

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 4:30 P.M. by Chairman Michael Cioper, Selectman Roger Cabral and Selectman Gaspar Meeting Minutes Approved- July 17, 2018 Regular Session & August 14, 2018 Regular Session

**MEETING MAIL**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

PAPER STREETS- There are many questions regarding the creation and discontinuance of private and public ways as well as damages which may be available where a way is discontinued. We have many paper streets. Some have been “accepted” others just laid-out. A determination has to be made as to the legal status, the necessity of the street and/or the proper sale or return of the land. Town Administrator Brian Noble spoke about some research that has been done on Rotch & Hindle Streets. The Selectmen will do some research on a case by case basis. At a previous meeting the Town Administrator suggested a proper committee be appointed. Selectman Gaspar stated he would like to keep Mr. Gomes as legal counsel on this matter and Mr. Noble spoke about access to land and will keep moving forward with direction from the Board of Selectmen. No Committee was appointed.

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE TO JT’S PUB RESTRICTED MUSIC LICENSE-JT’s Pub has requested to make a change to their current Entertainment License to include live music, they currently hold a license for a Juke Box and Television only. The Police Chief and Fire Chief have submitted letters for the Board to take into consideration of the request. Mr. Gonsalves came in to discuss what type of live music he plans on having, stated that he would like to offer his clients a one man acoustic scenario. Mr. Gonsalves has taken a crowd management training class and knows he will need to be mindful of his neighbors. The Board agreed that a restricted music license would be ok keeping that he is careful of his head count numbers. Mr. Noble is going to do some investigating on what other similar communities are doing with their music licenses and will bring Mr. Gonsalves back on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

AFSCME UNION CONTRACT APPROVAL-The AFSCME Union have not come to an agreement with the Town to changes in their current contract and have not agreed to sign their contract for another 3 years with some language changes at this time. It will be taken up at a future meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

EVERSOURCE ACUSHNET TO FALL RIVER RELIABILITY PROJECT- Eversource and National Grid are undertaking a joint project to extend Eversource’s 115 kilovolt transmission

line, known as Line 114, from Eversource's Industrial Park Tap in Acushnet to National Grid's Bell Rock Substation in Fall River. The new transmission line extension is 12.1 miles in length and will be located in an existing right-of-way. The Eversource portion of the new line is 7.9 miles and is located in Acushnet, Dartmouth & New Bedford. Their goal of keeping their customers and community leaders informed in the area is important. Communication with neighbors, public officials and other stakeholders will occur before construction begins and throughout the process. Representatives from Eversource are here to explain the project, Gary St. Fleur, Nathan Dennis and Bob Smith all presented info on the above. Please see attached power point. Eversource will be holding an informational meeting for residents on September 26, 2018 at the Council on Aging from 5-7 p.m.

**REQUEST FOR AN ONE DAY SPECIAL LIQUOR LICENSE FOR GIFTS TO GIVE-** Jim Stevens from Gifts to Give has requested a One Day Special Liquor License for September 15, 2018 at the Gifts to Give Headquarters located at 1 Titleist Drive, Acushnet. The Fire Chief, Police Chief and Bldg. Inspector have signed off on the request and the Liability certificate is in order. Selectman Gaspar motioned to approve the one day Special Liquor License on September 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 from 5 p.m. -9 p.m. as presented, Selectman Cabral seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUZZARDS BAY WATER SHED RIDE APPROVAL-**12th Annual Buzzards Bay Water Shed Ride raises funds for clean water in Acushnet and all of Buzzards Bay. The cycling event starts in Little Compton and will have over 175 riders. The ride will take place on Sunday, September 30, 2018 and will utilize roads in Acushnet. The Police & Fire Chief have consented to the ride. Selectman Cabral motioned to approve the request of Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride through Acushnet as presented, Selectman Gaspar seconded and all were in favor. Motion Passes.

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**RESIDENTIAL CONTAMINATED RECYCLING LOAD FEES-** Kathy Silva, Business Manager for DPW- Over the last 11 months there has been a severe disruption in the recycling market due to contamination (trash recycling). China and other countries have been tightening quality restrictions on recyclable products. For the past few months, Casella has been auditing the quality of the material being delivered into the Charlestown facility and has been providing feedback to the DPW regarding the quality of material delivered. Casella will start charging additional fees for contaminated loads and will implement the following grading system.

\$108.50 per ton Grade A-containing less than 5% contamination

\$138.50 per ton Grade B-material is fair to poor quality, with 5%-20% contamination will still be accepted with a \$30.00 per ton processing fee.

\$150.00 per ton Grade C- material is BAD quality, with over 20% contamination. This material will be rejected and disposed of at a rate of over \$150.00 per ton.

Acushnet has been consistently grading poorly and will be financially hurt by this tightening. Plastic grocery bags is a number 1 culprit in the contamination they are not recyclable. We have placed a recyclopedia on our website if anyone is looking for more information about recycling. If our loads are consistently contaminated they could shut-the town down and we would have to figure our other options and they will not be cheap. The DPW will continue resident education with mailings and website info.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Reminder the 9/11 Ceremony will start tonight at 6:00p.m. if anyone at home watching would like to attend.

The Board would like to thank all who attended and volunteered at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Cruise Night it was truly a success and a special thanks to Matt Lopes for continuing to work on this special event.

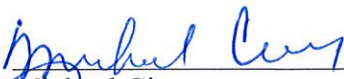
### **INFORMATION ONLY**


### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session under G.L. c30A § 21 (a) (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and litigation (AFSCME Union) (Electric Aggregation) and also under G.L. c30A § 21 (a) (2) to discuss strategy with respect to conduct in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel (Fire Chief) as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body and may not return to public session.

Roll call vote-Selectman Cabral, Selectman Gaspar and Chairman Cioper was a yes, to move into Executive Session.

ADJOURNED REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30 P.M.

  
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Michael Cioper

  
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Roger A. Cabral

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Kevin Gaspar  
Board of Selectmen

# **Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project**

**Town of Acushnet**

**September 11, 2018**

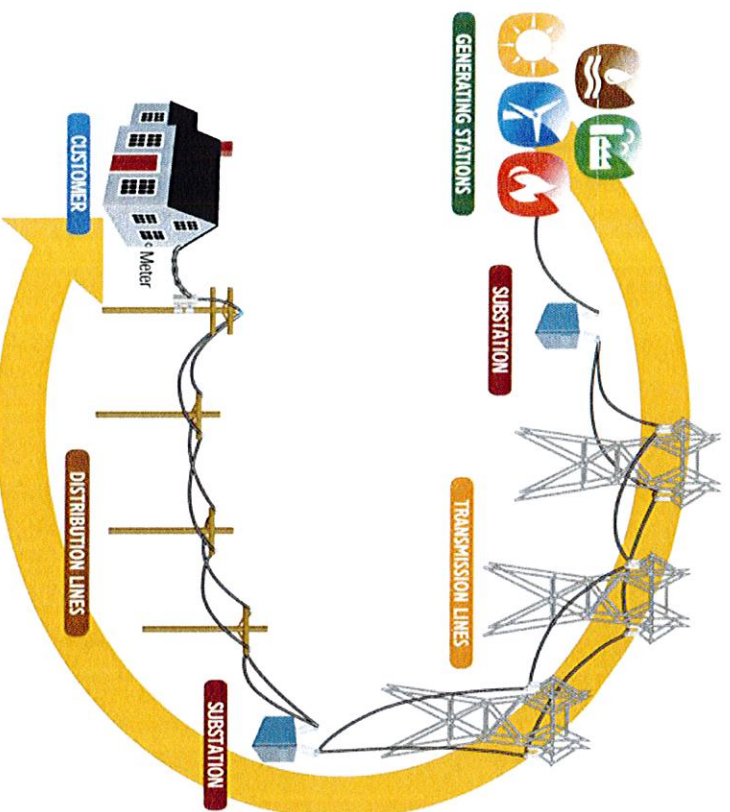


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# Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island (SEMA/RI) Study Identified System Reliability Needs

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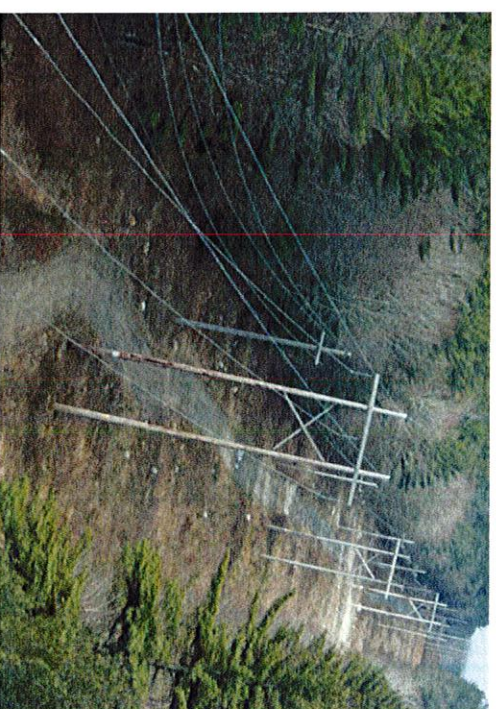
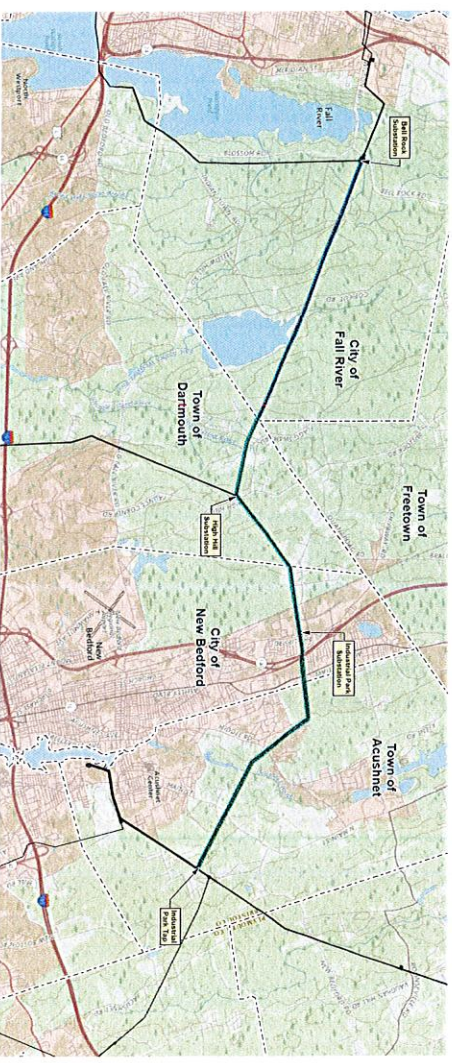
- A reliable electrical transmission grid is vital to the safety, security and economic prosperity of the region. The transmission system serves a critical role to ensure that electricity flows with a high degree of reliability to where power is needed.
- In a recent study, ISO-New England, the independent system operator for New England, concluded that there are inadequate transmission resources to serve the electricity needs of subareas in the Southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island area.
- To address these deficiencies on the electric system, ISO-New England has approved a series of transmission projects.
- One of the projects to solve the identified system reliability needs is the Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project.



# Project Overview

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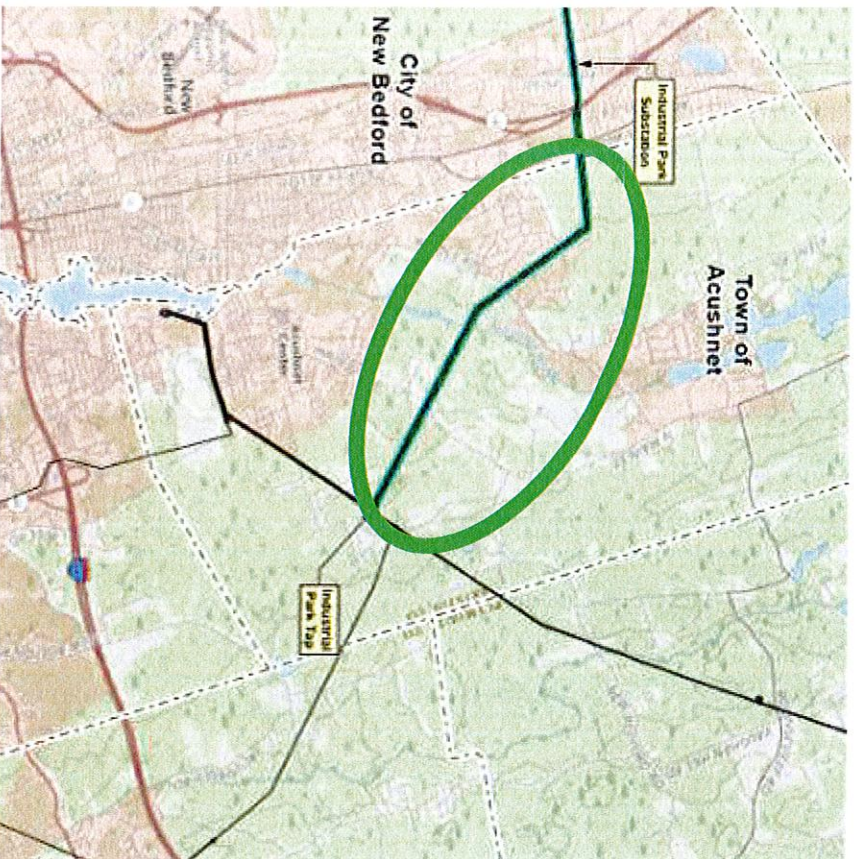
- Eversource Energy and National Grid propose to extend the 115-kilovolt (kV) transmission line from Acushnet to Fall River to improve system reliability.
- The preferred route involves construction of a new ~13 mile, 115-kV overhead transmission line on an existing Eversource right-of-way between Eversource's Industrial Park Tap in Acushnet, MA to National Grid's Bell Rock Substation in Fall River, MA.
- Eversource Energy will construct approximately 8 miles and National Grid will construct approximately 5 miles in their respective service territories.
- The project also includes the installation of new equipment at both Eversource Energy and National Grid substations.





# Project Scope in the Town of Acushnet

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- Approximately 3.5 miles of the Proposed Project Route is in Acushnet
- New equipment will be installed at Wing Lane Substation in Acushnet.
- New structures will be installed
- To facilitate installation of the new structures the project will use existing access roads and work pads will be installed.



## ***First Step***

Solicit municipal input regarding proposed project and potential designs.

## ***Second Step***

Gather public input. All property owners abutting the Proposed Project will be notified.

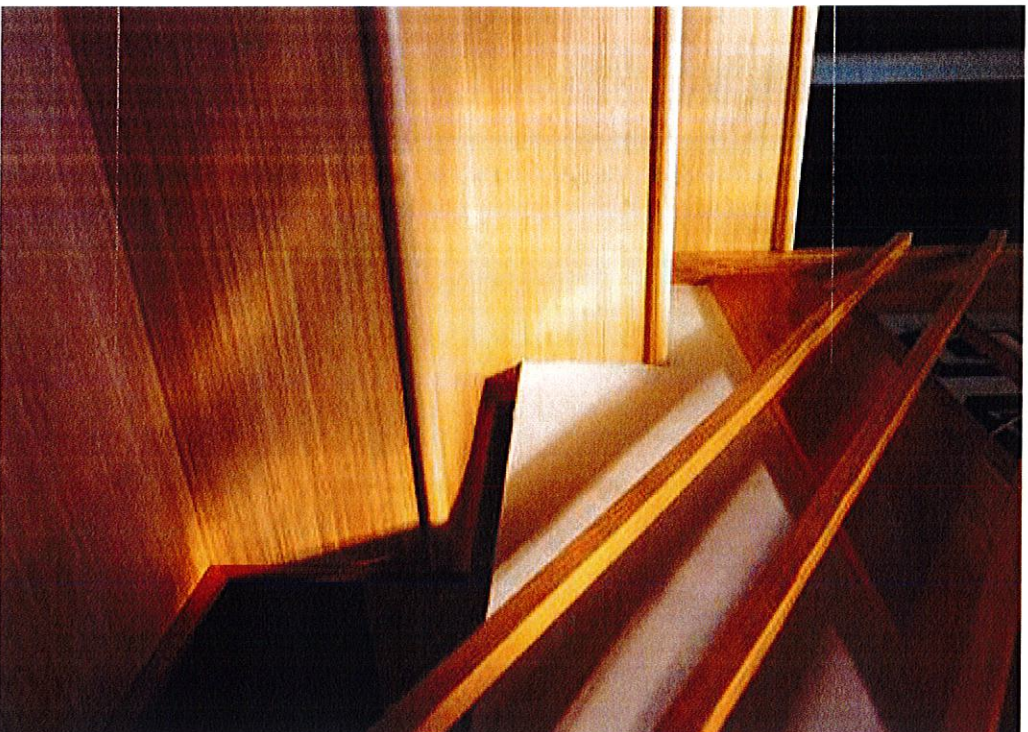
## ***Third Step***

File a Petition with Energy Facility Siting Board (EFSB) – Q4 2018. The EFSB will conduct a local public hearing, offering additional opportunity for public input.

## ***Fourth Step (estimated)***

EFSB issues its Decision – 2019  
Construction start (pending approvals) – Q1 2020  
In-Service (pending approvals) – Q4 2021

\*Additional information related to the EFSB filing will be provided after further engineering analysis





# Next Steps - Timeline

	Q3 2018	Q4 2018	Q1 2019	Q2 2019	Q3 2019	Q4 2019	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Community Open House									
Chapter 72 Application Filed With ESFB									
Public Comment Hearing									
Final Decision from DPU									
Other State & Local Environmental Permitting									
Construction**									
Community Outreach									

Anticipated In-Service Date: December 2021

\* Subject to Change

\*\* Pending Receipt of all Approvals



# Proactive Municipal and Community Outreach



## Stakeholders

- Municipal officials
- State and federal elected officials and regulators
- Property owners & tenants
- Businesses
- Community Groups

## Project Communication for Municipalities

- Briefings & Presentations
- E-mail updates

## Project Communication for the Public

- Releases/media advisories
- Door to door outreach, including door hangers
- Public Hotline: 1-800-793-2202
- E-Mail: [TransmissionInfo@Eversource.com](mailto:TransmissionInfo@Eversource.com)



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