

CONSERVATION COMMISSION



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GREENFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes of April 13, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Greenfield Police Station
321 High Street

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. with the following members:

PRESENT: Alex Haro, Chair; Tim Mosher, Vice-chair; Richard Starkey
ABSENT: Dee Letourneau; Tom DeHoyos
Also present: Ralph Kunkel, Conservation Agent, members of the public.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 23, 2010.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to accept the minutes of March 23, 2010 as submitted.

Public Meetings/Hearings:

7:09 p.m. Tim Smith, National Grid – to review a Notice of Intent for property of the New England Power Company Easement located at 562 Leyden Road (Assessors Map R30 Lot 3) to conduct maintenance of existing A127/B128 lattice tower 115kV electric line to mitigate sub-standard line clearances and to repair/replace overhead reconductoring units on each tower structure. Structure replacement required at one structure. Continued from March 23, 2010.

Kelly Kippenberger, Professional Wetland Scientist of TRC, was present on behalf of the applicant. Kippenberger reviewed the diagram of the footprint of the new tower submitted to the Commission at their request. Kippenberger then reviewed how the old structure would be removed.

Haro asked how the area at the old structure would be restored; he asked if a wetland seed mix be used. Kippenberger said that was not planned, but they would be willing to do so if the Commission requested it.

Kippenberger submitted an aerial view of the proposed stockpiling area; this also included the area where the dewatering would occur.

Haro asked Kippenberger if, when the swamp mats were removed, the area would be allowed to re-vegetate naturally. Kippenberger replied that it would.

Kippenberger addressed the DEP's Comment; she stated that the applicant proposed 72 sq feet of wetland restoration at the east end of the Wetland toward Leyden Road. Kippenberger said they would install the wetland soil taken from the areas where the new structure was installed as it would contain root stock.

Haro asked if the proposed area was privately owned. Kippenberger said that the restoration would be on the National Grid easement.

Mosher asked if old structure is on concrete. Kippenberger replied that it was not. Mosher asked for the square footage of the area of the old structure. Kippenberger said that she was unsure of the exact area. Mosher asked if the site of replication could be the area where the old tower would be removed.

Haro said that could be contingent on whether it was disturbed enough; that Kippenberger could determine that when the work had been done. Kippenberger submitted a restoration plan.

Starkey said he has confidence in National Grid.

There was no further discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Starkey and voted 3-0, to approve the Notice of Intent with the additional submitted materials with the following special conditions:

- 1. Standard Boiler Plate Conditions**
- 2. The Wetlands Replication shall be done in an area to be determined by the Wetlands Scientist monitoring the project and approved by the Commission or its representative.**

Other Business: Kunkel updated the Commission on the situation with Larry Stribley and the Rabecki property.

Haro asked Kunkel to call Northrup Grumman's agent and have them tighten up the erosion control devices.

Correspondence: Kunkel said the YOP from Mass Highway is in the Office.

Enforcement Orders: None

Site Visits: To be scheduled for the *in situ* restoration of Wetland 4 at the Mackin Property.

Next Meeting: Greenfield Police Station Meeting Room, April 27, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Mosher, seconded by Starkey, and voted 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ralph Kunkel
Conservation Agent

Alex Haro
Chair