

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD**

**DECISION REGARDING
CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE WORK
IN THE SHORELAND ZONE**

Procedural Background

By letter dated March 4, 2009 Central Maine Power Company (CMP) submitted a shoreland zoning permit application for the portion of the proposed Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) located in Dixfield, which involves the construction of a new 115 kilovolt (kV) electric transmission line identified as Section 243A and the rebuild of the existing 115 kV electric transmission line identified as Section 229. The proposed activities in Dixfield will take place within approximately 2,000 feet of existing CMP transmission line corridor that runs from the Peru/Dixfield town boundary at the Androscoggin River to the Dixfield/Canton town boundary. The project is further described in the application package dated March 2009.

The Town of Dixfield Planning Board held a public meeting on April 16, 2009, at the Ludden Memorial Library, 42 Main Street. Notice of the meeting was provided to the public and to the owners of land abutting the project location. Representatives of CMP presented the application and answered questions from members of the Planning Board. No one from the public attended.

Findings of Fact

The Planning Board adopts as findings the factual information contained in the application and its accompanying materials and related submissions.

Conclusions of Law

The Planning Board adopts the conclusions contained in the application and its accompanying materials with respect to the land use standards and the approval standards.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, CMP's application is APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:

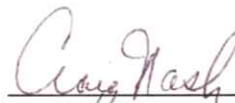
1. This permit shall not take effect until CMP has obtained the following state and federal permits required for this project: Maine PUC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, Maine DEP Site Location of Development Law, Maine DEP Natural Resources Protection Act, and Army Corps of Engineers § 404 Clean Water Act. CMP shall promptly submit copies of such permits to the Town, and the date of such submission shall be

considered both this permit's effective date and the "date of the permit," as that term is used in Section 16(E) of the Dixfield Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

2. If no substantial start on construction is made within one year of the date of the permit, the permit shall expire. Due to the nature and scope of the MPRP project, the Board recognizes that a one-year timeline to begin construction of that portion of the MPRP in the Town of Dixfield may not be achievable. Therefore, the Board orders that, to expedite review, if no substantial start has been made within the first year after the effective date of this permit, this permit shall be extended for one additional year, provided that CMP submits a letter to the Code Enforcement Officer at least 30 days prior to the initial expiration of this permit certifying that all information contained in its application and presented to the Board is still materially correct and complete.
3. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal by filing a written notice of appeal to the Board of Appeals within 30 days of the date of the Planning Board's decision.

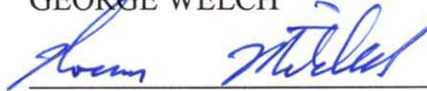
All concurring.

DATED: April 16, 2009



CRAIG NASH, Chair

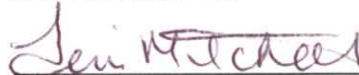
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