



Planning Board Minutes CMP Site Visit

Time: 6 pm Thursday July 22, 2021

Location: Junction of Lothrop Road and the CMP Power Transmission Corridor

Planning Board Attendees: Jim Amaral, Laurie Hiestand, Taylor McGraw, Joel Verney

CMP Representatives: Will Atkins, Gary Emond, Jason Weymouth,

Emily Dupraz (Attorney, Pierce Atwood)

Other Attendees: Cynthia Rego, Mark Rego, Cathy Johnson

Attendees were shown the proposed locations of poles 3027-134 and 3027-135. Due to the distance from the road photographs were used to inspect the proposed location of pole 3027-161. Taylor and Joel initiated some discussion regarding impacts to the snowmobile trails. Gary Emond discussed the types of safety markings to be used on guy wires.

Jim asked about herbicide usage and signage to inform the public of recently sprayed areas. Gary said he would provide that info prior to the next meeting.

Laurie asked what would happen if the referendum passed outlawing the proposed corridor. Gary replied that all areas where CMP had done work related to this project would be restored to their original state.

Members of the public were allowed to ask questions towards the end of the site visit. Cynthia Mark Rego abutters to the CMP corridor expressed concerns about construction vehicle traffic blocking Lothrop road, creating noise too early in the morning and the use of the road even when it is posted against heavy vehicle use. Gary Emond addressed their concerns and shared contact info they could reach out to if they had concerns during the construction phase of the project.

Cathy Johnson asked about buffer zones between wetlands, streams and locations of spray applications. Gary Emond thought there was a 25 foot buffer on either side of streams.

The site visit was concluded at approximately 6:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Jim Amaral, Planning Board Chair