

Northfield Conservation Commission
Northfield Town Hall
October 3, 2018

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Joan Deely, Charley Eiseman

Absent: Adam Sensor

Guest: Robin Casioppo, Fuss & O'Neill (on behalf of Eversource)

Call to order @7:35 pm

RDA – Fuss & O'Neill / Eversource

- RC: As part of replacing 31 wooden H-frame structures along the transmission line through Northfield, Eversource plans to construct gravel roads and gravel work pads in buffer zones (a total of 7 road segments and 3 work pads associated with 8 structures).
- CB: How big are the work pads?
 - RC: Typically 150' by 150'.
- CB: What are they used for?
 - RC: Installation and repair of structures.
- RC: The work will involve tree clearing in just one area; the rest are within the existing corridor.
- MB & CB identified an area where it looks like there will be clearing in a resource area for temporary crossing / access road (sheet 12 of RDA document).
 - RC is not sure what that area looks like right now.
- (Additional discussion of tree clearing, stream crossings, and riverfront area.)
- MB: There will be work in resource area (outside existing cleared area), so need NOI. We need more detail on that one spot: what exactly needs to happen in that area; how can you just put temporary matting in woods without clearing?
 - RC: Looks like that spot was chosen to avoid buffer impact—narrowest crossing.
- RC: only temporary padding will be used in riverfront area (e.g. sheet 8), and it's within existing clearing, so that work is exempt.
- CB: Want more info on sheet 11—what specifically are they going to do in that stream crossing (document refers vaguely to "Best Management Practices")?
 - RC: Technique involves stacking mats to make a bridge
 - MB: Is that intermittent stream really 40' wide?
- RC: will email Conservation Commission responses to questions about sheet 11 & 12 crossings by the Monday before next meeting.
- BL: Want more info on permanent change in buffer.
- CB: motion to continue meeting to Oct. 17 (Town Hall, 7:30 pm)
 - JD: second
 - Passed unanimously
- BL requested that Fuss & O'Neill fill out the DOA form

- RC agreed
- RC: contact Josh Wilson with any additional questions or concerns

Review Minutes

- JD talked to Mark Stinson, who thought the administrative assistant for Leverett might be willing to help us with minutes etc.
 - BL already talked to them; too far away. Has been talking to Michele Wood; seems promising.
- CB motion to approve Aug. 1 minutes
 - JD: second
 - Passed unanimously

CB motion to adjourn

CE seconds

Passed unanimously; meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm

Submitted by Charles Eiseman

Date Approved: 12/19/18

Bill Flinch
