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Project: MHPC# 2000-10; Canton Mountain Wind Project; archaeological and architectural survey reports
Town: Canton, Oxford County, Maine

Dear Mr. Townsend:

The Maine Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) received the above referenced survey reports on December 28, 2011 to continue consultation on the subject project pursuant to the requirements of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Site Location of Development Law. The architectural survey forms and survey maps were received on February 15, 2012. We have been advised by MDEP staff that the relevant statutes and rules that apply to our review are as follows: 38 MRSA §484(3), 35-A MRSA §3451, and Section 11 of the Chapter 375 Rules.

With regard to above ground historic resources, it is our understanding that the Chapter 375 Rules require the MDEP to consider impacts on a historic site that is "included on the National Register of Historic Places and/or on the Maine Historic Resource Inventory, or which is established by qualified testimony as being of historic significance." However, and unless there is a direct disturbance on a historic site, the provisions for grid-scale wind energy development as defined in Title 35-A limits the MDEP's consideration of such a project's effect (including effects from both the generating facilities and the associated facilities, such as transmission lines) on a "Scenic resource of state or national significance" to those that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and that are owned by the public or to which the public has a legal right of access."

Based on the information provided to us by the applicant, no historic sites will be directly disturbed by the project. Furthermore, in accordance with the guidance that we have been given for interpreting the laws and rules cited above, the Commission concludes that no historic or archaeological resources of state or national significance that are listed in the Register and owned by the public or to which the public has a legal right of access are located in the project's area of potential effect (APE). However, there are three National Register listed properties in the APE that are listed in the Register at a local level of significance: the Jay-Niles Memorial Library, the North Jay Grange Store

and the Holmes-Crafts Homestead. If requested, the Commission will render an opinion as to the effect of the Canton Wind project on these historic properties.

If the Canton Wind project becomes an “undertaking” (federally funded, permitted or licensed) as defined in 36 CFR Part 800.16(y) subject to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, the applicant must continue consultation with the Commission. At that time the Commission will either issue findings of effect on the following properties in the area of potential effect that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places or that have been determined eligible to be listed in the Register, or will request additional information to complete the process of identifying historic properties and/or to make findings of effect:

- Jay-Niles Memorial Library, 983 Rt. 4, Jay (Survey Map No. 99), NR listed
- Holmes-Crafts Homestead, Jay Hill Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 172), NR listed
- North Jay Grange Store, Rt. 4/17, Jay (Survey Map No. 112), NR listed
- East Dixfield Historic District, Dixfield (Survey Map Nos. 4-24, 48-51, 504, 505, 511-514, 526, 532-534, 544-550, 558, 559, 563, 564), previously determined NR eligible
- Bicknell’s Store, 12 Main Street, Canton (Survey Map No. 310), previously determined NR eligible
- Sunshine Inn/Iva Schudder House, 18 Pleasant Street, Canton (Survey Map No. 352), previously determined to be potentially NR eligible
- Ray House, 32 Pleasant Street, Canton (Survey Map No. 356), previously determined to be potentially NR eligible
- Kyes House, Quarry Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 73), Criterion C and possibly Criterion A, new determination of NR eligibility
- Cornerstone Baptist Church, East Dixfield Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 106), Criterion C, new determination of NR eligibility
- Jay Baptist Church, 27 Smith Street, Jay (Survey Map No. 203), Criterion C, new determination of NR eligibility
- McCollister Farm, 212 Canton Point Road, Canton (Survey Map No. 387), Criterion C, new determination of NR eligibility
- Herdsdale farmsteads, River Road, Canton (Survey Map Nos. 382-385, 388-391), Criteria A and C, new determination of NR eligibility
- Pleasant View Farm, 398 Morse Hill Road (Survey Map Nos. 184-186), Criterion C and possibly Criterion A, new determination of NR eligibility
- Civil War Statue, Main Street, Canton (Survey Map No. 350), Criterion A and possibly Criterion A, new determination of NR eligibility
- Bradbury Chapel, Canton Point Road, Canton (Survey Map No. 381), Criterion C, new determination of NR eligibility

- 99 Main Street, Jay (Survey Map No. 527), Criterion C and possibly Criterion A (appears to be a former school building), new determination of NR eligibility

The Commission does not agree that the following properties are eligible for listing in the National Register as recommended in the architectural survey report:

- Bartlett Memorial Church, East Dixfield Road (Survey Map No. 110). The addition of synthetic siding and alteration of the bell tower have substantially compromised the building's original design and materials.
- Dryden Railroad Depot, 190 Route 4, Jay (Survey Map No. 213). Although this building is an unusual surviving example of a railroad station designed by Thomas Holt, its relocation from the original site in Wilton, its location along a road rather than a railroad, and its current physical context have compromised its integrity of location, setting, feeling, and association.
- Rockemeka Grange, 92 Peru Center Road, Peru (Survey Map No. 456). Alterations and additions to the façade of this building have compromised its integrity of design and materials.

The architectural survey report recommended that the following properties were also eligible for listing in the National Register:

- Norrwork Shoe Factory, Route 17, Jay (Survey Map No. 100)
- House, 156 Canton Mountain Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 190)
- House, 7 Knight Lane, Jay (Survey Map No. 197)

At this time, the Commission cannot agree with or object to these recommendations due to insufficient information. In most cases, the submittal of additional exterior photographs of the buildings and information about their respective history will be necessary to render a final eligibility determination.

In addition to the properties noted above, additional information will be necessary for the Commission to render an eligibility opinion on the following properties which were recommended as ineligible in the architectural survey report:

- House, 51 More Acres Road, Wilton (Survey Map No. 42)
- Outbuilding, 282 Macomber Hill Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 91)
- House, 1076 Route 4, Jay (Survey Map No. 97)
- House, 47 Mountain View Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 113)
- House and carriage House, 41 Mountain View Road, Jay (Survey Map Nos. 120-121)
- Barn, 44 Woodman Hill Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 132)
- House, 150 Woodman Hill Road, Jay (Survey Map No. 169)
- House, 432 Route 4/17, Jay (Survey Map No. 192)

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- House, Main Street, Jay (Survey Map No. 219)
- Farmstead, 134 Campbell Road, Canton (Survey Map Nos. 284-287)
- Barn, 877 Canton Point Road, Dixfield (Survey Map Nos. 419-420)
- Farmstead, 1062 Auburn Road, Peru (Survey Map Nos. 429-431)
- House and barn, 63 Peru Center Road, Peru (Survey Map Nos. 458-460)
- Farmstead, 77 Holman Road, Dixfield (Survey Map Nos. 483, 485-488)

The Commission agrees with the findings of the archaeological survey reports that there are no prehistoric or historic archaeological sites in the area of potential effect that are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Robin Reed of our staff.

Sincerely,



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