

From: [Skip Medford](#)
To: wiljneeley@gmail.com
Cc: [Johnathan Robichaud](#)
Subject: RE: Deerfield River Access Gardners Falls Plant
Date: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:13:09 PM
Attachments: [GF Shelburne access rd pcls_20200924.PDF](#)

Hi Mr. Neeley—thank you for noting concern about the condition of the upper portion of the access road to Wilcox Hollow in Shelburne. The river access is important and popular, and road conditions were first brought to our attention in 2020 by a local citizen. Since our 2020 visit to assess conditions upon the citizen’s request, we’ve been in touch with MA Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) and Eversource/NStar—each of whom, along with Central Rivers Power, appears to own about 1/3 segments of the access road. According to Shelburne town records, the “upper” access road portion (closest to Rte 2), and subject of your photos, is owned by Eversource/NStar. It’s parcel #6 on the attached plan, while DCR owns the middle portion #3 and Central Rivers Power, the lower or river-adjacent parcel #7.

Since September, we’ve been in touch with each of the other owners of parcels which contain the access road. While we will maintain our road portion, we also plan to review entire roadway maintenance in the near future with DCR and Eversource/NStar, to enable a workable solution prior to the recreation season. By mid-April, I hope to have an update from the three parcel owners about access road maintenance. Perhaps we can touch base then?

Again, we appreciate your interest and look forward to connecting in April. Please feel free to let me know of any questions in the meantime—

Sincerely,

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From: Wil Neeley <wiljneeley@gmail.com>
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I am trying to figure out who is responsible for maintaining the road to access the Deerfield river at Wilcox Hollow in Shelburne Ma. The road that is off of RT 2 is badly washed out which makes it very hard to access for anyone without a truck with large ground clearance. The attached pictures show the worst part which is right at the beginning near RT 2. However the rest of the road is still bad with deep ruts in certain areas. Can you let me know if you are able to get the road fixed up or get me in contact with whoever is? I have already contacted the town highway department who told me it is not a town road so they won't fix it.

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-Wil Neeley



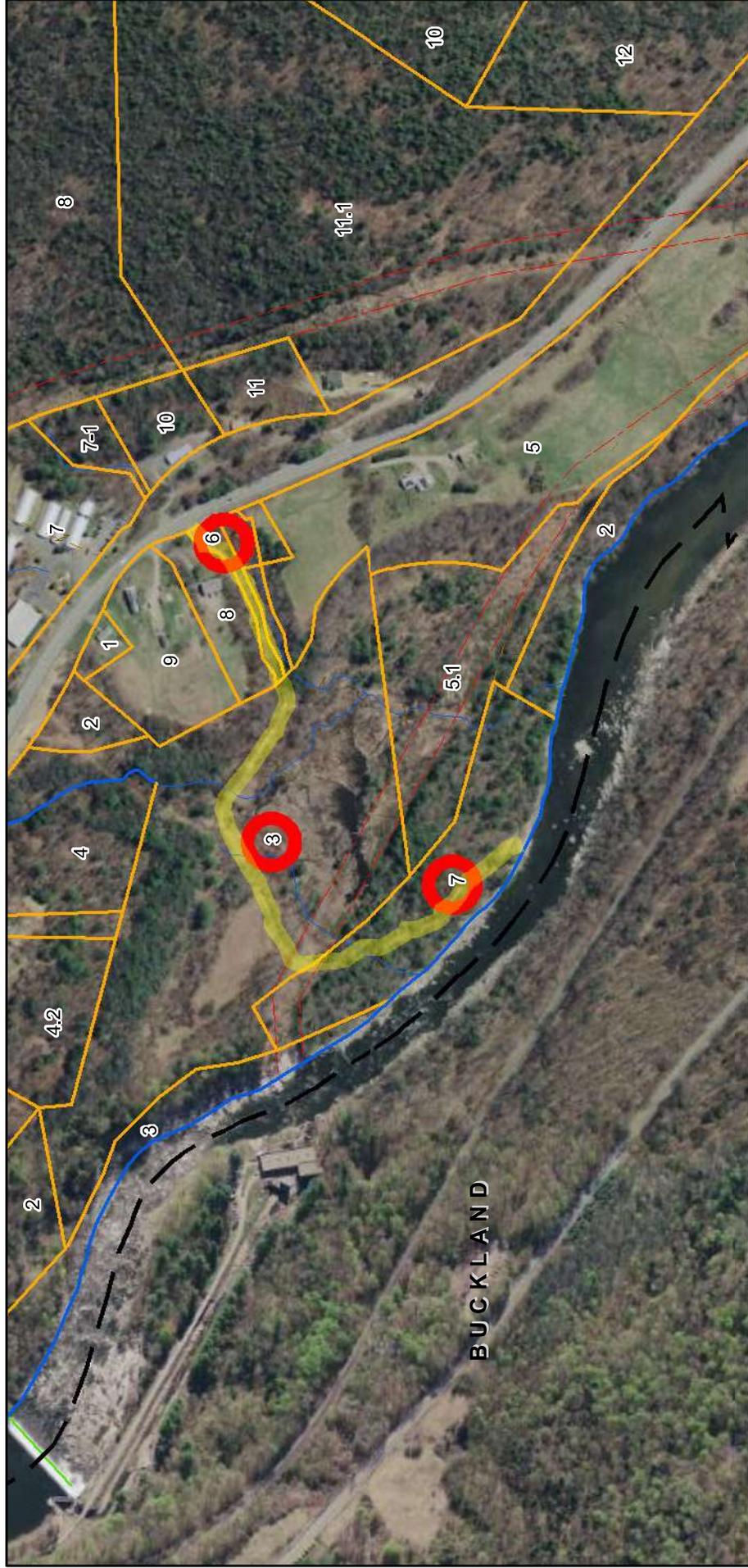
Wilcox Hollow Access Road (yellow)

Shelburne, MA

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September 24, 2020



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Cc: [lucas wright](#); [Johnathan Robichaud](#); [Curtis Mooney](#)
Subject: Deerfield River Access Gardners Falls Plant
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:31:39 PM
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Hi Bill—below is a brief summary of joint parties call on March 26 about Wilcox Hollow access. The attached (circled, numbered) map parcels depict ownership in Shelburne town records:

#6 = Eversource/NStar
#3 = MA DCR
#7 = CRP

March 26 2021, 2pm joint call with DCR, Eversource, CRP and A. Harris:

Eversource will look into permitting needs for road repair (months out according to DCR and CRP experience), DCR mentioned “no funding, labor or potential on improvements until 2022 or later”, and Eversource regarded the road as passable but wondered if they could restrict it to walking only, with parking on Route 2? It was concluded this wasn’t a feasible option, given Route 2 proximity and that Wilcox Hollow was planned as a car-top access point to the river (GF Rec Plan). The local citizen, Alan Harris, may bring a construction/excavation friend of his out to look at repair options. Recommendation was made that Eversource should donate their roadway parcel to Town of Shelburne—for better, local upkeep. They’ll look into that novel idea.

DCR and Eversource seem to think a feasible repair to their road sections (the worst, ours closest to river is the best of all) will require some major investment and lead time. We’ll reconvene in about a month.

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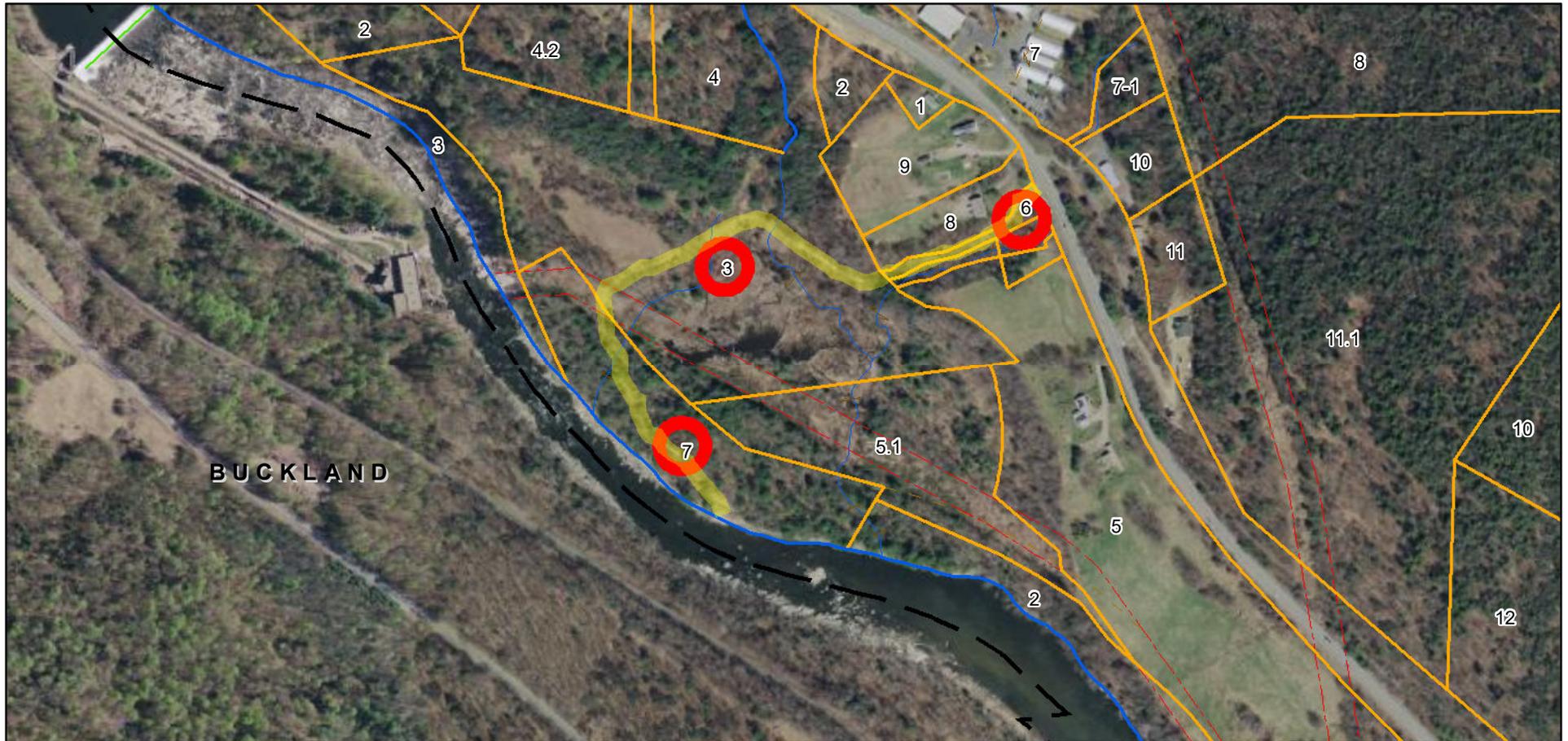
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Subject: FW: Wilcox Hollow Access Road, Shelburne, MA (R22122)
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 2:26:20 PM
Attachments: [RE Deerfield River Access Gardners Falls Plant \(515 KB\).msg](#)

Hi Bill—for more status update on Wilcox Hollow road, below was received today from Eversource.

I received another local citizen inquiry about road conditions in March, see attached. That citizen, W. Neeley, seemed OK to await developments in subsequent review by all parties.

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Alan

I received your voice mail message today. Per our call on 03/26/2021, I was going to reach out to Eversource's Environmental Group to obtain high level guidance on what permitting (scope and cost) would be required to perform any (including temporary fix) work on the road. I have reached out to our Environmental folks and provided them with mapping of the area so that they can evaluate what permitting would be required. I hope to have this information within the next couple of weeks. During our call we also agreed to set up a call towards the end of April or early May to review and discuss the permitting information.

As discussed, this is going to take some time to iron out as all three parties (Eversource, DCR and Central Rivers Hydro) need to understand and evaluate the permitting and associated costs with anything to do with the road prior to performing any work on the road.

Christopher A. Soroka

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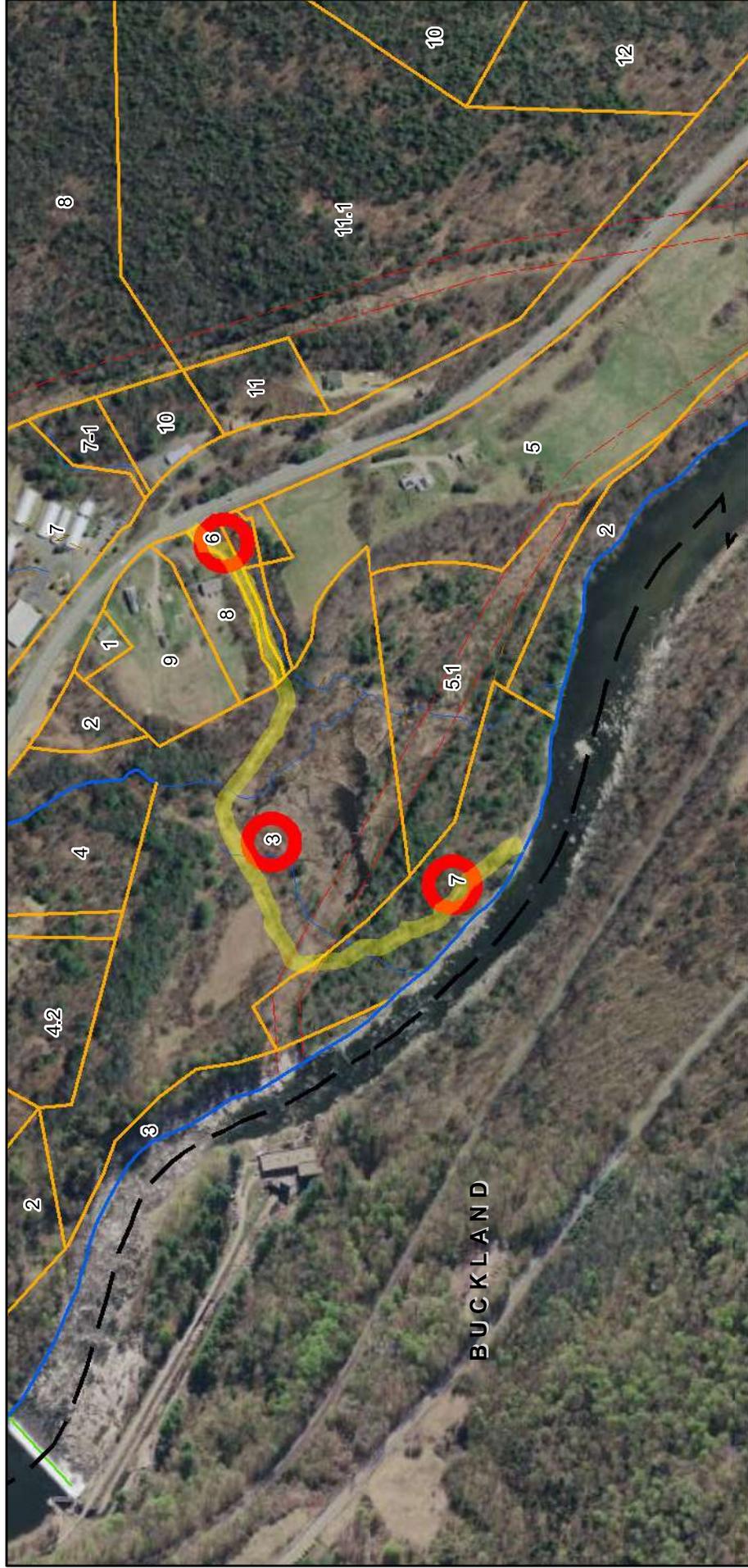
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