

Conservation Commission meeting 23 Jul 2012

Members Present: Steve Dumont, Dick Holmes, Jim Fowler, Woody Prouty

Alternate Members Present: Gabe Bailey

Guests Present: Daniel Rukakoski (Tighe & Bond), John Corcoran (National Grid)

Called to order 7:04 P.M. by Steve Dumont chair

Minutes of 18 Jun 2012 approved as printed

- 1) National Grid substation Michael Ave – Mr. Rukakoski and Mr. Corcoran presented final plans for the sub-station construction. The plans have changed from preliminary presentation as they will now be getting power from the National Grid line further up the hill. They will need to install a switch station between the power line and the substation. To install the switch station another road will be built up the existing right of way thus more wetlands will be impacted. They will also be installing a 40' 15" culvert at the Michael Avenue end of the substation access road. Power from the substation will come underground down the access road, under the culvert and up the pole uphill from the access road. CCC reviewed the plans. They are submitting a minimum impact expedited permit. Motion made, seconded and passed to sign off on the wetlands permit.
- 2) Halls Pond Tree Removal – no change
- 3) Connecticut River Joint Commission – looking for a Charlestown rep for the Ascutney district.
- 4) Nature Trail – Steve Dumont has invoices totaling \$318.03 to be forwarded to the Trustees of Trust funds. The new portion of the trail still needs a work day to complete. Steve to contact Lew Shelley of SCA for assistance. Jim Fowler cleaned up the tent area. Steve Dumont raked the location. Much discussion of knotweed problem.
- 5) Correspondence – Steve Dumont reviewed correspondence received since last meeting to include:
 - a) notification of 442 Meany Road and Windy Acres wetlands applications for septic systems.
 - b) Connecticut River State forest trail approval letter.
 - c) Town's Sullivan St wetlands application final approval.
 - d) The Wetlands Council accepted Larry Crocker's appeal of Chris Hemingway wetlands application approval.

adjourned 8:15 P.M.

minutes submitted by Jim Fowler secretary

minutes accepted by Steve Dumont chair

Steve Dumont

date