

Memorandum

To: Members of the Planning Board
From: Liz Durfee, AICP, Planner
Date: April 20, 2021

Subject: CUP for utility maintenance

Overview

GZA, on behalf of Eversource, has submitted a CUP application for proposed utility maintenance on existing transmission line M183. The work includes replacement of four (4) poles within the existing 150-foot wide ROW. The replacements will be approximately 5-10 feet higher than existing poles.

Planner's Review

A total of approximately 23,849 sqft of temporary impacts to wetlands and 488 sqft of impacts to wetland buffers are anticipated. Impacts are associated with construction access and temporary work pads. GZA proposed to use timber matting to minimize impacts. Soil and erosion control measures including straw wattles, silt fence and/or staked hay bales, and swamp mat. The area will be reseeded with a native seed mix and mulched following removal of timber matts.

Recommended Items to Discuss with Applicant & Conditions of Approval

- Are any permanent impacts proposed?
- Confirm that BMPs will conform with Best Management Practices (BMPs) Manual for Utility Maintenance in and Adjacent to Wetlands and Waterbodies in New Hampshire.
- Where will excavated material be placed?
- When is the anticipated start of work?
- What is the anticipated duration of the work?
- Has the applicant met with the Conservation Commission? If not, when will the Conservation Commission have the opportunity to provide recommendations?
- GZA should provide a timeframe when they will revisit the site to confirm vegetative regrowth. Following the return visit, the applicant should provide the Planning Board with a brief written update and photographs of the vegetation.
- Sheet 1 "Notes" indicates that select wetlands were reviewed in 2018. The project narrative indicates that wetlands were reviewed in 2021. Applicant should clarify this.