

**Town of Lenox  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2020 @ 7:30pm**

**Conservation Commission Members:** Neal Carpenter (NC), Vincent Ammendola (VA), David Lane (DL), Mark Smith (MS), Dick Ferren (DF), Rose Fitzgerald Casey (RFC); Joseph Strauch (JS)

**Staff:** Jes Cote, Land Use Assistant

**Others:** Paul Knapik, BSC Group; Katy Wilkins, Tighe & Bond

NC opened hearing at 7:33pm. The meeting was recorded.

**1. Request for Determination of Applicability** — Eversource Energy for the 1611 Line electrical utility ROW off Willow Creek Road and New Lenox Road. The proposed project involves construction of three (3) gravel access roads and portions of three (3) gravel work pads within the 100-foot Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) and Inland Bank.

- Paul Knapik from BSC Group presented revised plans based on site visit last week to the Conservation Commission.
- A site visit was completed on August 26th – Paul Knapik, MS, DL and NC.
- There are three structures that are required to be replaced which will need upgrades to the access roads to these structures as well as the construct of work pads which will consist of hybrid padding (matting and permanent fill).
- The current mowed path will be upgraded to a gravel access road.
- Most of the upland area will be matted.
- Per conversation during the site visit, 6044 will all be matting now.
- Paul stated that the process will include installation of matting, completion of the work and then after work is complete, they will back out of locations and remediate work where needed.
- DL moves to grant a negative three determination. RFC seconds. All in favor 7-0.

**2. Request for Determination of Applicability** - National Grid for the property located at 11 Willow Creek Road, Map 9 Parcel 4. The proposed project involves overhead line and pole maintenance at Pole #3 and the installation of a new midspan pole to the north of the Lenox Substation. Proposed work will occur within the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.

- Katy Wilkins from Tighe & Bond representing the applicant, presented the project plan which consists of pole installation and pole updates.
- A site visit was conducted on August 31<sup>st</sup> with Katy Wilkins, DF, DL, and NC.
- Entire project should be completed within a couple of days and will utilize existing access roads.
- Crews will utilize low ground pressure vehicles.
- DF moves for negative three determination. JS seconds. All in favor 7-0.

**3. Approval of Minutes—August 20th Meeting**

- MS moves to approve minutes from August 20th with amend to Becky Cushing's name. RFC seconds. All in favor 7-0.

RFC moved to close the meeting. VA seconds. All in favor 7-0. Meeting closed at 8:03pm.