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Town Planner's Recommendation
Wednesday, December 11, 2019

IX. **Eversource Energy –Poles in WCOD.** Permitted Use B. application to modify four existing utility poles, to install two new utility poles, and for temporary crossings along the Eversource 3162 Distribution line right of way in the Wetland Conservation Overlay District. William McCloy, Senior Scientist, Normandeau Associates, Inc. Located to the southeast of Durham Point Road.

➤ I recommend approval as submitted.

Please note the following:

- The color plan on the last page illustrates the project. Access will be taken from Durham Point Road on the left side. Nearly the entire project area lies within the WCOD: the dashed green dot outline shows the extent of the WCOD which includes a 100 foot buffer around the wetland in the RC zone.
- Four existing poles shown as blue dots are being modified. The work is being done on the cross arm above grade so the actual work being performed is not subject to review, only the impact upon the ground.
- Two new poles are being installed as shown with red triangles. The red triangle at the far right is outside of the WCOD. There are also several temporary wetland crossings as shown in light purple.
- The board need review the application only for compliance with WCOD criteria a), b), and c) below. This application is not a conditional use but rather a “Permitted Use B.” There is no hearing, fee, nor notice involved with a permitted use B and the Planning Board may take action at one meeting if all is in order.
- The Conservation Commission reviewed the application on November 25, 2019 and found that the criteria under the WCOD were met.

175-60. Permitted Uses in the WCOD.

...B. *The following uses or activities, including any necessary grading, shall be permitted in the WCOD if they are permitted in the underlying zoning district provided that the Zoning Administrator issues a permit for the activity after the Planning Board, with the advice of the Conservation Commission, determines that: 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.*