

TOWN OF DURHAM

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Town Planner's Recommendation Wednesday, March 10, 2021

- IX. <u>Eversource Replacement of 14 Utility Poles</u>. Permitted Use B application for wetland impacts for work in right of way in the vicinity of Beech Hill Road. Eversource Energy c/o Jeni Menendez, applicant. Sherrie Trefry, Soil Scientist, VHB.
- > I recommend approval as stated below.

The Conservation Commission reviewed the Permitted Use B application from Eversource to replace 14 poles in the vicinity of Beech Hill Road within the WCOD at its meeting on February 22. The commission found that the 3 criteria for this application were met.

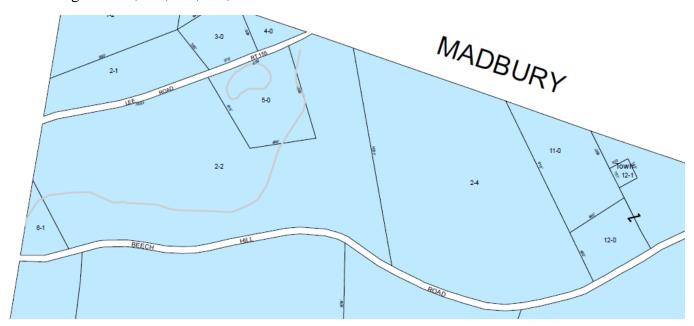
The application explains the project in much detail and addresses the three WCOD criteria;

The maps are highly detailed and rather complex. The applicant will explain the details at the meeting on Monday regarding replacement of poles, temporary matting, work pads, temporary and permanent impacts upon the wetlands and upon the buffer, process, etc. and answer any questions.

Here are the three criteria for a Permitted Use B application. This is a lower threshold than for the conditional use. There is no fee, nor notices, nor public hearing but the public is welcome to speak.

- 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.

Affecting lots 6-1, 2-2, 5-0, 2-4, and 11-0:



Draft NOTICE OF DECISION

Project Name: Eversource Pole Replacement – Permitted Use B

Action Taken: APPROVAL

Project Description: Replacement of poles within WCOD **Address:** In proximity to Beech Hill Road

Applicant: Eversource

Designer/agent: VHB c/o Sherrie Trefry, soil scientist **Map and Lot:** Map 9, Lots 2-2, 2-4, 5, 6-1, and 11

Zoning: Rural

Date of approval: March 10, 2021

The application is approved as submitted.