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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2019

Members present: Chris Brown; Chairman, Bill Dane, Jim Roberts, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead
Staff: Melissa Graves

7:00 PM

**Request for Extension for Order of Conditions/Bruer Pond
DEP File 341-0357, Town of Wilbraham**

Present: Dena Grochmal, TOW Engineering Department

The Wilbraham Department of Public Works is requesting an extension for the project at Bruer Pond. The request is being made to continue compliance with the Army Corp of Engineers permit to monitor the wetland plantings, new tree growth and maintenance, and bank stabilization. If necessary, new plantings or dead tree removal may occur further into the season. It is a request for three additional years.

Motion: Bill Dane, issue the Order of Conditions Extension for three years

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously In Favor: Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

Referenced Materials: WPA Form 7 – Extension Permit for Order of Conditions

7:10 PM

**Request for Determination of Applicability
Sawmill Pond – CPA Project**

This project was a Community Preservation approved project and consists of cleaning up the existing trails and creating three shore line fishing locations. The trail work will consist of downing dead/dangerous trees for safety purposes and removing them, cutting brush along the edges of the trail and building three wildlife habitat huts on site. The parking area as part of this project will also be cleaned up, regraded and material will be brought in to create a hard pack surface.

This project was put out for quotes as part of the procurement process and after receiving and reviewing the submitted quotes, Fern Valley Farm was the lowest quote for the project. They can begin within the next two weeks if awarded the contract and should take approximately a month.

Motion: Jim Roberts, issue a Positive #5 and a Negative #2 Determination

2nd: Bill Dane

Unanimously In Favor: Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

Referenced Materials: WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability and WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability

**Award of Contract
Sawmill Pond CPA Project**

Motion: Stoughton Smead, authorize Chairman Chris Brown to sign the contract for the CPA project at Sawmill Pond to Fern Valley Farm

2nd: Bill Dane

Unanimously In Favor: Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

Referenced Materials: Standard Contract – Town of Wilbraham & Standard Quote Form – Town of Wilbraham

7:20 PM

**Notice of Intent
Eversource Right of Way
Present: Melissa Kaplan, BSC Group**

Conservation Commission members Chris Brown and Stoughton Smead met with Devleena from Eversource on –site prior to this meeting. This project includes replacing the existing structures (power poles) along the Right-of-Way from the Chicopee River through Hampden. Several locations have jurisdictional areas including BVW, Riverfront and Isolated Wetlands. Some work is proposed within buffer zones and resource areas. Temporary matting will be in place to access the pole sites. Permanent impact would include the new upgraded graveled roads that access the poles but will not alter a resource area. Portions of the project are in the Mass Natural Heritage Endangered Species polygon and an application has been filed with them for review. As of this hearing, we do not have a written response from NHESP (Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program). The applicant will provide a weekly monitoring report as part of their SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan).

The majority of the project is considered a Limited Project under 310 CMR 10.53(3)(d); construction, reconstruction, operation and maintenance of overhead utilities.

Motion: Jim Roberts, continue the public hearing until Monday, April 25, 2019 at 7:05 PM pending receipt of memo from NHESP

2nd: Bill Dane

Unanimously In Favor: Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

Referenced Materials: WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, Site Plans – Lines 3419/1205 Structure Replacement Notice of Intent Environmental Resources Pages 1-5

8:00 PM

Notice of Intent

13 Maynard Road – Invasive Species Management Plan

Present: Joan Deeley, LSI (Land Stewardship Inc.)

The property owner has approximately 15 acres designated by the NRCS for invasive plant species control. The site has areas of oriental bittersweet and winged euonymus (burning bush). There are also low densities of bush honeysuckle, multiflora rose, glossy buckthorn, Japanese barberry and Japanese knotweed. Methods for control will be a foliar spray application and cut stem treatment. Land Management will be performing these tasks over a three year period. This project qualifies as an Ecological Restoration Limited Project for Invasive Species Management.

As discussed during the meeting the following conditions should be included in the issued Order of Conditions:

- Summary of vegetation management activities, including management methods (hand-pulling and/or herbicides) and locations during the reporting period.
- A set of photographs depicting the vegetation management locations following implementation of vegetation management activities during the reporting period.
- A summary of project milestone dates.

Motion: Bill Dane, close the public hearing and issue the Order of Conditions within 21 days

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously In Favor: Bill Dane, Alice Colman, Jim Roberts and Stoughton Smead

Minutes

January 14, 2019

Motion: Stoughton Smead, approve minutes as written

2nd: Bill Dane

Unanimously in Favor: Alice Colman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, and Jim Roberts

Minutes

January 28, 2019

Motion: Bill Dane, approve minutes as written

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in Favor: Alice Colman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, and Jim Roberts

Minutes

February 25, 2019

Motion: Bill Dane, approve minutes as written

2nd: Jim Roberts

Unanimously in Favor: Alice Colman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, and Jim Roberts

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:30 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on March 22, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant
Date: _____

Christopher Brown, Chairman
Date: _____