



MADBURY PLANNING BOARD

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Approved

OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Minutes of: March 4, 2020

Meeting Convened: 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:

Mark Avery - Chair
Tom Burbank
Wallace Dunham
Fritz Green - Ex Officio
Doug Hoff

Support Staff:

Laurie Plantamuro - Recording Secretary
Elizabeth Durfee - Contract Planner

Agenda

1. Seating of Alternates:

Wallace Dunham was seated.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from January 15th, 2020 were reviewed. **Motion** made by Member Green to accept the minutes. **Seconded** by Member Hoff. All Aye. **Motion Approved.**

3. Correspondence:

Town and City Magazine is available.

4. Informal Review-Wetland Crossing Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for Electrical Structure Replacement off Madbury Road

- Jeni Menendez (Eversource)

Ms. Menendez informed the board the project she was here to discuss straddled both Durham and Madbury and that the Madbury section was along the Eversource right of way off of Madbury Road across from the substation. She said Eversource was proposing to go in to the right of way from Madbury Road; however, they were also investigating if they could access the right of way from Water Tower property in Durham.

She informed the Board the plan was to replace five wood pole structures on the G128 line and the 307 line with metal poles. The wood poles have been identified as requiring replacement due to rot and woodpecker damage. The updated steel structures should last at least 50 years.

Ms. Menendez commented Eversource intends on using the best management practices per the states manual. They will identify the wetlands, re-flag so the contractor knows where the boundaries are and establish the wetland crossings. They also plan to use timber matting inside the wetland areas and set up erosion control where needed. She also stated that the new poles will be placed near the existing poles and that the old wood poles would be pulled and cut.

She explained that Eversource would like to do the work in March if all the paper work is complete and that Eversource will be filing a notification with the DES for utility maintenance.

Chair Avery introduced Eric Fiegenbaum from the Water Board and Conservation Commission and Liz Durfee, the Town's Planning Consultant.

Member Burbank asked where the line was if Eversource would be clearing vegetation. Ms. Menendez answered the plan was not for vegetation maintenance and that they will only remove vegetation they deem to be a threat to the line.

Chair Avery asked the public if they had any questions.

Ms. Wolcott asked Ms. Menendez if these poles were going to be taller than the poles are there now. Ms. Menendez answered yes, some of them could increase somewhere between 5 and 10 feet. She said that was only due to the fact that over time the wires sag and that Eversource needs to be sure they have clearance during heavy load times. She noted she wasn't sure which poles would be taller at this time.

Chair Avery mentioned that there might be some schedule issues with the Water Board and Conservation Commission input. He told Ms. Menendez if the board were to receive the Abutter List no later than March 5, 2020, it should be able to hold the Public hearing at eh next meeting.

Mr. Fiegenbaum commented that he had received information from Ms. Menendez that he could present to the Water Board and get their comments to the Planning Board. He also explained that the Conservation Commission wouldn't meet for comment until the end of the month.

Chair Avery asked Ms. Menendez if she had any additional questions and if she received the documents for the application. She answered yes.

Chair Avery closed the informal review.

5. Discussion- Utility maintenance CUP procedures

Chair Avery asked Consultant Durfee to inform the board regarding possible changes to the Town's procedures. The board discussed their thoughts on the language of the ordinance. The board discussed an incorrectly referenced RSA in the ordinance and what practices

had been used in the past. The board decided that the RSA reference should be corrected but not to change any procedures at this time.

6. Other New Business:

- Chair Avery informed the board there was an inquiry on a subdivision, but he didn't believe the lot was big enough and directed them to speak with the Madbury Zoning Board.

- Chair Avery informed the board that some of the neighbors of the potential subdivision of 91 Baghdad Rd, Durham attended the Oyster River Watershed Association to speak against the development. During their presentation they suggested possible impacts on Madbury. The board agreed that since the subdivision is just conceptual and may not go forward, for now monitoring the proposal is the most appropriate action.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:41 pm

Meeting Attendees:

Peggy Wolcott - 98 Old Stage Road

Sherrie Menendez - VHB representing Eversource

Respectfully submitted by Laurie Plantamuro