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RE: Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project: Sudbury, Marlborough, Stow and Hudson, MA
MHC #RC.62384, EEA #15703

Dear Ms. Bartone,

The Sudbury Historical Commission looks forward to receiving and reviewing the information and answers to the Commission's questions that were outlined in our June 17, 2020 letter to Eversource as well as information requested on September 17, 2019.

According to the VHB November 14, 2019 letter to the US Army Corps of Engineers, "An in-depth evaluation of eight alternatives was completed which considered several metrics..." and "...concluded that a new single-span bridge was the best alternative" to replace Bridge 127. The Commission requests a detailed description of each of the eight alternatives which were considered and why each alternative not chosen was not the "best" alternative, and why the "new single-span" alternate chosen was the "best alternative".

Also, please provide the Commission the following:

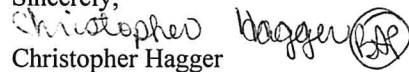
- Pre-Construction Notification filing with the US Army Corps of Engineers,
- MassDEP Chapter 91 licenses submission filed May 17, 2020 for the bridge work - Hop Brook Bridges #128 (SUD.900) and #127 (SUD.901),
- March 2020 DCR NOI Plans Sheet GW-05 (Boston and Maine Section Tool House - SUD.282),
- Current complete project sheet plans and specifications, including construction sheet plans, for the Eversource Sudbury-Hudson Transmission Reliability Project, as the plans previously provided to the Commission by Eversource are dated 2018,
- Appendix I and Appendix II of the Archaeological Intensive (Locational) Survey which were not included in the redacted copy of the Survey we received from Eversource, and
- Provide the "preliminary engineering review" of the Bridges #127 and #128 referred to in the April 21, 2017 ESFB Filing.

The Historical Commission requests that Eversource facilitate permission from the appropriate parties for Commissioners, accompanied by a person with historical railroad knowledge of the Mass Central Railroad in Sudbury, to conduct a site visit of the Central Massachusetts Railroad corridor along the route of the transmission line project in Sudbury to include surveying Hop Brook Bridges #128 (SUD.900) and #127 (SUD.901), the Boston and Maine Section Tool House (SUD.282) and railroad features along the ROW.

The Commission looks to continuing its consultation under Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, with Eversource. Our consultation focusing on the historical and archaeological resources impacted by the transmission line project, will include attention to the most current project plans for the avoidance and protection of the George Pitt Tavern Historic District (SUD.P) as well as plans for the Boston and Maine Railroad Section Tool House (SUD.282), Central Massachusetts Railroad historic district, and the Hop Brook Bridges 128 (SUD.900) and 127 (SUD.901).

Thank you for your timely assistance.

Sincerely,

 Christopher Hagger

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