

PLANNING BOARD DECISION

Property Ownership: Massachusetts Electric Company
170 Data Drive, Waltham, MA 02451

Applicant: Massachusetts Electric Company
170 Data Drive, Waltham, MA 02451

Application Type: **SITE PLAN REVIEW**

Project: **Temporary Mobile Substation**

Location: **0 – 14 Mill Street, Amesbury MA 01913**

Date: **November 10th, 2025**

A. GENERAL

On or about 9/29/2025, the Planning Board of Amesbury (the “Board”) received applications for Site Plan Review for property located at 0 Mill Street in Amesbury MA. The application was submitted along with a Site Plan (the “Plan”) titled “National Grid Temporary Substation” consisting of eleven (11) sheets prepared by Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, 480 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451 drawn on 9/9/2025. The application and supporting materials were submitted by Joshua Lee Smith of Bowditch & Dewey LLP, 446 Main Street, Suite 1101, Worcester, MA 01608 on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company (the “Applicant”).

The Board held the initial public hearing on 11/10/2025. The public hearing was closed and a decision was rendered on 11/10/2025. This is the Final Action of the Board (“Decision”) on the application for Site Plan Review.

B. FINDINGS

1. **Proposed Project:** The Applicant provided a Statement of Support (Exhibit #1) along with their request dated 9/29/2025. It outlines the background, purpose and project scope as intended in this Site Plan Application. The Applicant also provided a Site Plan (Exhibit #2) set that shows the alterations to the site required for the installation of the proposed temporary mobile substation. The Board relied on the representation in that letter and finds that the proposed project is necessary and desirable to the extent presented to the Board and as per plans provided to the Board.
2. **Stormwater Management:** The Applicant provided a letter dated 9/9/2025 to the Amesbury Conservation Commission (ACC) outlining stormwater management approach and erosion control measures that are being proposed by the project engineer (Exhibit #3). The Board did not require any additional supporting calculations verifying stormwater impact and proposed mitigation since the Applicant has proposed site restoration after this temporary use is decommissioned, as indicated in the application. Further, the Board finds that any stormwater impact would need to be addressed in the application to ACC and that it will rely on the approval by ACC relative to stormwater management.
3. **Public Impact:** The proposed use is temporary and the Applicant has stated that upon installation and start of service from the expanded substation and supporting infrastructure at the Hillside/Allenclore location in Amesbury, this temporary mobile substation will be decommissioned and removed. Additionally, the visual impact from this project on the abutters is proposed to be mitigated by a landscape buffer to screen the electrical equipment from public street. A landscape plan provided by the Applicant has been further revised by the Board to address visual impact concerns.
4. **Other Permits Needed:** The Board finds that the Applicant is responsible for requesting and getting approval for any other permits that may be required before commencing any construction on site. The Board has not determined which permits are needed except the Order of Conditions from the Amesbury Conservation Commission.

5. **Site Plan Compliance:** Based on the findings noted above and the information and details included in the application materials, the Board finds that the Project, as detailed in the project materials referenced in Exhibit 1 and as conditioned in this decision, constitutes a suitable development in compliance with the criteria and design performance standards set forth in the Zoning Ordinance – subject to the conditions and design performance conditions imposed in this decision to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

C. APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN APPLICATION AND CONDITIONS THERETO

After public hearing, upon notice in accordance with the statute (General Laws, Chapter 40A, section 11) and the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance, and after full consideration of the evidence presented, and upon the findings made by the Board as set forth herein, application for Site Plan Review for proposed Temporary Mobile Substation for National Grid Substation at 0 -14 Mill Street in Amesbury, MA is hereby approved for the premises described in the application upon the conditions that follow:

1. COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

The Project and all construction, utilities, roads, drainage, earth removal and filling and all related appurtenances with respect to the Project, shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations except as waived specifically by this Decision. The Applicant shall be responsible for acquiring all other local, state and federal permits and approvals as necessary to construct the Project as approved by the Board. Final action on all other permits shall be submitted to the Board for record, including any renewals.

2. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. **Allowed Activities:** This Site Plan Approval is for the activity associated with the installation of the temporary mobile substation only and does not authorize any activity associated with the physical removal of the existing substation electrical components or other site activities

including but not limited to alteration of river-bank, site grades or removal of vegetation. Any changes to the limit of work associated with the installation of the temporary mobile substation from that as shown on the plans presented to the Board shall require further review and approval by the Board.

2. **Buffers and Screening:** The proposed activities and temporary substation shall be screened with landscaped screening as per Landscape Plan modified and approved by the Board per this Decision. At a minimum all vegetation installed as per approved landscape plan shall be 8-12 feet in height at the time of installation.
3. **Restoration Plan:** The Site shall be restored to a natural state upon the decommissioning of the temporary substation. Any changes to the proposed restoration plan shall require approval by the Board.
4. **Environmental Impact Mitigation:** The Site Plan Approval is subject to the Order of Conditions issued by ACC. The Applicant's engineer shall provide written statement that the area being used for the installation of the temporary substation does not require any filling or alteration of floodplain areas along the Powwow River. Alternatively, if there is any alteration of the floodplain areas that results in the loss of flood storage capacity, then the Applicant shall provide plans and details to demonstrate satisfactory mitigation of such loss and subject to all applicable local and state regulations.
5. **Earth Filling and Removal Activities:** Any earthwork that requires the permanent storage of soils or earth material on site, shall be stabilized for the duration of time the temporary substation remains active with grass and seed mix to prevent any erosion or run-off and shall be subject to any local and state environmental regulations.
6. **Landscape Maintenance:** The landscape buffers shall be maintained at a minimum for the duration of the operation of the temporary substation and any damaged or dead plants shall be replaced immediately as per specifications outlined in the landscape plan.
7. **Perimeter Fencing:** Substation yard fencing will have the black slats and barbed wire, if any, will be vertical and not slanted.

8. **Lighting:** Any lighting at the facility shall be dark sky compliant, and
9. **Validity:** The Site Plan approval shall be for no more than three years from the date of issuance of this Decision. The Applicant shall be required to seek extension from the Planning Board if the temporary substation is not decommissioned and the site is not restored to its natural state within 30 months from the date of issuance of this approval.

Chair, Amesbury Planning Board

EXHIBITS

Exhibit #1

Statement of Support attached to the letter dated 9/29/2025 from Bowditch & Dewey LLP, 446 Main Street, Suite 1101, Worcester, MA 01608

Exhibit #2

Site Plan titled "National Grid Temporary Substation" consisting of eleven (11) sheets prepared by Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, 480 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451 drawn on 9/9/2025.

Exhibit #3

Letter dated 9/9/2025 to the Amesbury Conservation Commission from Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, 480 Totten Pond Road, Waltham, MA 02451.

Statement in Support of Massachusetts Electric Company
Application to City of Amesbury Planning Board for Site Plan Review Approval for
Temporary Mobile Substation Project at 0 and 14 Mill Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company ("MEC") seeks site plan review approval from the Amesbury Planning Board (the "Board") pursuant to Section XI.C of the Amesbury Zoning Ordinance (the "Zoning Ordinance") in connection with the installation and/or construction of a temporary mobile substation and substation-related equipment and facilities (the "Project") next to MEC's existing substation known as Amesbury Substation No. 5 (the "Substation") located at 0 and 14 Mill Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts (the "Substation Property").¹

I. Background, Purpose and Project Scope.

The Substation Property is owned by MEC and contains approximately 1.67 acres of land. The Substation Property is located partially in the Central Industrial ("IC") zoning district and the Central Business ("CB") zoning district and no overlay districts, and is surrounded by a mix of residential properties to the south and west, and is bounded by the Powwow River to the north and east. The Project will be located entirely within the IC portion of the Substation Property along Mill Street and Mill Street Extension and perpendicular to Valley Street.

The existing Substation has been in operation for over 100 years and is currently comprised of a control building and various substation-related equipment and facilities (e.g., transformers, circuit breakers, switches, dead-end structures, etc.) which are secured by a chain link fence that is 7 feet tall topped with 1 foot of barbed wire. MEC has determined that the existing Substation needs to be retired and eventually restored to its natural state. Because the retaining wall along the Powwow River that provides lateral support for the Substation is in a state of disrepair and the observed soil loss around essential equipment within the existing substation, a temporary mobile substation and related equipment and facilities (the "Temporary Substation") must be installed within a new substation yard to be located to the southeast of the existing Substation yard, in order to maintain safety of the site and the overall reliability of electric service for the City.

The Project involves the installation and/or construction of the following primary components: 1. approximately 60' x 118.5' (7,110 square feet) substation yard enclosed by chain link security fencing having a height of 8 feet plus 1 foot of barbed wire with 3 access gates; 2. temporary mobile substation and related equipment and facilities; 3. crushed stone fill and duct banks; and 4. curb cut with 24-foot wide crushed stone driveway. The Project also includes the 5. re-vegetation of re-graded areas and areas disturbed by construction; 6. minor excavation and grading; and 7. clearing of existing vegetation for Right of Way maintenance.

II. Requirement of Site Plan Review.

Sections XI.C and V.D Table of Use Regulations of the Zoning Ordinance require site plan review for limited public utilities use. The Project involves the installation and construction of a temporary mobile substation and related equipment and facilities, and, therefore, site plan review

¹ The Substation Property is shown on Assessor's Map 53, Lot 121, Map 53, Lot 123 and Map 53, Lot 124.

approval is required from the Board. The Project requires a waiver from the Board from the 25-foot continuous landscape buffer requirement, along with any other applicable waivers.

In addition, the Project requires a stormwater permit from the Board pursuant to Section 398-6 of the City of Amesbury Code, a rear yard setback variance from the Amesbury Zoning Board of Appeals, an order of conditions from the Amesbury Conservation Commission and a fence permit from the Amesbury Board of Fence Viewers.

III. Reasons for Site Plan Review Approval.

The Board should approve the proposed site plan and applicable waivers for the reasons set forth below.

A. Compliance with Development and Performance Standards.

Except as provided herein, the Project will comply with the development and performance standards set forth in Section XI.C.8 of the Zoning Ordinance.

1. Access and Traffic Impacts. A new curb cut and crushed stone driveway at the convergence of Mill Street, Mill Street Extension and Valley Street will allow vehicles to safely access the Temporary Substation. The new access will provide for safe and effective flow of traffic to and from the Substation Property, which is limited to service vehicles visiting the site to perform routine inspections, testing and equipment maintenance, as necessary. The Project will not result in a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians within or off the Substation Property. The Project will not create any line-of-sight hazards along streets. Because the Temporary Substation will be an unmanned electric substation facility and closed to the public, the Project will not result in increases in traffic volumes or negative impacts on adjacent streets and ways. Convenient, safe and adequate access for firefighting and emergency vehicles will continue to be provided up to the main substation gate.

2. Off-Street Parking and Loading. The Table of Off-Street Parking Regulations requires 1 parking space per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area for public utility uses other than office. The Table of Off-Street Loading Regulations requires 1 loading space per 75,000 square feet of gross floor area for public utility establishments with over 5,000 square feet of gross floor area. The Project does not include any structures with a gross floor area, and there are no proposed parking or loading spaces at the Temporary Substation. Moreover, these minimum parking and loading space requirements are not intended to apply to unmanned substation facilities, and the site is otherwise pre-existing nonconforming with respect to parking and loading. Designated parking and loading for this unmanned facility is not necessary due to the limited visitations to the site for routine inspections, testing and equipment maintenance, as necessary, the specialized vehicles that come to the site that do not require conventional, designated parking or loading spaces and the unique nature of the substation equipment and layout within the substation yard which limits areas for parking and loading.

3. Landscaping. Section XI.C.8.c of the Zoning Ordinance requires that a 25-foot continuous landscaped buffer strip be located between commercial and industrial districts and any residential districts and/or property lines. Due to setback clearance requirements, limited area for equipment and vehicular maneuverability within the site and other site constraints (e.g., overhead transmission lines, the Powwow River), the Temporary Substation must be located close to the street with no landscape buffer, and, therefore, the Project requires a waiver from the 25-foot landscape buffer requirement. The mobile substation itself will be a significant and safe distance from the public way and property lines and visually screened to the extent practicable by the new taller security fencing with tightly woven 1-inch mesh openings and re-vegetation of re-graded areas and areas disturbed by construction.

4. Site Plan and Architectural Design. The size, type, design, color, height, materials and location of the Project are consistent with industry and company standards, designs and practices applicable to electric substation facilities, and will adequately provide for all proposed and appropriate operations of the public utility use. The Substation Property is not within an historic district, contains no historic or cultural features, landmarks or designations and is not listed in the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places.

5. Stormwater Runoff and Erosion Control; Water Quality. Under existing conditions, runoff generally flows overland from west to the east/southeast towards the Powwow River. Under proposed conditions, runoff from the site will continue to flow overland west to east/southeast towards the Powwow River, similar to existing conditions. There will be no increase of volume or rate of surface water runoff to neighboring properties and streets, and downstream properties, water courses, channels and conduits will not be adversely affected by stormwater runoff as a result of the Project. In consideration of the proposed scope of work, temporary nature of the project, and goal to limit proposed work within the Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone, structural Best Management Practices are not proposed. Additionally, National Grid anticipates restoring the spare transformer site to pre-construction conditions once the temporary substation is constructed, which will help mitigate overall impacts within the Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone. See the submitted stormwater letter and supporting materials for additional information on the proposed stormwater management approach.

The design elements of the Project are consistent with the protection of groundwater quality and quantity. The Project use is not noxious, harmful or hazardous, will not involve the storage or generation of hazardous materials or wastes and will have no harmful or negative effects pertaining to pollution of surface water, waterways or groundwater. The Project will not negatively affect any public water, sewer or storm drainage systems.

During construction, erosion and sedimentation control measures are proposed to prevent the transport of sediment off-site. MEC intends to address construction-period impacts to the extent practicable using standard construction mitigation. The proposed design will prevent pollution of and degradation to surface water and groundwater, minimize erosion and sedimentation, and limit the potential for flooding. No sensitive environmental resources will be impacted.

6. Hazardous Materials and Explosive Materials. No hazardous wastes or explosive materials will be generated or disposed of on site. The Project is not located in a floodplain, Water Resource Protection District, aquifer protection zone or other environmentally sensitive area.

7. Lighting. There will be no deleterious effect on neighboring properties as a result of the proposed lighting for the Project. The proposed lighting will not result in any increase in impacts with respect to light or glare that would be noticeable by any abutting properties. This outdoor lighting will be mounted at heights that are sufficient and adequate for security and safety purposes and will be installed and directed in a downwards angle towards the substation equipment and facilities, and away from neighboring properties, and, therefore, compatible, and in harmony with, the surrounding properties. All proposed new lighting will be located a significant distance from the nearest public way and will comply with the City's standards. Minimal lighting may be left on overnight for safety and to deter trespassing.

8. Environmental Performance Standards. The Project will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, and will not create a nuisance, hazard, congestion or concerns pertaining to health, safety or general welfare. The Project will not result in any emission of odorous gasses, solid or liquid particles, dangerous radioactivity and any emissions from Temporary Substation use will be effectively confined to the premises. The Substation has existed at the site for decades, and the Temporary Substation will not cause substantial harm to the neighborhood or derogation from the purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance.

9. Noise. The Project will not result in excessive noise and will not exceed the maximum permissible sound pressure at the property line.

10. Utilities. Given the unique and utilitarian nature of the Temporary Substation and distribution lines associated therewith, the electric facilities, equipment and lines will continue to be placed both aboveground and underground.

11. Roadways and Sidewalks. The Project will not require new connections or tie-ins to any public water, sewer or storm drainage systems or roadway infrastructure, and, given that the Temporary Substation will be an unmanned facility, there will be no increases in traffic congestion, strains on parking or undue concentrations of the population. Based on the foregoing, no off-site improvements are proposed for public roads, sidewalks or other municipal facilities.

12. Specific Design and Construction Standards. To the extent applicable and practicable, construction specifications will comply with the standards in the Amesbury Subdivision Rules and Regulations, Massachusetts Highway Standards and/or standard engineering practices with the overall approach of limiting impacts within the resource area buffer.

B. The Site Plan minimizes traffic and safety impacts of the proposed development on adjacent highways or roads, and maximizes the convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement with the site.

The Project will not result in a nuisance or hazard to vehicles or pedestrians within or off the Substation Property. The Project will not create any line-of-sight hazards along streets. Because the Temporary Substation will be an unmanned electric substation facility and closed to the public, the Project will not result in increases in traffic volumes or negative impacts on adjacent streets and ways. Traffic generated by the Temporary Substation will be limited to service vehicles visiting the site to perform routine inspections, testing and equipment maintenance, as necessary. Convenient, safe and adequate access for firefighting and emergency vehicles will be provided up to the substation gate.

- C. The proposed development, to the extent feasible: (a) is integrated into the existing landscape; (b) minimizes adverse environmental impacts on such features as wetlands, floodplains, and aquifer recharge areas; (c) minimizes obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations; (d) preserves unique natural or historical features; (e) minimizes tree, vegetation and soil removal and grade changes; (f) maximizes open space retention; (g) screens objectionable features from neighboring properties and roadway; and (h) minimizes noise and odors associated with commercial/industrial activities.

There are limited natural features at the site, however, to the extent feasible, the Project will be integrated into the existing landscape. The mobile substation itself will be a significant and safe distance from the public way and property lines and visually screened to the extent practicable by the new taller security fencing with tightly woven 1-inch mesh openings and re-vegetation of re-graded areas and areas disturbed by construction along the side and rear property lines. The Project is not located in a floodplain, Water Resource Protection District, aquifer protection zone or other environmentally sensitive areas. The Substation Property is not within an historic district, contains no historic or cultural features, landmarks or designations and is not listed in the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS), the Inventory of Historic Assets of the Commonwealth, the National Register of Historic Places or the State Register of Historic Places. Vegetation and soil removal and grade changes will be minimized to the extent practicable. The Project will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Zoning Ordinance, and will not create a nuisance, hazard, congestion or concerns pertaining to health, safety or general welfare. The Project will not result in excessive noise or odors, and will not exceed the maximum permissible sound pressure at the property line.

- D. The architectural design of the proposed development is in harmony with the vernacular architecture of the City.

The size, type, design, color, height, materials and location of the proposed equipment and facilities are consistent with industry and company standards, designs and practices applicable to electric substation facilities, and will adequately provide for all proposed and appropriate operations of the public utility use.

- E. The proposed development is served with adequate water supply and waste disposal systems and will not place excessive demands on City services and infrastructure.

The Project proposes no bathroom facilities or waste disposal systems. The Project will place no demand on City services and/or infrastructure.

- F. The Site Plan shows or includes adequate measures to prevent pollution of surface or groundwater, to minimize erosion and sediments, and to prevent changes in groundwater levels, increased run-off and potential for flooding.

Under proposed conditions, runoff from the site will continue to flow overland west to east/southeast towards the Powwow River, similar to existing conditions. There will be no increase of volume or rate of surface water runoff to neighboring properties and streets, and downstream properties, water courses, channels and conduits will not be adversely affected by stormwater runoff as a result of the Project. The design elements of the Project are consistent with the protection of groundwater quality and quantity. The Project use is not noxious, harmful or hazardous, will not involve the storage or generation of hazardous materials or wastes and will have no harmful or negative effects pertaining to pollution of surface water, waterways or groundwater. The Project will not negatively affect any public water, sewer or storm drainage systems.

During construction, stormwater on the site will be controlled using approved erosion and sedimentation perimeter controls. Erosion and sedimentation controls on the site will utilize additional BMPs as set forth in MEC's Best Management Practices Manual for Massachusetts, including perimeter controls, a stabilized construction entrance, and stockpile stabilization. MEC intends to address construction-period impacts to the extent practicable using standard construction mitigation.

ISSUED FOR CITY OF AMESBURY REVIEW

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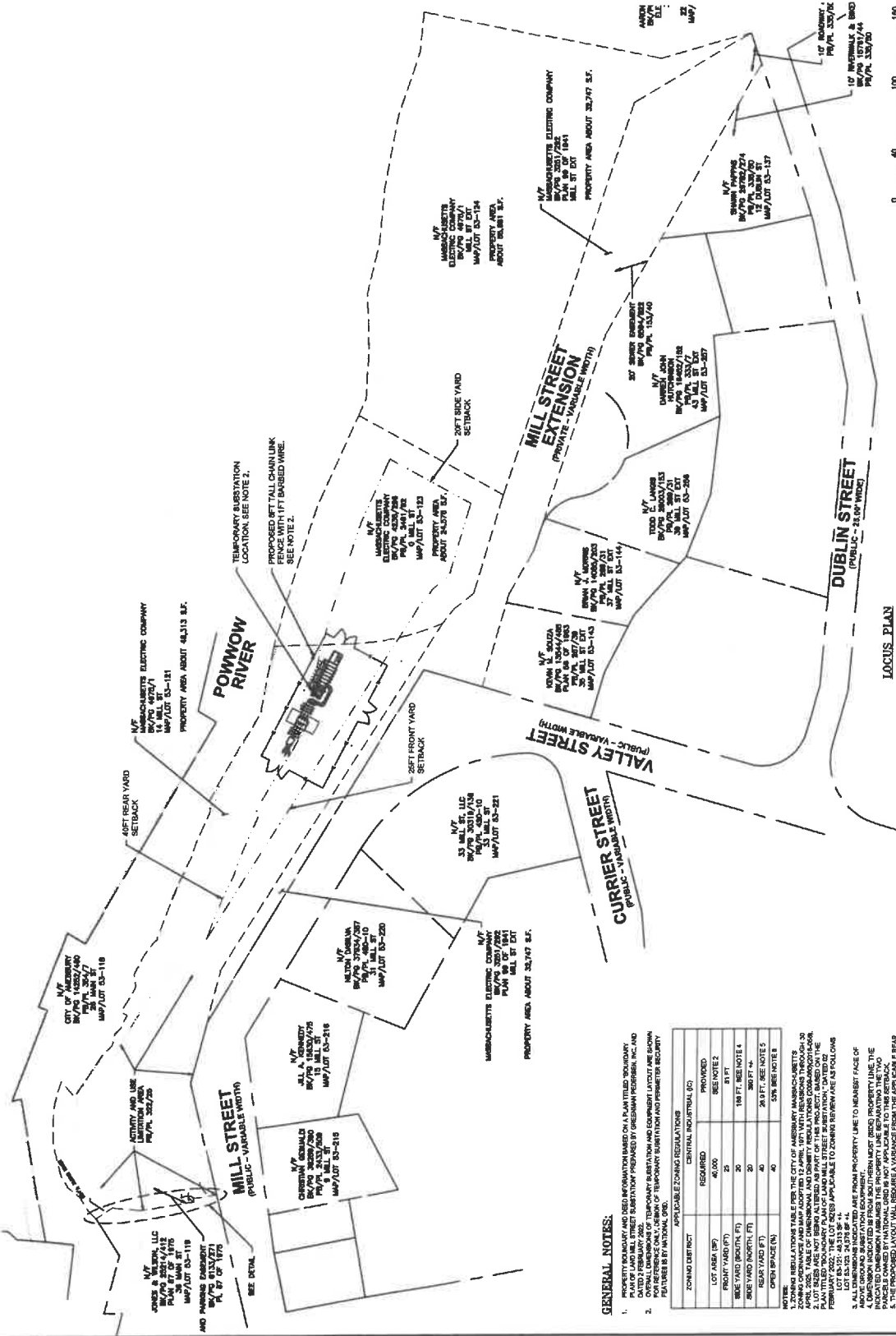
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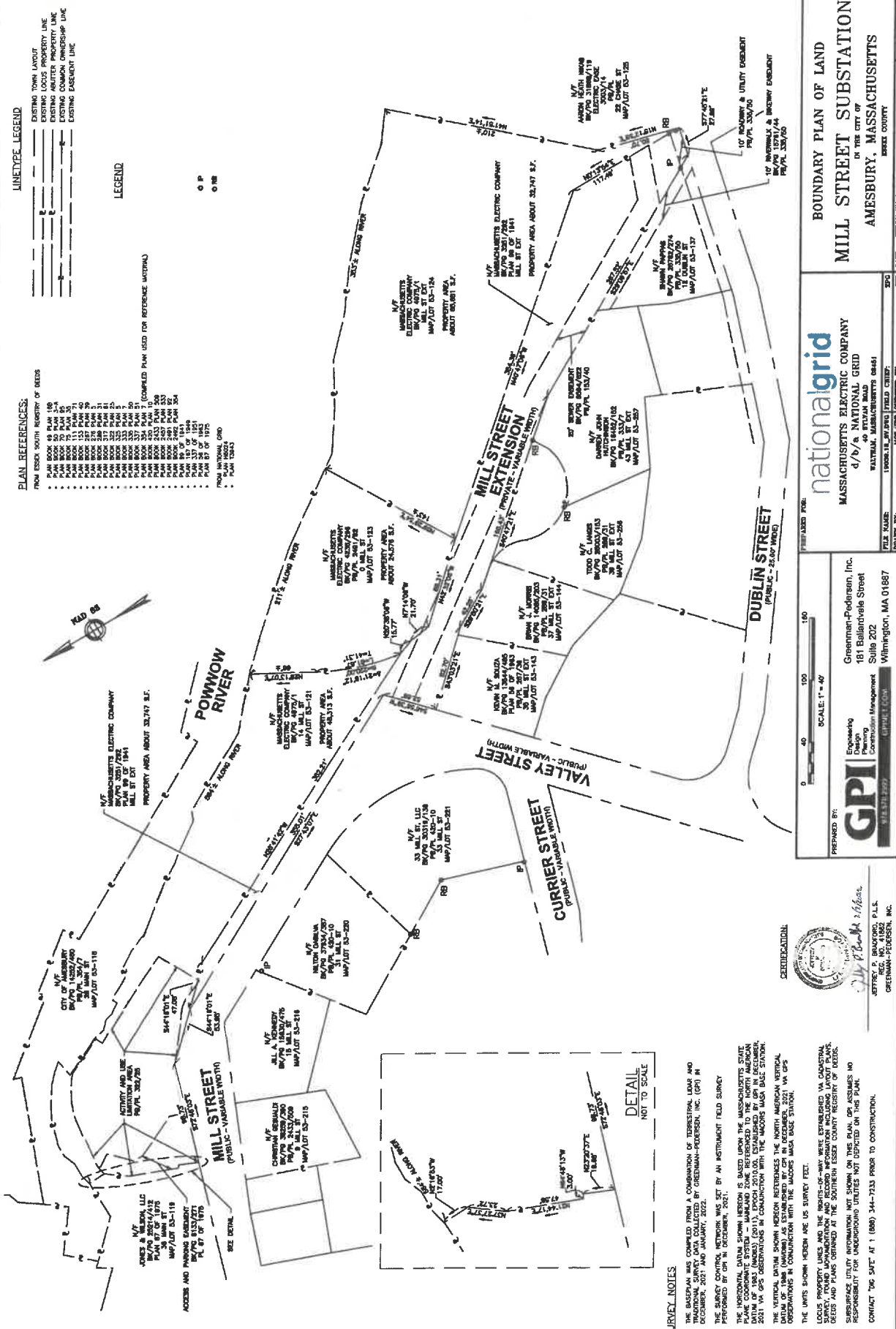
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GENERAL NOTES:

- PROPERTY RECORDS AND RECORD INFORMATION BASED ON 1/1/2023. PROPERTY RECORDS ARE BASED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 2023. TEMPORARY SUBSTATION PROPOSED BY (REDACTED) RECORDING, INC. AND (REDACTED) RECORDING, INC. ARE NOT BEING ALTERED AS PART OF THIS PROJECT. BASED ON THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 2023. THE LOT LAYOUT IS BASED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 2023. THE LOT LAYOUT IS BASED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 2023. THE LOT LAYOUT IS BASED ON THE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AMESBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, DATED FEBRUARY 2023.
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APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS	
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INDUSTRIAL (I-2)	REQUIREMENTS
LOT AREA (SQ. FT.)	40,000
FRONT YARD (FT.)	25
SIDE YARD (NORTH, FT.)	20
REAR YARD (FT.)	20
OPEN SPACE (%)	40



SURVEY NOTES

1. THE BACKGROUND WAS COMPILED FROM A COMBINATION OF TERRESTRIAL LEAD AND AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. THE DATA WAS PROVIDED BY DR. GREENMAN-FEDERSON, INC. (GFI) IN DECEMBER, 2021 AND JANUARY, 2022.
2. THE SURVEY CONTROL NETWORK WAS SET BY AN INSTRUMENTED FIELD SURVEY PERFORMED BY GFI IN DECEMBER, 2021.
3. THE HORIZONTAL DATUM SHOWN HEREON IS BASED UPON THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM - MARIANNA ZONE REFERENCED TO THE NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 (NAD83). THE VERTICAL DATUM SHOWN HEREON IS BASED UPON THE 2011 V.A. GPS OBSERVATIONS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM.
4. THE VERTICAL DATUM SHOWN HEREON REFERENCES THE NORTH AMERICAN DATUM OF 1983 (NAD83) AS ESTABLISHED BY GPS IN DECEMBER, 2021 AND JANUARY, 2022. THE UNITS SHOWN HEREON ARE US SURVEY FEET.
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6. LOCUS PROPERTY LINES AND THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY WERE ESTABLISHED VIA AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, TOPIC MAPS, DOCUMENTATION AND RECORD INFORMATION INCLUDING LOTARY PLANS, DEEDS AND PLATS OBTAINED AT THE SOUTHERN ESSEX COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS.
7. SUBSURFACE INFORMATION NOT SHOWN ON THIS PLAN OR ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DEPicted ON THIS PLAN.
8. CONTACT THE SGC AT 1 (800) 344-7233 PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

CERTIFICATION:



Jeffrey P. Bradford, P.L.S.
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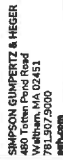
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MILL STREET SUBSTATION
IN THE CITY OF
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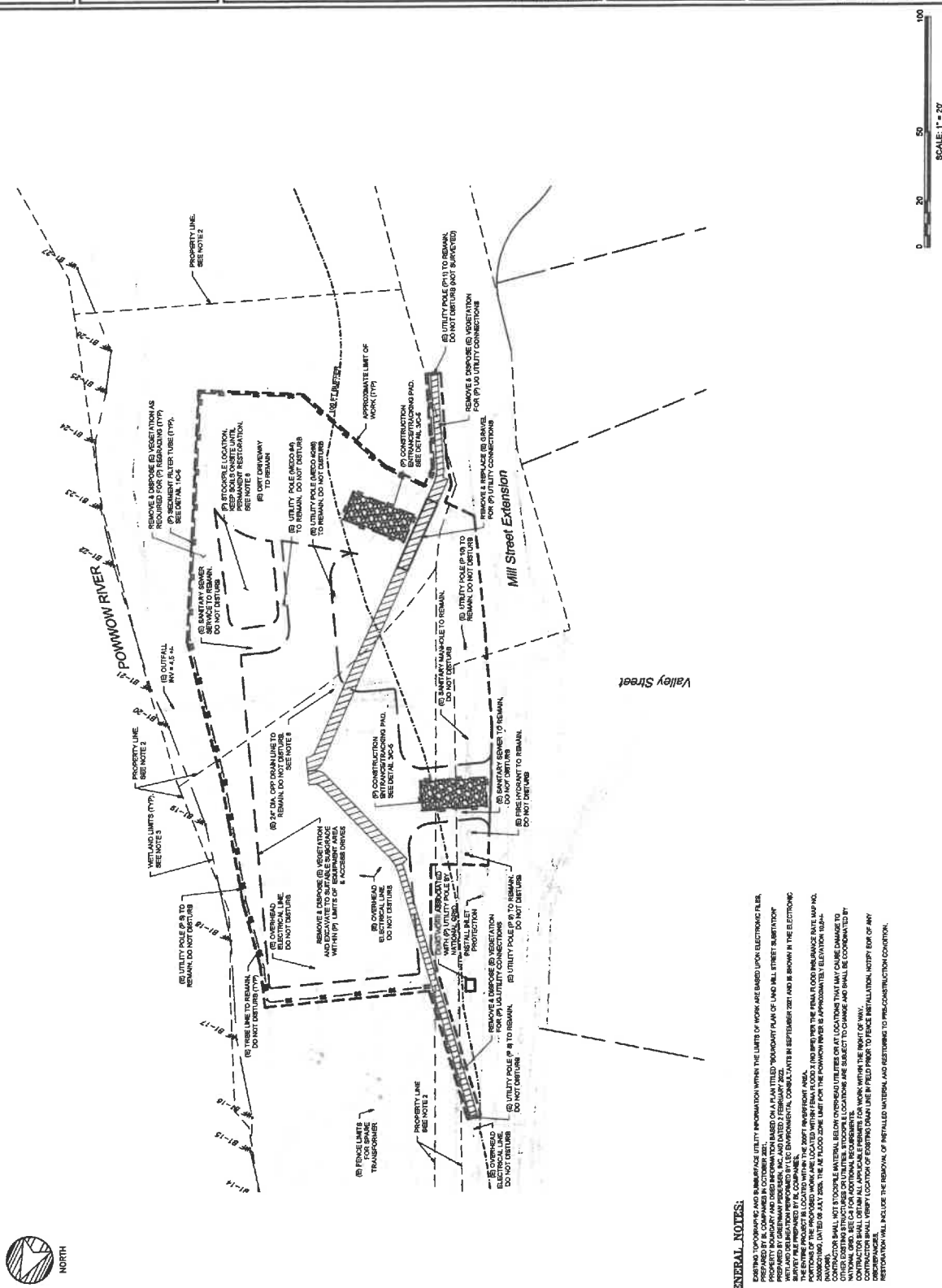
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Discussion Table

Project No.	211340.01	Checked		Date	09/09/2025
Drawn	BA	Approved	CAC	Scale	
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GENERAL NOTES:

- CONTAINING "TOP SECRET" AND "COMINT" INFORMATION WITHIN THE LIMITS OF KNOW ARE BASED UPON ELECTRONIC FILES, PREPARED BY OR COMPILED BY OR UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, AND ARE NOT TO BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY. ANY DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. ANY DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. ANY DISCLOSURE OF SUCH INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC OR TO ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.



Correspondent:

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**NATIONAL GRID
TEMPORARY SUBSTATION**
0 & 14 MILL STREET
AMESBURY, MA

Product

SITE PLAN

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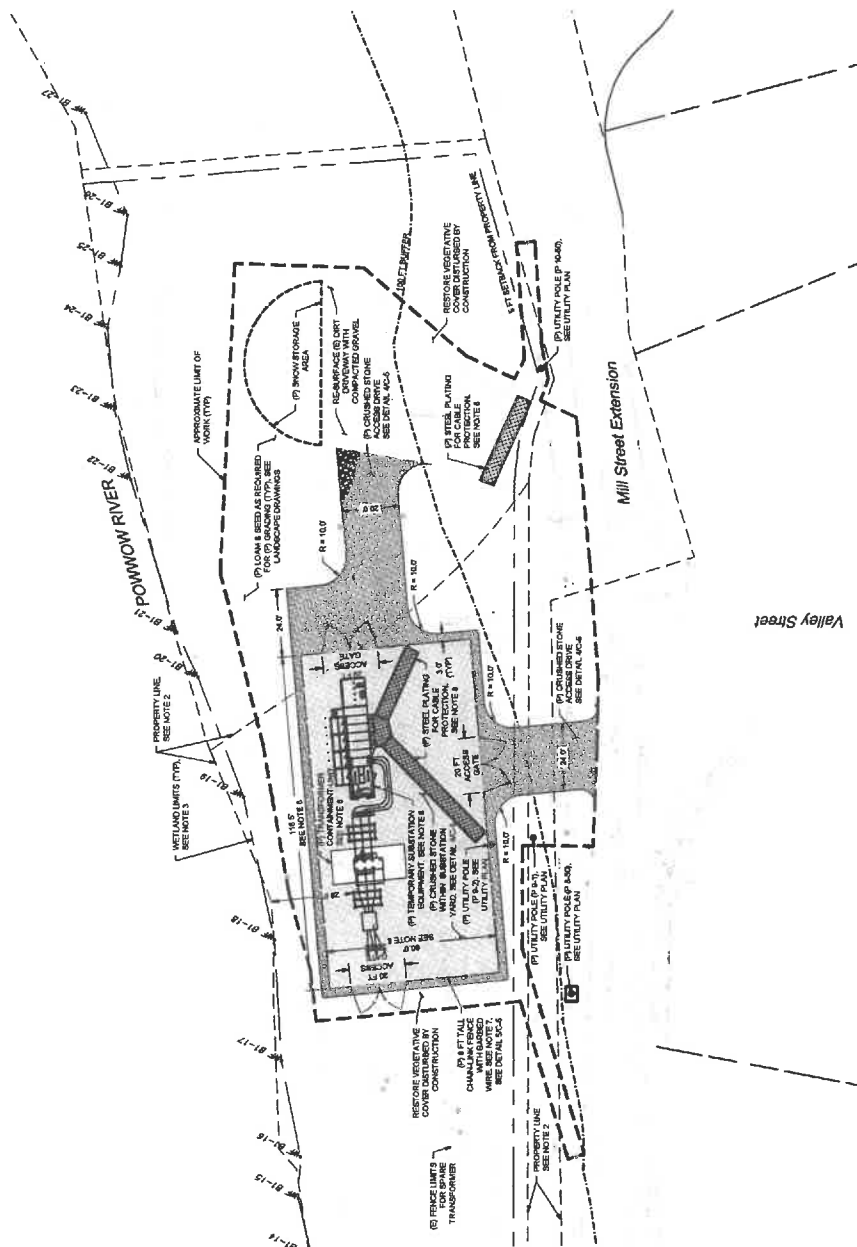
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ZONING DISTRICT	APPLICABLE ZONING REGULATIONS	
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REQUIRED	40,000	PROVIDED
LOT AREA (SF)		SEE NOTE 2
FRONT YARD (FT)	25	51 FT
SIDE YARD (SOUTH, FT)	20	118 FT, SEE NOTE 4
BACK YARD (NORTH, FT)	20	340 FT 14
REAR YARD (FT)	40	28.9 FT, SEE NOTE 5
OPEN SPACE (%)	40	55% SEE NOTE 6

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GENERAL NOTES:

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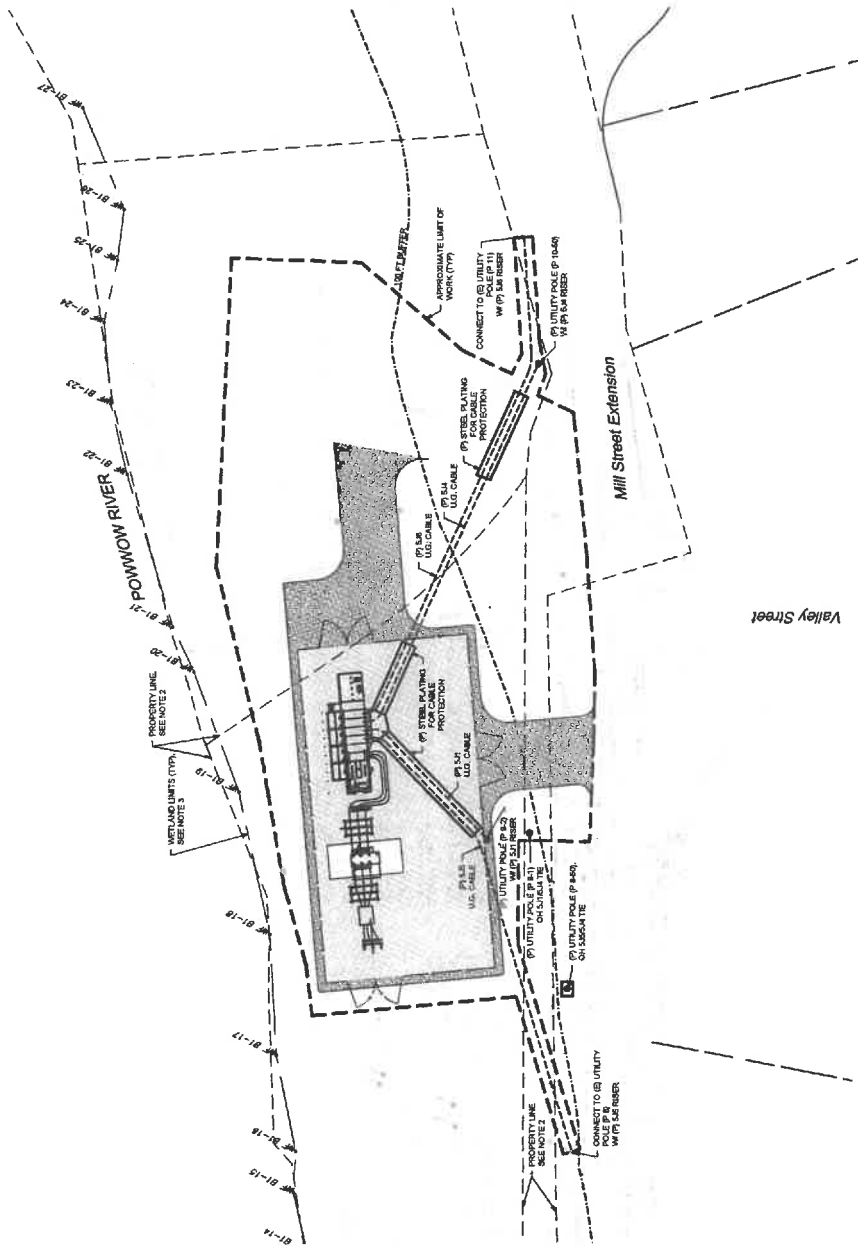
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GENERAL NOTES:

1. EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC AND SUBSURFACE UTILITY INFORMATION WITHIN THE LIMITS OF WORK ARE BASED UPON ELECTRONIC FILES PREPARED BY EL COMAPRES IN OCTOBER 2021.
2. THE EXISTING UTILITY INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM THE "SUMMARY PLAN OF LAND MILL STREET SUBSTATION" PREPARED BY GREENTOWN ENGINEERING, INC. AND DATED 1 FEBRUARY 2022.
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7. MATERIAL EXCAVATED OR UNDERGROUND CABLES SHALL BE BACKFILLED INTO TRENCH WITHIN THE EXCEPTION OF NEW BEDDING.
8. CONTRACTOR SHALL OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY PERMITS FOR WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY.



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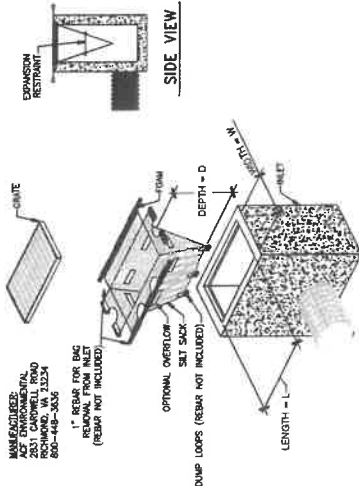
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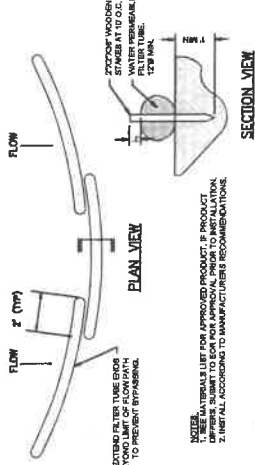
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- INSTALLATION NOTES:**
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 - MAINTENANCE: REMOVE ALL ACCUMULATED SEDIMENT AND DEBRIS FROM SURFACE AND VICINITY OF UNIT AFTER EACH RAIN EVENT. IF THE SACK IS FULL, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED. IF THE SACK IS DAMAGED, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED. IF THE SACK IS FULL, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED. IF THE SACK IS DAMAGED, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED.
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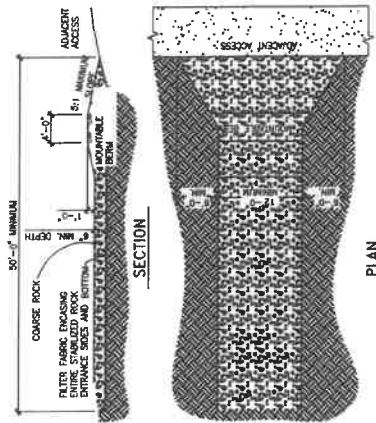
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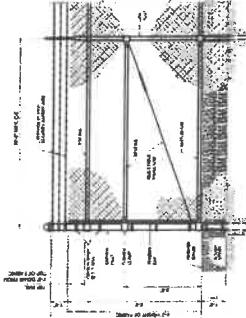
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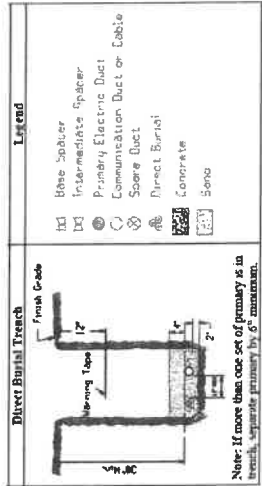
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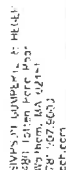
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5 DIRECT BURIAL TRENCH (BY NATIONAL GRID)

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- Legend**
- Base Spacer
 - Intermediate Spacer
 - Primary Electric Duct or Cable
 - Score Duct
 - Direct Burial
 - Concrete
 - Soil



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PLANTING NOTES:

1. SEE SHEET C-0 FOR GENERAL NOTES.
2. METALLO DETERMINATION PERFORMED BY LLC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS IN SEPTEMBER 2017 AND IS SHOWN IN THE ELECTRONIC SURVEY FILE PREPARED BY BL COMPANY.
3. THE ENTIRE PROJECT AREA IS LOCATED WITHIN THE 280FT RIVER FRONT AREA.
4. THERE ARE TWO EXISTING BUILDINGS LOCATED WITHIN FLOOD X (X-BF) AND FLOOD Y (Y-BF). TOTAL AREA UNDER THE FLOOD LOSS INSURANCE TIE IS 697 SQ. FT.
5. 250000210862, DATED 08 JULY 2022.
6. ALL PLANTING SHALL BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO SEEDING OPERATIONS.
7. SEED ALL DISTURBED AREAS WITH APPROVED SEED MIX.
8. NO SEEDING SHALL BE APPLIED PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE OF SEED MIX.
9. OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE.
10. SEEDING SHALL OCCUR AT THE TIME OF SEEDING AND CONTINUE AS OUTLINED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

SEED MIX:

REFER TO DOC.NO.: EG-303NE

PLAND ROW RESTORATION MIX - GENERAL

Species Composition Criteria:

Andropogon gerardii: Inga Big Bluestem
Schizanthium rogersii: Little Blue Stem
Elymus canadensis: Canada Wild Rye
Elymus virginicus: Virginia Wildrye
Lolium multiflorum: Annual Ryegrass
Cynodon dactylon: Pennycress
Andropogon furcatus: Inga Pate
Andropogon scoparius: Inga Pate
Desmodium canadense: Showy Tick Trefoil
Helicopsis halmimoides: Ox-Eye Sunflower
Panicum virgatum: Switchgrass
Rudbeckia hirta: Black Eyed Susan
Pos palustris: Fowl Bluegrass
Agrostis perennans: Upland Bentgrass
Agrostis alba: Redtop
Agrostis hyemalis: Wintergrass
Lolium complanatum: Bird-Foot Trefoil
Cynantherus lucasianus: Cow-Grass
Aster novae-angliae: New-England Aster

Example Seed Mixes

1. Native upland wildlife forage and cover: Meadow Mix - Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX-123)
2. Eastern Coyote Native Grass Mix - Ernst Conservation Seeds (ERNMX-177)
3. New England Native Warm Season Grass Mix - New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
4. New England Logging Road Mix - New England Wetland Plants, Inc.
5. Northeast Upland Wetland/Restoration Erosion Mix - Southern Tier Consulting

- Gross variables shall be within the top 50 percent and 25 percent respectively, of variables tested in National Turfgrass Evaluation Program, of currently recommended as low maintenance varieties by University of Massachusetts or the University of Rhode Island.

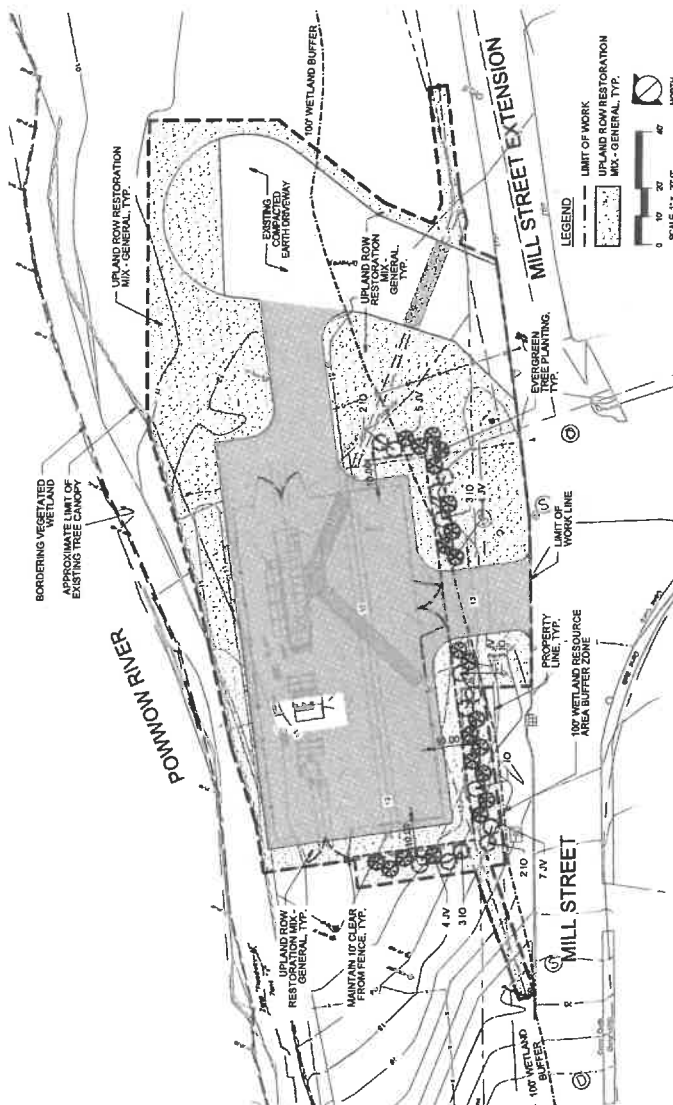
TABLE 1. CONTINUED

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, ALL DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE DECOMPACTED AND RESTORED WITH 8" OF TOPSOIL, SEED AND FERTILIZER.
2. CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WATERING REQUIRED TO RESTORE DISTURBED AREAS.



Topsoil Restoration

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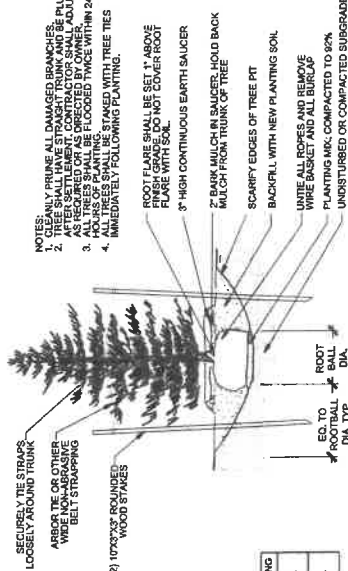
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---	LIMIT OF WORK
---	UPLAND ROW RESTORATION

	10	20	40
SCALE 1" = 750'			

NOTES:

1. CLEARLY PRUNE ALL DAMAGED BRANCHES.
2. TREE SHALL HAVE STRAIGHT TRUNK AND BE PLUMB AFTER SETTLEMENT. CONTRACTOR SHALL ADJUST AS REQUIRED OR AS DIRECTED BY OWNER.
3. ALL TREES SHALL BE FLOODED TWICE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF PLANTING.
4. ALL TREES SHALL BE STAKED WITH TREE TIES IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PLANTING.



Evergreen Tree Planting

SCALE: NTS

Plant Schedule

SCALE: NTS

PLANT SCHEDULE

SYM	ID	QTY	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	SIZE	SPACING
	10	14	ILEX OPACA	AMERICAN HOLLY	10'-12', B&B	8' O.C.
	11	22	JUNIPERUS VIRGINIANA	BRODIE REDCEDAR	10'-12', B&B	8' O.C.

9 September 2025

City of Amesbury Conservation Commission
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Project 211340.01 – Stormwater Management Summary for the National Grid Temporary
Substation Project, 0 and 14 Mill Street, Amesbury, MA

Dear Members of the Commission:

This letter summarizes the stormwater management approach for the above-referenced project.

1. BACKGROUND

The Amesbury No. 5 National Grid Substation is located along the Powwow River in Amesbury, Massachusetts. Beginning in December 2021, National Grid observed localized areas of subsidence (soil loss) within the existing substation. Accordingly, National Grid has completed subsurface investigations and equipment removal to mitigate potential issues with the soil loss. In February 2022, National Grid installed a spare transformer south of the existing substation to take on the load of Transformer T2, which was removed as part of the mitigative work.

In September 2024, National Grid observed soil loss at additional locations around essential equipment and closer to the existing retaining walls. The purpose of this project is to construct a temporary substation to the south of the existing substation so that all major equipment can be removed from the existing substation in response to the additional soil loss. The proposed temporary substation will serve as the primary substation until the electrical load can be transferred to the upgraded Hillside No. 66 Substation, located off Allenclair Drive, in late 2028 or early 2029 (design by others). The temporary substation will be deconstructed, and the site will be restored to pre-construction conditions once the new Hillside No. 66 Substation is operational.

The proposed work is located within the 200 ft riverfront area. Portions of the proposed work lie within FEMA Flood Zone X (no base elevation) per the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map Number 25009C0106G, dated 08 July 2025 (See Attachment 1).

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

We base our current understanding of the existing (pre-construction) site conditions on visual field observations, survey data, aerial imagery, and available record drawings.

The property is located off Mill Street in Amesbury, Massachusetts, within the Central Industrial (IC) Zoning District, per the City of Amesbury Zoning Map. The site generally consists of green space with an existing gravel access drive, and wooden utility poles with overhead wires that serve the existing substation. The project site is bounded by National Grid properties to the north (existing substation site) and south, the Powwow River to the east, and Mill Street/Mill Street Extension to the west. See Figure 1 for additional information.

Under existing conditions, runoff generally flows overland from west to the east/southeast towards the Powwow River. Existing slopes range from approximately 1 to 7%, with an average slope of approximately 4%. The National Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil data classifies site soils as Urban Land with an undefined Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG). See Attachment 2 for additional information.

3. PROPOSED CONDITIONS

The proposed temporary substation project consists of the substation equipment, security fencing and access gates, and crushed stone surfacing for equipment installation and access. The project also includes new underground utility connections from the equipment to existing and new utility poles. Under proposed conditions, runoff from the site will generally flow overland west to east/southeast towards the Powwow River, similar to existing conditions. Proposed grading is sloped uniformly within the temporary substation limits with a slope of approximately 1.5% +/-.

4. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT APPROACH

Ground cover characteristics under existing (pre-construction) conditions generally consist of grasslands and an existing gravel access drive, resulting in a weighted Curve Number (CN) of 50. The weighted curve number assumes a Hydrologic Soil Group (HSG) A classification based on soil data for the existing substation site, located to the north of the proposed substation. Proposed ground cover characteristics generally consist of the re-surfaced gravel access drive, 2-inch thick crushed stone over geotextile, vegetative cover, and impervious features associated with the substation equipment and associated utilities, resulting in a proposed weighted curve number of 65. The difference in CN between pre-construction and proposed conditions is mainly attributable to the assumed CN for crushed stone (CN = 77) relative to the existing grasslands (CN=39). This assumption for the curve number results in calculated proposed peak flow rates greater than existing rates.

In consideration of the proposed scope of work, temporary nature of the project, and goal to limit proposed work within the Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone, structural Best Management Practices are not proposed. Additionally, National Grid anticipates restoring the spare transformer site to pre-construction conditions once the temporary substation is constructed,

which will help mitigate overall impacts within the Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone until the Hillside No. 66 Substation is operational.

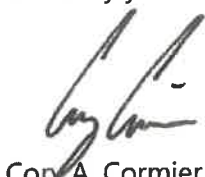
5. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROLS

Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) controls will consist of a sediment filter tube located on the downstream end of the site and the area adjacent to the riverbank. The E&S controls will be installed and maintained in accordance with National Grid's Environmental Guidance (Document No. EG-303). The project proposes to stockpile topsoil that is stripped from the site for the installation of the crushed stone. The stockpile will be surrounded by sediment filter tube and seeded, and will remain on site until the temporary substation is decommissioned and the site is restored. See Permit Plans for additional information.

6. CONCLUSION

It is our intent that the information presented herein provides the Conservation Commission with an understanding of the proposed stormwater management approach for the project. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



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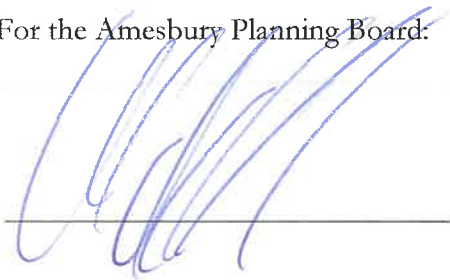
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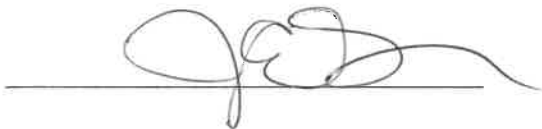
PLANNING BOARD VOTE:

On 11/10/2025 the Amesbury Planning Board voted to approve the Site Plan Review application for a temporary substation at 0-14 Mill Street in Amesbury MA subject to the findings, waivers and conditions noted in this Decision.

For the Amesbury Planning Board:



Filed with the City Clerk on December 1, 2025



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