

Location of New Transformer- Hardship Variance Request

Due to the shape of the lot, the only feasible location for the new transformer is on the front right side of the building. The lot is H shaped and therefore; to meet the requirements of both Eversource and The City of Somerville, the right side of the building allows ample room for the transformer to be set back from the street and sidewalk. This will also allow the transformer to blend in as we plan to screen the transformer with landscaping (shrubs, flowering bushes etc.)

Placing the transformer in any other area will cause time delays and will require extensive excavation which will greatly disturb our underground utilities. The proposed location (as described above) has been accepted by Eversource. The proposed location is better aligned with our present interior electric service and allows easier access when completing the new electric service to the building. This work has been mandated by our Insurance Company. As time is of the essence, this location allows the installation of the transformer to be completed in a timelier manner. We plan to increase plantings (and fencing if necessary) which will include new shrubs etc. to allow the transformer to blend in with the existing landscape. We plan to utilize the existing shrubs if not disturbed by the transformer installation. We plan to use (but not limited to) Ink Bush (*Ilex Glabra*), Thuja (*Arborvitae*) and Evergreen (*Sempervirens*).