

Modification to Approved Project

City of Rochester, New Hampshire

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Type of project: Sit	e Plan; Sub	division;	Line Adjustmer	nt; Other
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Date of original Plan	ning Board approval	l		
Description of modifi	cation:			
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August 31, 2022

Ryan O'Connor, Chief Planner Planning Department City of Rochester 33 Wakefield Street Rochester, NH 03867

Re: Residential Site Plan Modifications; Easter Seals New Hampshire; 215 Rochester Hill Road, Map 243, Lots 39.

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

On behalf of Easter Seals New Hampshire, we hereby submit revised plans and Modification to Approved project application for a proposed senior housing facility located at 215 Rochester Hill Road. The parcel, Tax Map 243, Lot 39 comprising of 21.17 acres is currently developed with Homemakers Health Services office.

On June 7, 2021, the Rochester Planning Board granted conditional approval for a Residential Site Plan for an 80-unit senior housing facility. The project was amended on January 6, 2022 to reduce the overall number of units to 65 along with minor site changes. Construction on the project commenced about a month ago. The proposed amendment is to change a portion of the proposed public utilities that will service the new building and the existing building.

Recently, Eversource informed the applicant that they would not allow the approved underground power conduits to be placed across the open field and that they would need to be placed near a roadway or driveway. Please refer to the attached Utility Plan with the originally designed underground utilities are in "Red". They stated that they require all-season access to the wires, which would not be the case if the underground wires are placed in the open field. They suggested placing the conduits near or under the existing driveway from Route 108 to the proposed pad mounted transformer by the proposed building.

This suggestion by Eversource would require trenching very close to the 6 very large Linden trees that flank the existing driveway. The trenching would have a significant impact to the tree root system that would likely result in killing the trees in only a couple years. When our concerns about the trees and additional cost to reconstructing the paved driveway was discussed with Eversource, they suggested that wires be run overhead from the street to a new utility pole be placed just after the last tree, and then run the conduits underground the rest of the way to the transformer. Since the first section, approximately 135 feet will be overhead, a waiver is hereby requested to allow for an overhead wires in lieu underground.

In addition to the change from the street to the proposed transformer, Eversource is also requiring a new service be run to the existing Homemakers Health Service building (formally the Champlin residence) and then looped around to the existing transformer located on Healthcare Drive. At which point, the old underground utilities across the field that use to service the Homemakers Health Services will be disconnected and abandoned. The proposed relocation of the utilities are depicted on the Utility Plan in "Blue".

We look forward to discussing this project with staff and the Planning Board. Thank you for your consideration Sincerely,

NORWAY PLAINS ASSOCIATES, INC.

By: Scott A. Lawler, PE, Project Engineer

cc: Easter Seals New Hampshire



<u>Application for waiver from Regulation</u> City of Rochester, New Hampshire

Project name Champlin Place – Easter Seals NH Senior Housing Project

Case # <u>243-39-A-21</u>

Subdivision:_____ Lot line revision:_____ Site Plan:____ Minor Site Plan:_____

Section and subsection of the <u>Site Plan Regulations</u> from which the waiver is requested (including identifying number, title, and description of provision):

Section 15-D-1 Electrical Utilities: All electric, telephone, television and other

communication lines and structures shall be placed underground throughout the site.

OR - Article, section, and subsection of the <u>Site Plan Regulations</u> from which the waiver is requested (including identifying number, title, and description of provision):

Reason/justification(s) for waiver request <u>Eversource will not allow the underground</u>
utilities to be located in the open field and away from a year-round accessible route.
such as driveway for this facility. As such, placing the utilities underground and near
the paved driveway would result in serious damage to the mature tree roots to the row
of Linden trees that flank the driveway. Thus, the proposal it to run overhead past the
trees to a new pole, then underground from that point to the buildings.
Name of applicant or agent filling out this form <u>Scott Lawler, PE, Norway Plains Associates, Inc.</u>
Applicant? Agent? X Today's date <u>August 31, 2022</u>
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