

June 7, 2023

John Wiley, Chair
Walpole Conservation Commission
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02067

**Subject: New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid
Notification of Maintenance Activities- Line 344 345 kV Insulator Repair Project
Transmission Lines Walpole, Massachusetts**

Dear Chairman Wiley and Members of the Commission:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (MassWPA) and the Town of Walpole Wetlands Protection By-Law (By-Law), this letter serves to provide notification to the Walpole Conservation Commission that New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (NEP) is planning to perform maintenance activities within an existing transmission line right-of-way (ROW). All work activities will occur within the ROW easement held by NEP. Within the Town of Walpole, these maintenance activities include replacing existing glass insulators on 17 structures along NEP's existing 2.7 mile ROW between Walpole Junction and the municipal boundary with Sharon.

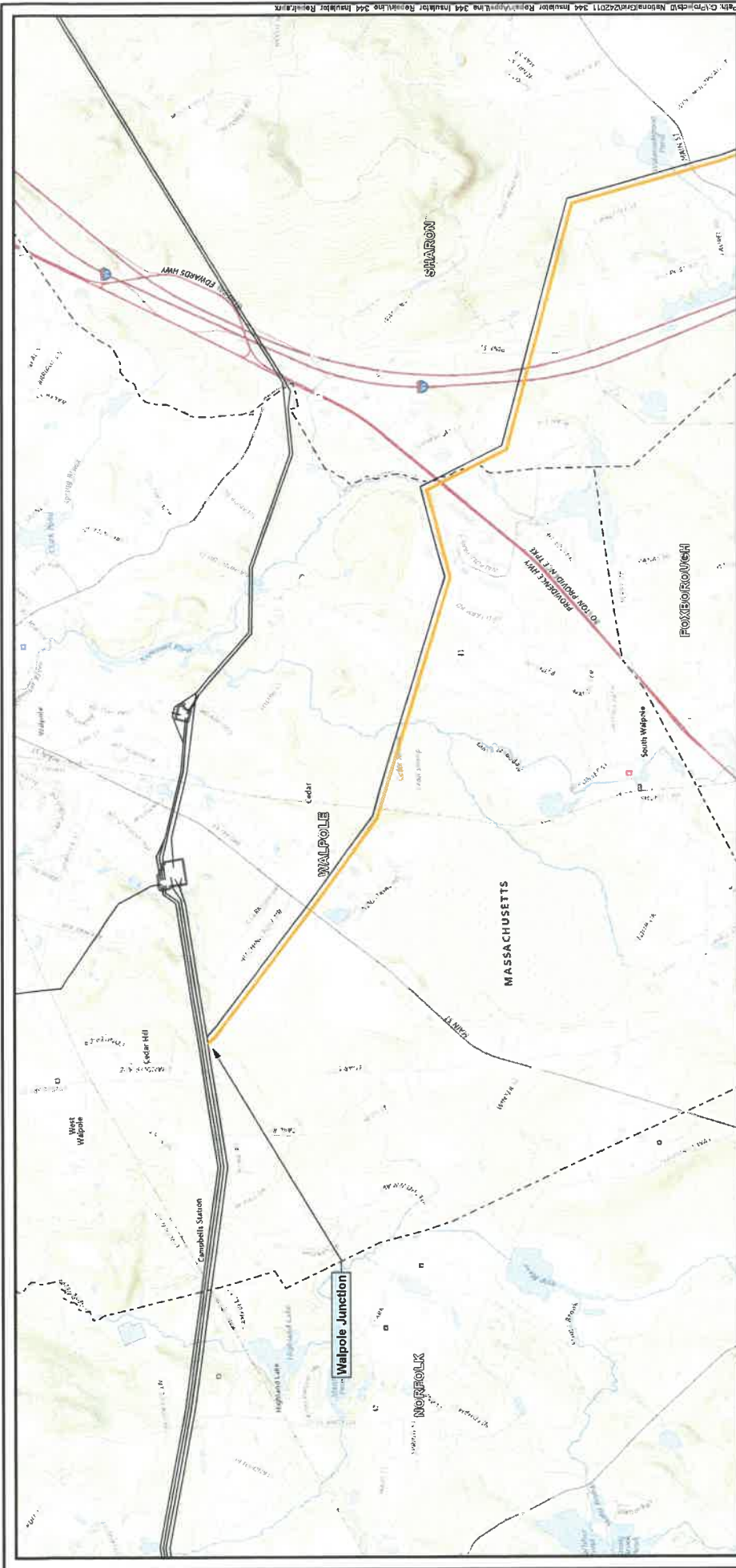
NEP is planning to perform this temporary work in accordance with the provisions of the MassWPA (MGL c. 131 §40; 310 CMR 10.02(a)(2)) and the By-Law, which allows for "maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging" existing transmission line structures or facilities without filing a Notice of Intent. We expect that the maintenance activities will commence on or about the week of July 17, 2023.

We are sending this letter pursuant to the By-Law requirement that the Conservation Commission is notified prior to commencement of maintenance activities, and to reiterate NEP's commitment to properly protecting wetland resource areas. NEP's work procedures and practices are designed to minimize wetland impacts to the greatest extent practicable. Best Management Practices in accordance with National Grid's Environmental Guidance Document (EG-303) will be used during this work as appropriate. Additionally, NEP is coordinating with the Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) and all work in NHESP Priority Habitat will be conducted in compliance with NEP's NHESP-approved Operation and Maintenance Plan.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (781) 392-9594 (Laura.ernst@nationalgrid.com) or Karen Hanecak at (774) 266-5301 (karen.hanecak@powereng.com) if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you for your consideration and review.

Sincerely,

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National Grid



Line 344 Insulator Repair Project

Project Locus
 Town of Walpole
 Norfolk County
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts

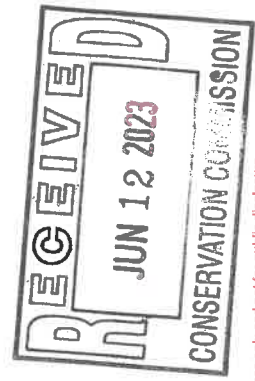


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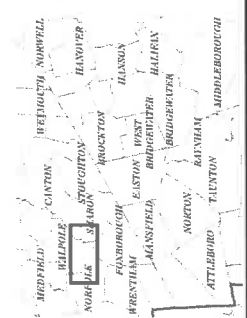
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- 344 Transmission Line
- Other Transmission Line
- Existing Power Facility

Project Vicinity



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