

**Town of Enfield  
Zoning Board of Adjustment  
Ed Scovner, Chairman  
December 9, 2014  
7 p.m.**

**Present:** Phil Neily-Zoning Administrator, Paula Rowe-Recorder, Tim Lenihan, Ken May, Ed Scovner-Chairman.

**Guests:** Matthew Cardin.

Chairman Scovner called the meeting to order on this snow and rain night at 7:23 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Postponed to the next meeting.

**Public Hearing:**

- I. Liberty Utilities is requesting a Special Exception under Article 406.1, Section D. of the Town of Enfield Zoning Ordinance. They are requesting to do utility work (replacing and installing new poles) in their right-of-way within the Town of Enfield. This will impact a cumulative area of 22 square feet in protected wetland areas. Work is being performed along Potato Rd., Whitehouse Rd., and Spectacle Pond Rd.

Board Member, Celie Aufiero, was recused from this hearing by Chairman Scovner. Ms. Aufiero is an abutter with a conflict of interest.

Matthew Cardin, certified wetland specialist, spoke on behalf of Liberty Utilities. Liberty Utilities would like to upgrade by installing new poles. This will enhance reliability and flow of power to the residences. Permits from DES, Canaan Conservation Commission approval has been met.

The poles will be approximately 8 feet from the road along Whitehouse, Potato, Lockhaven Roads. One pole will be in a wetland. This pole will be braced. Mr. Cardin explained what they are going to do with each pole. Each pole will have a waddell around it for erosion.

Celie Aufiero asked which side of the road the poles are on and Mr. Cardin pointed out which ones were on the east or west side. She asked if some tree's would be cut, and that she does not want any of the tree's on her property cut. Mr. Cardin said that the tree's that would be cut would be within their easement. Zoning Administrator Neily said that he has talked with Liberty Utilities and asked why the poles were on both sides of the road and received an answer of the weight of the lines and poles. Mr. Cardin said that

large tree's would not be cut, probably just brush and saplings. In some instances a new path is being made by a line.

Mr. Cardin said that there will be some tree clearing for the utility line on Whitehouse Road. The rest are pole replacements. Mr. Cardin pointed out most of the lines and poles were previously put in during the 50's and there was no concern for wetlands and clearing tree's during those years. Mr. Cardin will speak with Liberty Utilities about Ms. Aufiero's concerns with tree's being cut on and around her property.

Chairman Scovner recited the criteria to his board. Tim Lenihan asked Mr. Cardin about the approval of the DES, which he said they received a week or two ago.

*Tim Lenihan made a motion to approve the request for the special exception as applied for; the applicant has exercised due diligence to insure minimal environmental impact to the wetland areas. Ken May second this. All three board members approved.*

**Next Meeting:**

January 13, 2015 – however, no hearings have been scheduled at this time.

**Adjournment:**

Tim Lenihan made a motion to adjourn at 8 p.m. with a second from Ken May and carried.