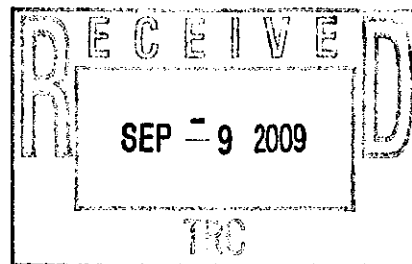


TOWN OF DIXMONT, MAINE
PLANNING BOARD



DECISION REGARDING
CENTRAL MAINE POWER COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR
ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION LINE WORK

Procedural Background

Central Maine Power Company (CMP) has submitted a consolidated site plan review and shoreland zoning application for the portion of the proposed Maine Power Reliability Program (MPRP) located in Dixmont, which involves upgrades in the approximately 6.5 miles of CMP transmission line corridor that runs through the Town from Troy southeasterly to Monroe. These upgrades include:

- Rebuilding the existing Section 203 115 kV electrical transmission line. The Section 203 transmission line, which is currently on the south side of the corridor and runs on H-frame structures which are typically 45 feet above ground, will be removed. It will be rebuilt on the north side of the corridor. The new Section 203 structures will be of a single-pole design and will typically be 75 feet above ground.
- Installing a new 345 kV transmission line, Section 3023. The new Section 3023 345 kV transmission line will run on H-frame structures which will typically be 75 feet above ground.
- Additional clearing in some portions of the existing corridor.

The project is further described in the application package dated May 2009.

The Town of Dixmont Planning Board considered the application at a public meeting. Representatives of CMP presented the application and answered questions from members of the Planning Board.

Findings of Fact

The Planning Board adopts as findings the ~~findings~~ information contained in the ~~application~~ application including the revisions to Sections 9.2 and 9.3 of the site review application made by the Planning Board at its meeting on August 11, 2009 and its accompanying materials and related submissions.

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Conclusions of Law

The Planning Board adopts the conclusions contained in the application including the revisions to Sections 9.2 and 9.3 of the site review application made by the Planning Board at its

meeting on August 11, 2009 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 (which includes Site Plan and Shoreland Zoning permits) 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, or August 11, 2013, whichever is earlier. CMP shall promptly submit copies of such permits to the Town. The earlier of the date of such submission or August 11, 2013 shall be considered this permit's effective date, the "date of the permit" as that term is used in Section 16(E) of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance, and the date the approval was "granted" as that term is used in Section 10.1 of the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

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2. As provided in the Shoreland Use Ordinance and the Site Plan Review Ordinance, if no substantial start on construction is made within one year of the date of this permit, this permit shall expire. Due to the nature and scope of the MPRP project, the Board recognizes that a one-year timeline to begin construction and substantially complete construction of that portion of the MPRP in the Town of Dixmont may not be achievable. Therefore, and for ease of administration of the multiple permits contained herein, notwithstanding any conflicting (earlier or later) expiration dates in Dixmont ordinances (including the provisions of Section 10.1 of the Site Plan Review Ordinance relating to substantial completion of construction), 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 Board 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.

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: *SEPTEMBER 08, 2009*

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