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I am writing in support of two of the requests to FERC in the Town of Rockingham's recent comment letter.

First, that the delayed mowing schedule be continued indefinitely at Upper Meadows to benefit the nesting of bobolinks, Eastern meadowlarks, and other grassland birds. My daughters and I visited that site recently with Cat Abbott and Coleen Lawlor and were very excited to see both species there. Bobolinks used to nest in a field near my house in Saxtons River, but I last saw them there in 2016.

Second, that the "run of the river" operation of the Bellows falls plant be continued, to protect riverbanks and water quality. This protects critical nesting habitat for bank swallows, belted kingfishers, and other animals that use river banks.

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