

Eversource B112 Field Visit: Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup> 0800-1000

FS Participants: Kristi Meier – Soils, Catherine Spolarich – Botany, Jasmin Faunce – Permit Administrator

Other participants: Ashley Friend – Eversource, Sam Harris – Eversource, Greg Belanger – Eversource, Jacob Barss – JCR Utility, Steven Coburn – MJ Electric, Jeff Guerra – MJ Electric

Goal: Monitor and observe wetland matting installation at structures 108-110.

- We parked and met the construction crews at Mt. Israel Road in Sandwich.
- Participated in a safety tailgate session and signed Risk Assessments as discussed with JCR, the contractor.
- Drove up access road, stopping to observe two other locations with bridge matting previously installed.
- Watched wetland matting being installed – technique used is stacking 2-3 mats high in alternating configurations. Ground contact is limited on the first level and gaps are bridged and closed on second and third levels to create a relatively flat driving surface. Weight of equipment is widely distributed to limit wetland impact (~ 3psi?)
- Kristi and Catherine noted that monitoring restoration will be needed once matting material is removed.