6505 | <u> </u> | | |
| | Phone Number | Fax Number (if | applicable) | |
| B . | . Determinations | | | |
| 1. | . I request the New Bedford make the following determination(s). Check any that apply: Conservation Commission | | | |
| | a. whether the area depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below is an area subject to jurisdiction of the Wetlands Protection Act. | | | |
| | b. whether the boundaries of resource area(s) depicted on plan(s) and/or map(s) referenced below are accurately delineated. | | | |
| c. whether the work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the Wetlands Protection | | | Wetlands Protection Act. | |
| | d. whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) referenced below is subject to the jurisdiction of any municipal wetlands ordinance or bylaw of: | | | |
| | Name of Municipality | | | |
| | e. whether the following scope of alternatives is adeq depicted on referenced plan(s). | uate for work in the | e Riverfront Area as | |



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C. Project Description

| a. Project Location (use maps and plans to ider | ntify the location of the area subject to this request): | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Flaherty Drive | New Bedford | | | | |
| Street Address | City/Town | | | | |
| 133 | 54 | | | | |
| Assessors Map/Plat Number | Parcel/Lot Number | | | | |
| b. Area Description (use additional paper, if nec | b. Area Description (use additional paper, if necessary): | | | | |
| The project area is located on an existing Eversource right-of-way (ROW). The area ia surrounded by forest and commercial buildings. Bordering Vegetated Wetlands were delineated north and southwest of the project area and the majority of the project area falls within the 100-foot buffer of the delineated wetlands. | | | | | |
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| c. Plan and/or Map Reference(s): | | | | | |
| USGS Locus Map | November 2021 | | | | |
| Title | Date | | | | |
| Aquatic Resources Map | November 2021 | | | | |
| Title | Date | | | | |
| Title | Date | | | | |

2. a. Work Description (use additional paper and/or provide plan(s) of work, if necessary):

Eversource proposes to install five distribution poles, four riser poles, and approximately 275 linear feet of entrenched underground conduit within approximately linear 300 feet of Eversource's existing right-of-way (ROW) in order to supply power to a new customer. The project is located within Dartmouth and New Bedford, MA. All workspace will be in uplands and within the existing, cleared ROW, which is approximately 150 feet wide. Portions of the project are within the 100-foot buffer of bordering vegetated wetlands but no wetlands or other aquatic resources will be directly impacted. Approximately 65 linear feet of the project, consisting of entrenched conduit, is proposed in New Bedford and of that 65 feet, 33 feet are within wetland buffer. Eversource intends to construct this project as soon as all clearances are issued and expects to complete construction in winter 2022. Access will be from Flaherty Drive and along an existing access road within the ROW, no new access roads or access road improvements are required. Staging for construction materials will also be located in uplands within the existing ROW. All disturbed areas will be restored using Eversource's standard post-construction best management practices.



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C. Project Description (cont.)

b. Identify provisions of the Wetlands Protection Act or regulations which may exempt the applicant from having to file a Notice of Intent for all or part of the described work (use additional paper, if necessary).

310 CMR 10.02(2)(a)2 of the Wetland Protection Act states that activities conducted to maintain, repair or replace, but not substantially change or enlarge an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, sewer, telephone, telegraph and other communication services, provided that said work utilizes best practical measures to avoid or minimize impacts to wetland resource areas outside the footprint of said structure or facility. Eversource is proposing this infrastructure installation to provide a new customer with service, but will not enlarge their facilities as all construction activities and infrastructure will be contained within the existing Eversource ROW.

| | wit | hin the existing Eversource ROW. |
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| 3. a. If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the Riverfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project. | | If this application is a Request for Determination of Scope of Alternatives for work in the terfront Area, indicate the one classification below that best describes the project. |
| | | Single family house on a lot recorded on or before 8/1/96 |
| | | Single family house on a lot recorded after 8/1/96 |
| | | Expansion of an existing structure on a lot recorded after 8/1/96 |
| | | Project, other than a single-family house or public project, where the applicant owned the lot before 8/7/96 |
| | | New agriculture or aquaculture project |
| | | Public project where funds were appropriated prior to 8/7/96 |
| | | Project on a lot shown on an approved, definitive subdivision plan where there is a recorded deed restriction limiting total alteration of the Riverfront Area for the entire subdivision |
| | | Residential subdivision; institutional, industrial, or commercial project |
| | | Municipal project |
| | | District, county, state, or federal government project |
| | | Project required to evaluate off-site alternatives in more than one municipality in an Environmental Impact Report under MEPA or in an alternatives analysis pursuant to an application for a 404 permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or 401 Water Quality Certification from the Department of Environmental Protection. |
| | | Provide evidence (e.g., record of date subdivision lot was recorded) supporting the classification ove (use additional paper and/or attach appropriate documents, if necessary.) |



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Name and address of the property owner:

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D. Signatures and Submittal Requirements

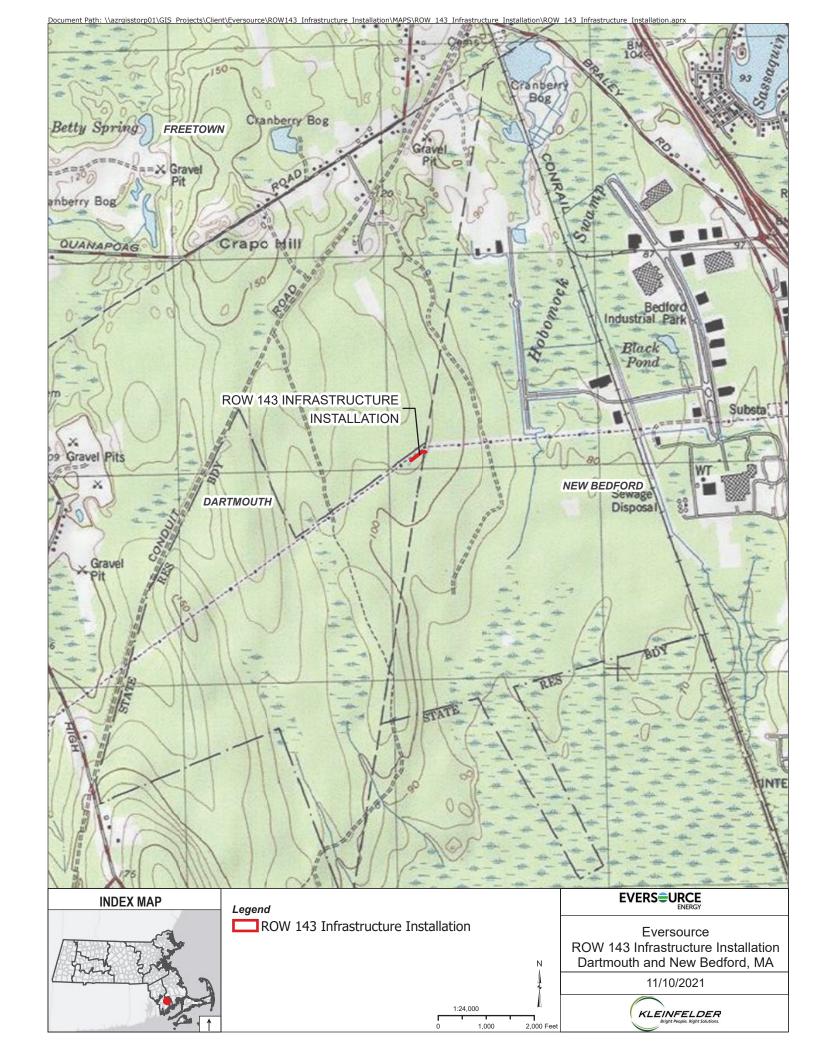
I hereby certify under the penalties of perjury that the foregoing Request for Determination of Applicability and accompanying plans, documents, and supporting data are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

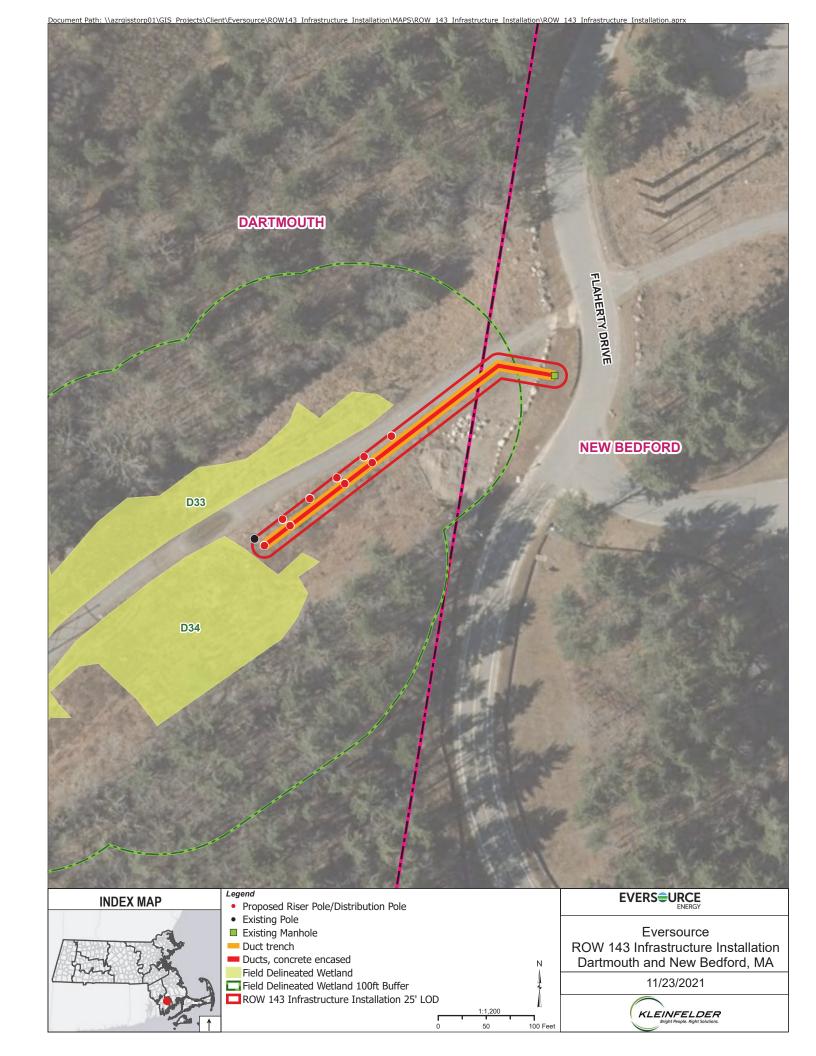
I further certify that the property owner, if different from the applicant, and the appropriate DEP Regional Office were sent a complete copy of this Request (including all appropriate documentation) simultaneously with the submittal of this Request to the Conservation Commission.

Failure by the applicant to send copies in a timely manner may result in dismissal of the Request for Determination of Applicability.

| James Clancy | |
|--|-----------|
| Name | |
| 247 Station Drive, SE270 | |
| Mailing Address | |
| Westwood | |
| City/Town | |
| MA | 02090 |
| State | Zip Code |
| Signatures: also understand that notification of this Request will be a accordance with Section 10.05(3)(b)(1) of the Wetland | |
| Jours C. Che | 12/1/2021 |
| Signature of Applicant | Date |
| Eiler Pisken | 12/1/2021 |
| Signature of Representative (if any) | Date |
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FIGURES





CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST



City of New Bedford REQUEST for a CERTIFIED ABUTTERS LIST

This information is needed so that an official abutters list as required by MA General Law may be created and used in notifying abutters. You, as applicant, are responsible for picking up and paying for the certified abutters list from the assessor's office (city hall, room #109).

| SUBJECT P | ROPERT | ГҮ | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--|
| MAP# | 133 | | LOT(S)# | 54 | |
| ADDRESS: (| | tente Blvd rd, MA. 02740 | | | |
| OWNER IN | | | | | |
| NAME: Acu | ıshnet | Company | | | |
| MAILING A | MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 965 Fairhaven, MA 02719 | | | | |
| APPLICANT | r/cont | ACT PERSON INFORMA | TION | | |
| NAME (IF D | DIFFERE | NT): Eileen Piskura | | | |
| MAILING A | DDRESS | S (IF DIFFERENT): 4 Techr | nology Drive | e, Suite 110 | |
| | | Westbo | rough, MA | 01581 | |
| TELEPHON | TELEPHONE # 508-270-6505 | | | | |
| EMAIL ADD | EMAIL ADDRESS: episkura@kleinfelder.com | | | | |
| REASON FOR THIS REQUEST: Check appropriate | | | | | |
| ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPLICATION | | | | | |
| PLAN | PLANNING BOARD APPLICATION | | | | |
| ✓ CONS | ✓ CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPLICATION | | | | |
| LICEN | LICENSING BOARD APPLICATION | | | | |
| OTHE | OTHER (Please explain): | | | | |

Once obtained, the Certified List of Abutters must be attached to this Certification Letter.

Submit this form to the Department of City Planning, Room 303 in City Hall, 133 William Street, or Email to Angela.Goncalves@newbedford-ma.gov. The applicant is responsible for picking up and paying for the certified abutters list from the Assessor's Office (city hall, room #109).

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As Administrative Assistant to the City of New Bedford's Board of Assessors, I do hereby certify that the names and addresses as identified on the attached "abutters list" are duly recorded and appear on the most recent tax.

| Michael J. Motta | Michael Motta Date: 2021.12.15 16:12:02 -05'00' | 12/15/2021 |
|------------------|---|------------|
| Printed Name | Signature | Date |

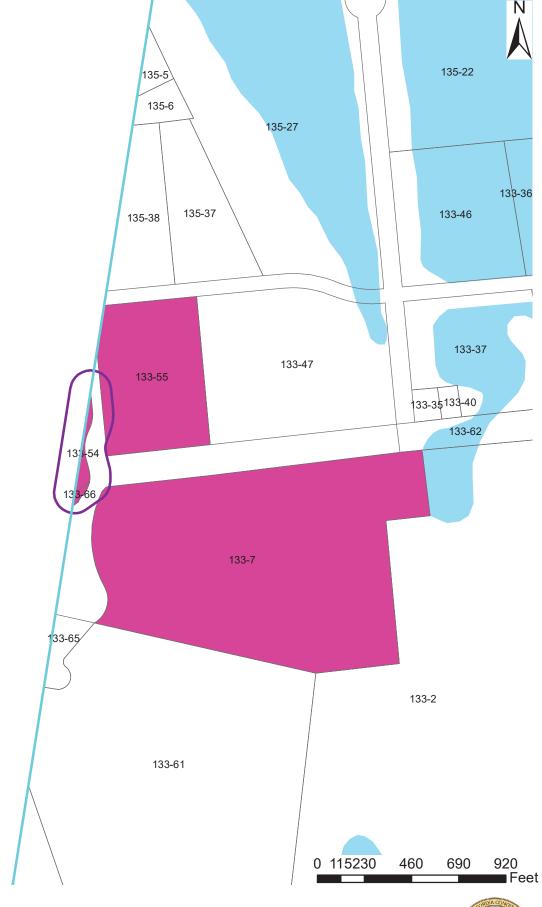
| Amount Due | \$5.00 |
|---------------------|------------|
| Date Paid | 12/15/2021 |
| Confirmation Number | 3501555 |

December 14, 2021 Dear Applicant,

Please find below the List of Abutters within 100 feet of the property known as <u>John Vertente Blvd (Map: 133, Lot: 54)</u>. The current ownership listed herein must be checked and verified by the City of New Bedford Assessor's Office. Following said verification, the list shall be considered a Certified List of Abutters.

Please note that multiple listed properties with identical owner name and mailing address shall be considered duplicates and shall require only 1 mailing. Additionally, City of New Bedford-Owned properties shall not require mailed notice.

| Location | Owner and Mailing Address |
|--------------|---|
| SS JOHN | CONSOLIDATED EDISON DEVELOPMENT INC, |
| VERTENTE | 100 SUMMIT LAKE DRIVE - SUITE 410 |
| BLVD | VALHALLA, NY 10595-1373 |
| 960 FLAHERTY | AFC CABLE SYSTEMS INC, |
| DR | 260 DUCHAINE BOULEVARD |
| | NEW BEDFORD, MA 02745 |
| SS JOHN | ACUSHNET COMPANY, C/O SUE BRENNER |
| VERTENTE | P O BOX 965 |
| BLVD | FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719-0965 |
| 214 SAMUEL | EASTERN FISHERIES INC. |
| BARNETT BLVD | 11 HERVEY TICHON AVENUE |
| | NEW BEDFORD, MA. 02740 |
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City of New Bedford, Massachusetts Department of City Planning



Notification to Abutters under the City of New Bedford Wetlands Ordinance

In Accordance with the City of New Bedford Wetlands Ordinance (New Bedford Code of Ordinances Sections 15-101 through 15-112) you are hereby notified of the following.

| The name of the applicant is: Eversource |
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| The applicant has filed a Request for Determination of Applicability for the municipalit of New Bedford, Massachsuetts seeking permission to remove, fill, dredge or alter an area subject to protection under the City of New Bedford Wetlands Ordinance (New Bedford Code of Ordinances Sections 15-101 through 15-112). |
| The address of the lot where the activity is proposed is: Flaherty Drive |
| Assessor's Map 133 ; Lot 54 |
| Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined at the New Bedford Conservation Commission, City Hall, 133 William St. Room 304 New Bedford MA 02740 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. For more information call (508) 991-6188. |
| Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be obtained from either (check one) the applicant or the applicant's representative X by calling this telephone number _508-270-6505 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on the following days of the week: Monday through Friday. |
| Information regarding the date, time and place of the public hearing may be obtained from New Bedford Conservation Commission by calling 508-991-6188 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday. |
| Note: Notice of the Public hearing, including its date, time and place, will be posted in the City Hall not less than forty eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting. |
| Note: Notice of the Public Hearing including its date, time and place, will be published at least five (5) days in advance in the Standard Times. |
| Note: You may also contact the New Bedford Conservation Commission at 508-991-6188 for more information about this publication or the City of New Bedford Wetlands Ordinance |
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DEED

a corporation duly established under the laws of New Jersey, for consideration of \$209,000.00 and baving its usual place of business at 61 Vertente Boulevard, New Bedford, Massachusetts Bristol County, Massachusetts, for consideration paid,

grants to ACUSINET COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, with a usual place of business at 333 Bridge Street, Fairhaven, Massachusetts, 02719,

with quitelaim covenants

the land, with any buildings thereon, in New Bedford and Dertmouth, Bristol County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the northeast corner of the land herein described at a point in the southerly line of Samuel Barnet Boulevard and at the northwest corner of Lot B, as shown on plan of land hereinafter mentioned;

Thence SOUTH 08° 54' 00" WEST, in line of said Lot B, two hundred three and 86/100 (203.86) feet to a point;

Thence SOUTH 05° 29' 10" EAST in line of last-named lot, four hundred fifty-nine and 24/100 (459.24) feet to a point:

Thence SOUTH 08° 54' 00" WEST in line of last-named lot, one hundred ninety-seven and 53/100 (197.53) feet to land now or formerly of Poloroid Corporation:

Thence SOUTH 53* 50' 56" WEST, in line of last-named land, one hundred sixty-one and 51/100 (161.51) feet to land now or formerly of The Acushnet Company;

Thence NORTH 05° 29' 10" WEST, in line of last-named land, nine hundred thirty and 41/100 (930.41) feet to the southerly line of Samuel Barnet Boulevard;

Thence NORTH 84° 30° 50° EAST, in line of said Samuel Barnet Boulevard, two hundred thirty-eight and 65/100 (238.65) feet to Lot B, as shown on said plan, and the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 3.8 acres, more or less.

BEING shown as Lot C on plan of land entitled "Approval Not Required Plan in New Bedford, Massachusetts, drawn for Johnson & Johnson Professional, Inc., Scale: 1"=80", dated January 18, 1999 by Earle O. Phillips, Jr., Land Surveyor and filed in the Bristol County S.D. Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 142, Page 27.

FOR TITLE, see deed from the Greater New Bedford Industrial Foundation, dated September 21, 1978 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1769, Page 1060

SUBJECT to matters set forth in a deed dated September 21, 1978 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1769, Page 1060, to the extent that they may be in force and applicable.

SUBJECT to a one hundred fifty foot (150') wide easement to New Bedford Gas and Edison Light Company, as shown on said plan.

FEE INFORMATION



City of New Bedford Conservation Commission • Department of Environmental Stewardship

133 William Street · Room 304 · New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740 Telephone: (508) 991.6188

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2020 FILING FEE CALCULATION WORKSHEET*

| PROJECT LOCATION:Flahe | erty Drive | |
|--|---|-----------------------|
| MAP(S)133 | LOT(S)54 | |
| APPLICANT: Eversource | | |
| CONSERVATION COMMISSI | ON APPLICATION TYPE: | |
| (x) REQUEST FOR DETERI () NOTICE OF INTENT () AMENDED ORDER OF () EXTENSION PERMIT () CERTIFICATE OF COM | | |
| \$200.00 plus the applicable | of a project proposed in a Wetland Resource Area alteration fee as follows: | AMOUNT DUE: |
| Application and Field Control | d Review Fee (\$200.00) SF Wetland Resource Area | <u>\$200.00</u> \$ |
| | SF Wetland Resource Area \$2000.00 per project | \$ |
| \$0.05 X | SF of Isolated Land Subject to Flooding, ect to Flooding or Land Subject to Coastal | \$ |
| Fee shall not exceed | | A |
| | SF of altered 25' Riverfront Area | \$ |
| Fee shall not exceed | SF of undeveloped 25' Riverfront Area | \$ |
| \$1.00 X Fee shall not exceed | | ۶ |
| | LF of Coastal or Inland Bank | \$ |
| Fee shall not exceed | | ٧ |



| • \$0.10 X 660 SF of Buffer Zone altered | \$ _ 266.00 |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Fee shall not exceed \$6,500.00 | ċ |
| \$10.00 X LF of dock \$10.00 X acres of aquaculture | \$ |
| (B) EXTENSION OF AN ORDER OF CONDITIONS: | |
| Single family dwelling, or minor project (house addition, in ground | |
| dock etc.) = \$200.00 | \$ \$ |
| Subdivision, commercial or industrial project = \$400.00 | \$ |
| (C) AMENDING A PERMIT | |
| Single family dwelling or minor project (house addition, in ground dock etc.) = \$200.00 + new alteration fee – refer to (A) above | pool |
| Subdivision, commercial or industrial project = \$500.00 + new alto fee – refer to (A) above | eration \$ |
| (D) WETLAND DELINEATION VERIFICATION (with or without p • ½ acre or less | roposed alteration <u>)</u> |
| • ½ acre to 2 acres = \$500.00 (\$100/acre thereafter) not to exceed | \$3,500 \$ |
| (E) CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE | |
| One new house = \$250.00 | \$ |
| One activity at an existing house = \$150.00 | \$ |
| Residential or Commercial docks = \$200.00 | \$ |
| Commercial & Industrial Facilities = \$1,500.00 | \$ |
| New Roadways & Associated Stormwater Mgt. Systems = \$1,500. | 00 \$ |
| Partial Certificates of Compliance have the same fee as a Certificate But you only pay the fee once (you do not pay double to obtain a ful of Compliance. | • |
| (F) AFTER THE FACT FILING FEE | |
| Notice of Intent or Amended Order of Conditions = \$500.00 | \$ |
| Request for a Determination of Applicability = \$250.00 | \$ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: | \$_266.00 |
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Notes:

*Please refer to the Conservation Commission fee schedule – dated 02/2020

Please make check or Money Order payable to the <u>City of New Bedford</u> Cash is not accepted.

