

Agenda Summary
June 26, 2024

Agenda Item No. A-2

Temporary Relocation of Public (non-emergency) Access to Cady Hill Forest

Summary: Stowe Electric has requested the Town grant permission to temporarily reroute non-emergency public access to the Cady Hill Forest at SED's Wilkens Substation property on Cady Hill Rd. This temporary relocation will detour users away from conflicts with SED's forthcoming construction activities at the site.

A map of the proposed relocation is enclosed.

It is anticipated this temporary relocation will be in place until November 2024.

Emergency Services will retain access to Cady Hill Forest via the existing means of access while the temporary relocation is in place.

The proposed temporary relocation has been coordinated with SED, Stowe Trails Partnership, Stowe Rescue, Stowe Mountain Rescue and VELCO to ensure all rightful users of the site and Cady Hill Forest are informed and not adversely effected by the temporary relocation.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Recommendation: Move authorize SED to implement the temporary access to Cady Hill Forest as proposed in the attachment.



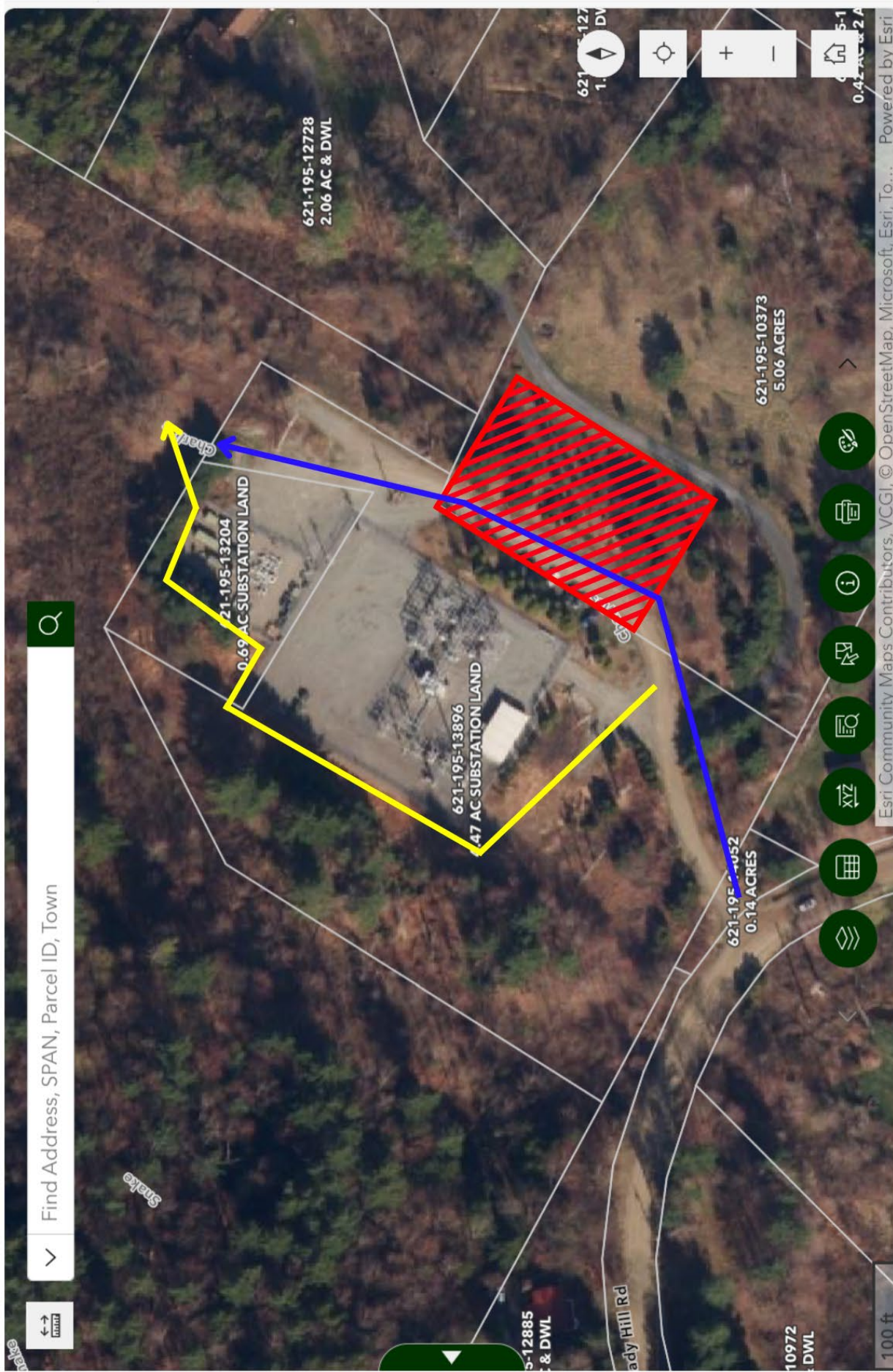
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TO: STOWE SELECTBOARD
FROM: J. PRATT, GENERAL MANAGER
RE: CADY HILL SUBSTATION DETOUR
DATE: JUNE 26, 2024

Sitework will soon be underway for construction of a new cold storage barn for utility use at Stowe Electric Department's (SED) parcel located on Cady Hill Rd. In an effort to avoid conflict with heavy equipment during site work and construction, SED collaborated with Stowe Trails, VELCO, and the Town of Stowe to identify a temporary detour for cyclists and pedestrians that will route them away from the construction site.

The proposed detour route will direct walkers and cyclists along the backside of the VELCO and Stowe Electric substations, meeting up with the main trail at the Stowe Trails trailhead kiosk just beyond the substations. The trail entrance will be restored to its normal route following construction, which is anticipated to be completed on or around November 1, 2024, barring any delays.

A sketch of the detour route along with a letter of support from VELCO is attached. The temporary closure of the right of way through our construction site and implementation of the detoured trail route requires approval from the Selectboard.



Construction Zone



ROW/Trail Route



Detour Trail Route



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July 17, 2024

Dear Ms. Pratt,

Thank you for sharing Stowe Electric Department's plans for a temporary bike path near the Cady Hill storage barn, using VELCO property in places. A member of VELCO's environmental team visited the site and reviewed the proposed temporary bike path, and, with the conditions we have discussed, VELCO is fine with the proposed plan. We appreciate your cooperation in this and look forward to working together as this project moves forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Landis-Marinello".

Kyle Landis-Marinello
Senior Counsel