

Minutes

Planning Board Meeting Site Walk

Location: Parson's Hill Road and Willey Pond Road

Date & Time: April 6, 2023 5:00PM

Voting Members Present:

Phil Auger – Vice Chairman
Tim Reed
Don Clifford – Alternate

Non-Voting Members Present:

Others Present:

Blair Haney, Strafford Regional Planning Commission, Regional Planner

Members of the Planning Board met with Brian Salas with Eversource at the intersection of Route 106 and Parson's Hill Road for a site walk to view trees proposed to be cleared by Eversource along Parson's Hill Road and Willey Pond Road. The Vice Chairman, Phil Auger, called the meeting to order at 5:07PM and introduced Mr. Salas to board members Tim Reed and Don Clifford and Blair Haney with SRPC. Mr. Salas explained that there are two locations where tree work is planned, and the first was only a few hundred feet up Parson's Hill Road. Everyone drove in their cars to the first location, which is the site of a new Eversource customer located on the left side of Parson's Hill Road. Eversource is bringing power from an existing pole located on the opposite side of the road to a new pole with a guy wire, turning and extending power lines along Parson's Hill Road in front of the new customer's property to a second pole located at the end of the proposed driveway. A third pole is proposed to be located about 20 feet into the property along the driveway where the customer will then bring power into the property below ground. There were only a few small trees with ribbons along the edge of the road that are proposed to be cleared. There were no objections by the board members.

At 5:20, the site walk moved to the end of the driveway at 175 Willey Pond Road. Brian explained that there are several Ash trees along the edges of the road in close proximity to the existing power lines that are diseased and dying. The clearing is intended to remove select diseased trees before they fall on the power lines. The trees were not flagged, but Mr. Salas pointed to several of them, and they were in obvious distress. Phil asked the board members if they had any objections to the planned clearing. There being no objections, Phil asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don motioned to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Tim. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.