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Public Hearing
Leominster Road - Unitil
March 14, 2022

Meeting Posted: Yes
Place: Town Hall, 17 Main Street, Lunenburg, MA
Time: 7:39 p.m.

Present: Tanner Cole, Matthew Allison, Adam Burney
Paula Bertram and Erik Torgersen participated remotely under the Act relative to extending certain COVID-19 measures adopted during the state of emergency.
Absent: Matthew Brenner

The Hearing was to hear and review a request under M.G.L. Ch. 40, Section 15C, Scenic Road Designations and under M.G.L. Ch. 87, Section 3, Cutting of Public Shade Trees to remove 21 trees and prune 2 trees along Leominster Road under the Unitil Reliability Project. Owner/applicant was Unitil, 357 Electric Avenue, Lunenburg, MA.

Unitil was represented by Keith Caribo, Manager of Electric Operations, and Dave Clapham, Forestry Supervisor. Circuit 30W30 was one of the two circuits that fed Lunenburg; the back side of West Street, down Lancaster Avenue, the center of Lunenburg, and down Leominster Road. To help the reliability of its facilities this project was to re-conductor down Leominster Road to Kilburn, Goodrich and over to Lancaster to make a circuit tie. Once completed, there would be four different ways for Unitil to feed its facilities. One of the roads that would be most impacted would be Leominster Road so D. Clapham took a look at what needed to be done for the most reliability and the least impact.

The trees ranged from three inches to thirty plus. Some of the proposed trees already had contact with the existing power lines. The trees earmarked for removal/trimming had been marked. Poles would be replaced and lines would be placed three to seven feet higher than the current placement. There would be a one for one replacement, working in coordination with the Tree Warden.

M. Allison made Motion to close the hearing, P. Bertram Seconded, Roll Call Vote- P. Bertram, aye; E. Torgersen, aye; M. Allison, aye; T. Cole, aye. Passed unanimously.

Hearing closed 7:52 p.m.

Documents used at meeting:
Scenic Road Application