

## STAFF REPORT

05/09/2022

**Topic:** Discussion of NH Electric Coop announcement regarding herbicide treatment on Transmission Line 124 on Leighton Avenue

**Discussion:** At their April 20, 2022 meeting the Conservation Commission discussed the announcement received from NH Electric Coop and its contractor consultant, Vegetation Control Service, Inc. regarding application of herbicides to undesirable vegetation growing within the power line rights of way corridors, specifically on Transmission Line 124 on Leighton Avenue. A copy of that announcement is attached; the announcement states that treatments are scheduled to commence on or about June 15, 2022.

The Conservation Commission noted that a number of homeowners in the Leighton Avenue area are concerned for their private wells and the lake's water quality.

The Commission asks the City Council to not support the application of herbicides/pesticides along transmission lines with impacts to private wells and shorelands, and to not allow NH Electric Coop to proceed with this herbicide treatment as outlined in the announcement dated April 1, 2022.

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Staff Recommendation:**

**This report submitted by:** Scott Myers, City Manager

**Proposed motion:** *"I move that the City Council endorses the Conservation Commission's position on opposing the application of herbicides/pesticides along transmission lines with impacts to private wells and shorelands, and to not allow NH Electric Coop to proceed with the herbicide treatment as outlined in the announcement dated April 1, 2022."*