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Town Planner's Review
Wednesday, September 11, 2019

- X. **Eversource Energy – Replacing poles in wetlands.** Permitted Use B. application to replace seven utility poles. The sites are to be accessed from Lee Hook Road via an Eversource easement. Review under Wetland Conservation Overlay District for placement of the poles and temporary crossings including in the Shoreland Protection Overlay. Poles on Map 17, multiple lots. Tracy Tarr and Lindsey White, agents with GZA GeoEnvironmental. Jeremy Fennell, Environmental Specialist with Eversource Energy.

➤ I recommend the board take final action if all is in order.

Application. This application is a follow up to the application for the other pole and temporary wetlands/stream crossing that was presented to the Planning Board at the July 24 meeting. Eversource realized that they should replace other poles due to potential damage from woodpeckers. The submittal includes maps of the affected areas and photographs and addresses the criteria.

There will be a temporary crossing of Follett's Brook so this also involves the SPOD. Seven poles will be replaced. These are marked on the maps with a square around the number and include 29 through 35. Replacement of pole 28 was approved on July 24. Wetlands are shown on the maps in green and the buffer in gray. Poles 29-32 are in the buffer; poles 33 through 35 are outside of the buffer. But there will be temporary crossings through the wetland and buffers to replace the poles. The plans show how the wetlands and the stream will be crossed.

Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission reviewed the application on August 26 and voted to make a finding that the criteria are met.

Permitted Use B. This application is not a conditional use but rather a "Permitted Use B." There is no hearing, fee, nor notice involved with a permitted use B and the Planning Board may take action at one meeting if all is in order. The requirements for the WCOD and SPOD are identical so the board need only review the proposed activity for compliance with a), b), and c), below.

175-60. Permitted Uses in the WCOD.

...B. The following uses or activities, including any necessary grading, shall be permitted in the WCOD if they are permitted in the underlying zoning district provided that the Zoning Administrator issues a permit for the activity after the Planning Board, with

the advice of the Conservation Commission, determines that: a.) appropriate erosion control measures will be used, b.) any disturbed area will be restored, and c.) the activity will be conducted in a manner that minimizes any impact on the wetland.

175-71. Permitted Uses in the SPOD.

...B. The following uses or activities, including any necessary grading, shall be permitted in the SPOD provided that the Zoning Administrator issues a permit for the activity after the Planning Board, with the advice of the Conservation Commission, determines that: a) appropriate erosion control measures will be used, b) any disturbed area will be restored, and c) the activity will be conducted in a manner that minimizes any impact on the shoreland:

Locus map. The western portion of the project is in Lee

