

New Hampshire Council on Resources and Development

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MEMORANDUM

TO: CORD Members and
Other Interested Parties

Coos County Board of Commissioners
PO Box 10
West Stewartstown, NH 03597

Dr. Barbara Robinson, Executive Director
North Country Council
262 Cottage Street, Suite 246
Littleton, NH 03561

FROM: Susan Slack, NH Office of Energy and Planning

DATE: August 31, 2016

SUBJECT: *State Owned Land, Surplus Land Review, Town of Canaan, Vermont
SLR 16-006*

RESPONSE DATE: **September 30, 2016**

Please review the attached information to determine if your organization has any interest in this transaction. If there is an interest, please notify this office of your intent in writing by the response date indicated above. Responses may be emailed to susan.slack@nh.gov. The Council on Resources and Development will consider this request at its *next meeting on September 8, 2016*. Further information regarding upcoming CORD meetings may be obtained at: <http://www.nh.gov/oep/programs/CORD/>

The Department of Cultural Resources is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 227-C:9.

Members of the Public Water Access Advisory Board are asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 233-A.

The Lakes Management and Protection Program, through the Lakes Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483-A:5, II.

The Rivers Management and Protection Program, through the Rivers Coordinator, is asked to review this request in accordance with RSA 483:8, VII and 14.



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT of RESOURCES and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
OFFICE of the COMMISSIONER
172 Pembroke Road Concord, New Hampshire 03301

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August 15, 2016

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Amanda Merrill, Chair
Council on Resources and Development
107 Pleasant Street, Johnson Hall
Concord, NH 03301

**OFFICE OF ENERGY
AND PLANNING**

SUBJECT: Surplus action at North Stratford-Beecher Falls Rail Trail, Canaan VT

Dear Director Merrill:

The Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED) wishes to grant a 20 foot wide utility easement to the Town of Canaan Vermont within the property know as North Stratford-Beecher Falls Rail Trail. The purpose of the easement is to allow them to build a water line that would connect the Village of Canaan with the Village of Beecher Falls to improve water service and for redundancy in the system for firefighting.

Please screen this requests through CORD to determine if entering into the easement is in the best interest of the State.

If you should have any questions, please contact Chris Gamache 271-3254.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey J. Rose
Commissioner

Attachment: Request for Surplus Land Review Action

Council on Resources and Development
REQUEST FOR SURPLUS LAND REVIEW ACTION

Name of Requesting Agency: Department of Resources and Economic Development

Agency Contact Person: Chris Gamache
Address: 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301
Phone Number: 603-271-3254
E-Mail: christopher.gamache@dred.nh.gov

Applicant Contact Person: Norman Labrecque
Address: Canaan Fire District #1, PO BOX 159, Canaan, VT 05903
Phone Number: 802-26633700
E-Mail: _____

Location of Property: Canaan, VT

Acreage: 2.6 acre underground utility easement (5600lf x 20 ft wide)

Requested Action: Support granting of 20 ft utility easement to the Town of Canaan for a waterline

Term of Lease or Easement: In perpetuity

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Please complete ALL questions below, submit one digital copy, one hardcopy original, and three photocopies of the complete application to the Office of Energy and Planning, Johnson Hall, 3rd Floor, 107 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301, susan.slack@nh.gov.

1. What is the current use of this property?

Recreation trail

2. What is the proposed use of this property if surplusd? Please note if proposed use is intended to create a public benefit.

Underground water line to create redundancy in the water system for Canaan and Beecher Falls Fire Districts

3. Does the proposed use of this property entail new development? Yes No

a. If yes, is it consistent with adjacent and existing development? Yes No

b. Please describe how the proposed new development differs from or is similar to its surroundings. Also indicate how it may initiate a future change in the property or surroundings use.

The waterline will be buried so will have minimum impact on the trail and abutters.

4. Are there any structures located on this property? Yes No

a. If yes, please describe the structures including how many and what kind?

5. Are there historical architectural or archaeological resources identified on this site?

Yes No

a. If yes, describe the resource(s)?

Railroad culverts and bridges.

b. If no, contact the NH Division of Historical Resources prior to application submission.

6. Is there any existing development or structures on adjacent sites? Yes No

a. If yes, describe the use and number of structures of adjacent sites.
If no, where is the nearest development? (Describe distance, use, and number)

10 Residential homes.

7. Does the site represent the entire state property in this location? Yes No

a. If no, please describe its relationship to the entire state holding (percentage of total acreage, percentage of overall rail length, etc).

20 foot wide underground utility easement on a 66 foot wide property

8. Is access to this property available? Yes No

a. If yes, how is the site accessed? (from rail, water, across applicant's property, etc)

The trail

b. If yes, is there a potential for public access interruption? Yes No

9. Are there water resources related to this property such as:

10. Lakes/Ponds - Yes No **OR** Rivers - Yes No?

a. If yes to either, please indicate the size or extent of such resources.

b. If there are water resources, please describe current public or private access from the site to the water body? Public Private No Access Available

Description:

c. How would the proposal affect the access opportunities described in b?

11. Please identify any other significant resources or sensitive environmental conditions known to be located on or adjacent to this property.

	Yes (property)	Yes (adjacent property)	No
a. Steep slopes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b. Wetlands (Prime and NWI)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Threatened or endangered species.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. Wildlife Action Plan Critical Habitats.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e. Increased impervious surface.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f. Potential stormwater flow changes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g. Agricultural soils of prime, statewide, or local importance.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h. Potential river channel change.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i. Other special designations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please provide a description for any "yes" responses to question #10.

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CANAAN FIRE DISTRICT #1
PO Box 159
318 Christian Hill
Canaan, VT 05903
Tel: 802-266-3370
Fax: 802-266-8253

Mr. Robert Spoerl, Land Agent
Division of Forests and Lands
New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development
P.O. Box 1856
Concord, NH 03302-1856

Dear Mr. Spoerl,

The Canaan Fire District # 1 (CFD#1) is hereby requesting a permanent easement along the Upper Coos Railroad in Canaan, Vermont for the installation of a public water main. The purpose of the proposed water main is to provide redundancy of source for the water system in Canaan, VT (CFD#1) and the water system in Beecher Falls, VT (Canaan Fire District #2). The easement is requested for a 66 foot width, centered on the railroad tracks, between railroad valuation stations 2845+00 and 2905+00.

The CFD#1 is a municipal corporation responsible for the management of the community water system in Canaan, Vermont. The Fire District provides water for drinking and emergency services (e.g. fire protection) for 143 customers. All costs for improvements to CFD#1 infrastructure are paid for by the water customers only. The Fire District is a not for profit corporation.

Our engineers, Tata & Howard, Inc. are working the design plans and we plan to install the water main in the summer of 2015. Your attention is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or we need to meet please contact us or our engineer.

Sincerely,


Norman Labrecque

Chairman, Canaan Fire District #1 Prudential Committee

cc. Tata & Howard, Inc.

Canaan VT easement



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Canaan easement request



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