



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Robert R. Scott, Commissioner

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
WATER DIVISION
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Wetlands Bureau (NHDES) is providing notice of a public hearing scheduled for June 1, 2023, commencing at 3:00 pm. The hearing will be held at the NHDES Pease Field Office, 222 International Drive, Suite 174, Room A, Portsmouth, NH.

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comments regarding NHDES application #2020-02959, submitted by the City of Portsmouth, requesting to replace a 6-mile cross-country drinking water transmission waterline that brings drinking water from the Madbury Water Treatment Plant to the Newington Booster Pump Station. The project will permanently impact 4,370 square feet within tidal waters to replace the existing subaqueous crossing of Little Bay from Durham to Newington. In addition, the project will temporarily impact a total of 78,460 square feet of jurisdictional area during construction, including 2,995 square feet within palustrine emergent wetlands, 26,595 square feet within the tidal buffer zone, 2,120 square feet within tidal marsh, and 46,750 square feet within tidal waters. Compensatory mitigation is proposed as a one-time payment into the Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) Fund within the Salmon Falls / Piscataqua River Watershed account. The location of the project is from Piscataqua Rd, Town of Durham tax map 12, lot 5-2 and tax map 12, lot 8-2, across Little Bay, to Fox Point Rd, Town of Newington tax map 1, lot 1-1.

The public hearing will be digitally recorded and made part of NHDES application #2020-02959.

Members of the public may submit written comments to be included in this application hearing as follows:

- Email: WetlandsApplicationPublicComments@des.nh.gov,
- First-class mail: NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095, or
- Hand-delivered during this application hearing.

All written comments must include NHDES application #2020-02959, to ensure the written comments are included in the record of this application hearing.

Prior to the conclusion of the hearing, a party may request the record be left open for a specified length of time for the filing of information not available at the hearing. Otherwise, the record will be closed at the end of the hearing.

The file will be made available for review at the offices of NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH during regular business hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To schedule an appointment to review the file, submit a request to: filereview@des.nh.gov.

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