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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from June 10, 2019

Members present: George Reich; Acting Chairman, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Jim Roberts and Alice Colman
Staff: Melissa Graves

**7:05 PM Request for Determination of Applicability
Wilbraham Senior Center**

This meeting was continued pending receipt of further documentation regarding how the wetland line was determined. A memo from Paula Dubord, Director of Public Affairs, indicated they were not ready for the meeting and requested a continuation to the first scheduled meeting in July.

Motion: Jim Roberts, continue the meeting until July 8, 2019 at 7:05 PM

2nd: Bill Dane

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

Minutes – May 6, 2019

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve minutes as written

2nd: Bill Dane

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

Minutes – May 20, 2019

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve minutes as written

2nd: Bill Dane

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

**7:15 PM Request for Determination of Applicability
National Grid – Power Pole Replacements**

Present: Andrew Cole – VHB Associates

Several members attended at site walk on Saturday, June 8, 2019 to observe the locations of the poles that were to be replaced and/or added. National Grid is proposing to replace or add additional poles along Beebe Road and Monson Road several of which are within Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. All work will be within the public right-of-way and there will not be any wetland disturbance. All equipment will be on the paved road and erosion control measures will be used when necessary. Soils will be graded and seeded where it was disturbed.

Motion: Bill Dane, issue a Negative #3 and a Positive #5 Determination

2nd: Jim Roberts

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

Request for Determination of Applicability (continued)
National Grid – Power Pole Replacements

Materials Referenced – WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability, WPA Form 2 – Determination of Applicability, Site Plans Titled 5071L1 Line Pages 1-4 and dated May 1, 2019

7:40 PM

Notice of Intent

22V Deerfield Drive – Single Family Home

Present: Heather Comee, Wetlands Consultants Inc.

Several members of the Commission went to the site prior to the meeting to observe locations of proposed home and isolated wetland. The only work proposed that is within the buffer zone of the isolated wetland is the graded lawn area and a portion of septic system. The site falls within estimated and priority habitat on the 2016 Edition of the Mass Natural Heritage Endangered Species Program. Based on the proposed development of the site, Mass Natural Heritage finds that this project as proposed must be conditioned in order to avoid a prohibited take of state-listed species. An Eastern Box Turtle Protection Plan must be submitted for review and written approval prior to any work commencing. Ms. Comee indicated that silt fence will be installed around the entire work area and a “turtle sweep” will be conducted to be sure no turtles are inside the enclosure while work is happening. A permanent limit of work line shall be installed as well.

Motion: Bill Dane, close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days
2nd: Stoughton Smead

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

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent, WPA Form 5 – Order of Conditions, Site Plan titled Felipe Goncalves, Conservation Plan dated 181102, Correspondence from Mass Natural Heritage dated May 29, 2019

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:05 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on June 24, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant
Date: _____

Christopher Brown, Chairman
Date: _____