

## Road Committee Communication #4

### **Peacham Pond Association Road Committee – Green Mountain Power Assessment & Action**

Green Mountain Power (GMP) was contacted early October and asked to perform an off-cycle assessment of electrical lines on Class 3 roads around Peacham Pond. GMP agreed and their Forester conducted the assessment on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Several key take-aways from this assessment include:

1. GMP follows an assessment cycle of every seven years.
  2. They primarily focus on “pole to pole” hazards during the assessment process. *Please note that pole to house tree hazards are considered the responsibility of the camp owner.*
  3. They generally employ a 10/10/20 guideline in the performance of these assessments, looking at tree hazards that are up to 10’ on either side of a line or 20’ in height below a line. This guideline is applied by the Forester during his assessment with a strong bias to save trees where possible.
1. Numerous tree hazards were identified on the Onion Point Road side of the pond. The Peacham Pond Road side of the pond was determined to be in good condition.
  2. The Forester presented his findings and recommendation to GMP’s office for the trimming or removal of identified tree hazards.

Once GMP authorized the work, their subcontractor immediately commenced work (which was much faster than expected) to complete prior to winter. They cut down and/or trimmed about 20 trees in total. The crew neatly stacked branches and logs along the side of the road.

Subsequently, the Town Highway Department was contacted to finish the job. They will bring their wood chipper to shred the branches and logs. Further, they agreed to cut down topped off trees as appropriate and within the right of way. This work is expected to take place by mid-November.

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