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Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Mike Considine, Ken Henault (late), Paul Nickerson, Truda Bloom, Ben LaBrecque, Mark Oswald (late), and Mike Speltz

Call to order; 7:30 P.M.

D. Lievens appointed M. Speltz to vote for Ken Henault (who arrived approximately ten minutes later)

 <u>PSNH D+F</u>- Nick Golan of TFMoran was joined by Laura Games and Alison McLean of Public Service of New Hampshire to review a Dredge and Fill application regarding the ongoing expansion of their Scobie Pond substation. The existing yard will be expanded to accommodate a new transformer being installed for anticipated needs. Using photographs (see attached), N. Golan identified that on the northeast end of the existing yard, approximately 75 feet of wooded area will be cleared heading in a northerly direction. An adequate buffer will remain between PSNH's lot and the abutting neighbor to the northwest.

M. Oswald arrived.

A second expansion will occur on the southwest end of the yard where discharge from an existing storm water pipe has created a wetland. N. Golan described the resulting D+F request as the filling of 2,150 square feet of a wetland mostly created by PSNH, which he noted has a lower function than the rest of the wetland. The intention of the design is to try and balance the cut fills needed for the site while maintaining the necessary height of a nearly 200-foot long modular block retaining wall which nearly splits the area of wet in half. He explained that the required 12 foot height of the wall is stabilized by structural fabric called a geo-grid that cannot extend into the containment area of the new transformer and therefore adds to the wetland infringement. Beyond the wall area, the remainder of the outside edge will mostly be a 3:1 slope. An adequately sized area has been prepared for the construction zone so as not to further impact the wetland while building the wall.

M. Speltz asked where the fill would be coming from for the construction. N. Golan said that Hunter Construction would have to provide the exact details but he believed the goal was to use local materials, including the ledge that is anticipated to be found there.

K. Henault arrived.

 The existing pipe will discharge into the containment pad. A new design involving "imbiber beads" will soak up oil in case of a catastrophic failure of the transformer. Normal water runoff will pass through the beads and drain to adjacent wetlands. Once the beads come into contact with that oil, they need to be disposed of immediately and replaced but unless that happens, they can remain in place indefinitely. M. Speltz inquired as to the failure history of the transformer system. A. McLean replied that she did not know of any failures to date. K. Henault asked how the beads would be affected by pollen and other natural debris from the abutting tree line. N. Golan said his understanding was that there was adequate void space to preclude any such issues. Questions arose regarding what other New Hampshire towns are utilizing the new system, the size of the beads, who manufactures them, and details on necessary maintenance. Since the time allowed for a letter of intervention had passed, it was decided that if a motion to recommend approval was made, a request be added for specifications on the plan (see below). The Commission's consensus was that aside from those questions, they would be able to vote on

46 their overall recommendation to the Wetlands Bureau.



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Because the growth of this substation has entailed several D+F permits over the years, M. Speltz asked if the individual impacts would be counted separately by the Department of Environmental Services and therefore not require any mitigation. N. Golan stated that the impacts are cumulative, however the total for this substation is still under the 5 year-10,000 sf threshold that necessitates mitigation. Doing the project in phases, he explained, is simply the most cost effective way for PSNH to expand the substation.

K. Henault made a motion to support the D+F with the recommendation to the Planning Board that their approval include the requirement that a detailed maintenance instruction of the imbiber bead system be added to the plan. P. Nickerson seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

Construction is tentatively set to begin in the first half of August.

Aviation Park Drive D+F- Todd Connors of Sublime Engineering and Eric Skinner, owner of Trimmers Landscaping, presented a D+F request involving wetland impacts on 3 Aviation Park Drive (14-29-10). E. Skinner is proposing a 16,600 sf building on the site for both his business as well as several other future tenants. Impacts to the wetland in the middle of the lot would total 9,600 sf due to a portion of the building footprint and the loading area behind it (see attached plan). The jurisdictional wetland in the northeast corner will not be affected. Town Planner Tim Thompson made the determination that these wetlands, although part of the general Little Cohas watershed, are actually separate from it. This results in the eastern wetland only necessitating a 50-foot buffer (as opposed to 100-feet) and the central wetland not requiring any buffer since it less than a half acre in size.

T. Connors provided documentation of the Natural Heritage Bureau Inventory, which identified several species within the vicinity of the project area: Banded sunfish, Blanding's turtles, Spotted turtles, Eastern Hognose snakes and New England Cottontail. Fish and Game has been contacted as is required. In addition, he supplied research done by the NH Division of Historical Resources which concluded that no historic sites would be impacted.

Two detention ponds would be incorporated into the design, one on the western end near the intersection of Aviation Park Drive and Harvey Road and the other between the eastern end of the proposed building and the wetland in the northeast corner. T. Connors described both as being of a new design developed in accordance with updated State standards for storm water control. Of the four foot depth of the shallow ponds, the top two feet will act as storm water detention for pavement runoff while the last two feet will not only allow sediment to fall out, but will permit the added wetland vegetation to absorb the nutrients and the ground water to recharge. They will be identified as either "wet ponds," "pocket ponds" or "created wetlands," depending on the final classification by DES. Roof runoff will be collected separately as it is cleaner than pavement runoff and either discharged to the impacted wetland or infiltrated underground. M. Considine asked if filling the wetland will force it onto the abutting neighbor's property. Because of the created drainage and storage ability of runoff, T. Connors said that should not be an issue.

Although the Londonderry Public Works Department does not allow the aforementioned use of underground filtration to be considered in the overall drainage calculations, T. Connors noted that the State now requires a set degree of groundwater recharge which may result in a leachfield-like area under the parking lot. The design of system would ensure that its breakdown would not necessitate the Londonderry DPW from having to repair or maintain it. He also reviewed erosion controls for the site, including catch basins and silt fencing. Snow will be stored around the perimeter of the lot and eventually removed from the site if it exceeds those areas.

No Conditional Use Permit will be required for the slope of the eastern pond towards the wetland as it is actually dug into the ground and the natural grade of the berm runs through the COD buffer. A



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CUP will be needed, however, for the outfall of that pond which is only needed to impact the buffer in order for the pond to function as a created wetland.

A landscape plan is forthcoming to fulfill Town requirements and provide native species, including drought and salt tolerant species. D. Lievens asked if the Birdsfoot Trefoil seed mix noted on the plan is still the required by DES for erosion control since it is a non-native species. T. Connors said he would check the most recent publication to ensure that it is still part of their best management practices. She also inquired as to whether space has been allocated on the plan for trucks to maneuver around the backside of the building. T. Connors said that area was included but that it still needs Fire Department approval.

D. Lievens then asked why the plan identifies 12 more parking spaces than the Town requires. Parking for this project, T. Connors explained, is related directly to the use of the building. Aside from the parking needed for the separate tenants in the building, E. Skinner's landscaping business relies heavily on outside workers who park their personal vehicles on site and then take company vehicles to job sites. Extra spaces were therefore integrated into the plan, however T. Connors noted that like the building itself, the thirty six spaces closest to the intersection would be constructed in phases once their need is determined. M. Speltz asked if a variation of the plan had been considered where the building would sit closer to the Harvey Rd/Aviation Park Dr., especially since constructing the parking in phases might reveal less of a need in the end. T. Connors explained that trying to squeeze some of the parking along with the building in that corner would eliminate the possibility of the loading area. He also noted that the chosen location of curb cut off Aviation Park Drive would be difficult to rearrange as it just meets the Town's sight distance requirements. M. Considine pointed out a discrepancy in the written description of the plan that identified only 40 total parking spaces. T. Connors said he would double-check the numbers but was fairly certain the total would be the 64 drawn on the diagram.

When asked if gravel could be used instead of pavement, T. Connors replied that concern over aesthetic presentation of the site at the corner resulted in the choice of pavement. D. Lievens then asked if the pavement used could be of a pervious material but T. Connors stated that it would not effectively handle the amount of debris associated with a landscaping business. M. Speltz asked that T. Connors check with the University of New Hampshire Storm Center regarding the amount of debris and the potential for using pervious pavement.

Andre Garron, Director of Community Development, spoke in support of the project, asking the LCC to recommend approval to the Wetlands Bureau. He verified that Town staff reviewed several iterations of the plan and that the current layout best represents E. Skinner's proposed use. M. Considine added that the proposal fits with the Town's goal to add industry to this area of Londonderry.

M. Speltz noted that the wetland impacts were just 400 sf short of the 10,000 sf that would prompt a mitigation requirement by the State. While acknowledging that the aforementioned wet ponds would provide some compensation, he asked if further mitigation could still be considered to offset the impacts. T. Connors responded by explaining that the ponds will be recreating wet areas equal to the amount to be filled and will be more active in their treatment of runoff. This topic as well as permeable pavement and other issues raised can be revisited with the forthcoming CUP application CUP and design review process.

K. Henault made a motion to draft a letter to the Wetlands Bureau in support of the D+F application, acknowledging the plans for phased parking and with the recommendation of the use of permeable pavement in that area of phased parking. M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.



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Eagle project; Russell Saur- Boy Scout Russell Saur offered to perform work in the Musquash
Conservation Area, particularly concerning signage, as a project to obtain his Eagle Scout badge. A loop
trail is being created between Alexander Road and Faucher Road on May 30th. He proposed adding
blazes and signage for the new trail, including a kiosk and map, along with any other signage needed in
the Musquash. M. Considine added that a bridge may be a possibility as well.

M. Speltz asked if the LCC had a design standard for its Musquash signage. A brief discussion ensued and it was asked if R. Saur could perform a review of past signage and propose a standard, particularly since he has access to a sign router. He will return with more specifics at a later date and M. Considine offered to assist him. D. Lievens said his efforts would be a great contribution. She asked that M. Considine let her know the cost of the materials for the bridge before the end of the fiscal year in June.

P. Nickerson made a motion to approve R. Saur's proposed Eagle Scout project. B. LaBrecque seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

Pettengill Road D+F- Stantec Consultants reviewed this project on behalf of the Town at the LCC's April 28th meeting. A D+F permit is required for work to be done on Pettengill Road just west of the intersection with Industrial Drive. A 36-inch culvert will be removed and filled in, resulting in 2,800 sf of permanent impact (50 sf of which would be temporary). A 12' x 6' box culvert will then be installed approximately 200 feet further west and will eventually cause a rechanneling the existing stream and drainage. Its location will be within a wildlife corridor reserved by DOT as Airport access road mitigation but will not inhibit wildlife movement.

Following some discussion, G. Harrington made a motion to approve the Town's D+F application for Pettengill Road (14-45-2 and 28-18-3). M. Considine seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

M. Oswald left the meeting.

 DRC- Gulf South Addition, 14-25.

Comments: Calculation of open space should not include the existing conservation easement. Per the email, the LCC needs to get some questions answered in a meeting. We have not received the mentioned D+F. It appears there is construction planned in the easement area.

D. Lievens will email the Town Planner to request that the applicant attend an LCC meeting to discuss the LCC's questions and potential issues.

Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund- D. Lievens reported that the owners of the LCC's first choice for an ARM project, map and lot 13-20, have opted not to pursue possible wetlands restoration on their property. The second choice is a large wetland on Town owned property at 62 Adams Road (6-113). Tracy Degnan of the Rockingham County Conservation District had provided D. Lievens and M. Speltz with some methods the Town might use to match the ARM funds that could aid in obtaining the grant.

K. Henault made a motion that: 1) the LCC expend an amount not to exceed \$2,000 from the conservation account to hire the Rockingham County Conservation District to prepare an Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund application on site 6-113; 2) as the Town match for the effort, the LCC conduct "before, during and after" meetings with surrounding neighbors as well as other interested citizens; 3) the LCC supply "before, during and after" photography to enhance said efforts; and 4) the LCC budget for years 3, 4 and 5 an additional \$1,000 per year from the conservation account to complete any needed follow up restoration actions. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.



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KPCA sign- In October of 2008, K. Henault had offered to try to repair the sign at the entrance to the Kendall Pond Conservation Area. When P. Nickerson noted that the sign is still not upright, K. Henault reported that after investigating the situation, he realized he would not be able to repair it himself. D. Lievens said she would contact George Herrmann to see if some of the Londonderry boy scouts could take it on as a project.

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<u>Sunnycrest monitoring reports</u>- The Natural Resources Conservation Service has written the LCC, stating that monitoring reports going back several years for the Sunnycrest easements are missing. Since RCCD owns the easements and has been filing annual reports with the LCC, D. Lievens said she would follow up to see if it is perhaps a simple oversight.

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May 12, 2009 minutes- M. Considine made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 public hearing as written. G. Harrington seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 (P. Nickerson and B. LaBrecque abstained as they had not attended the meeting).

199 200 G. Harrington made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2009 public session as written. T. Bloom seconded. The motion was approved, 5-0-2 with the same abstentions noted above.

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P. Nickerson made a motion to go into <u>Non-Public Session</u> for the purpose of discussing possible land acquisition per RSA 91-A:3. K. Henault seconded.

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Roll call vote: Aye, Deb Lievens; Aye, Ben LaBrecque; Aye, Mike Considine; Aye, Paul Nickerson; Aye, Gene Harrington; Aye, Truda Bloom; Aye, Ken Henault and Mike Speltz present.

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G. Harrington made a motion to go out of <u>Non-Public Session</u>. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

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G. Harrington made a motion to seal the minutes of the <u>Non-Public Session</u> indefinitely. K. Henault seconded. The motion was approved, 7-0-0.

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The meeting adjourned at 10:05 PM.

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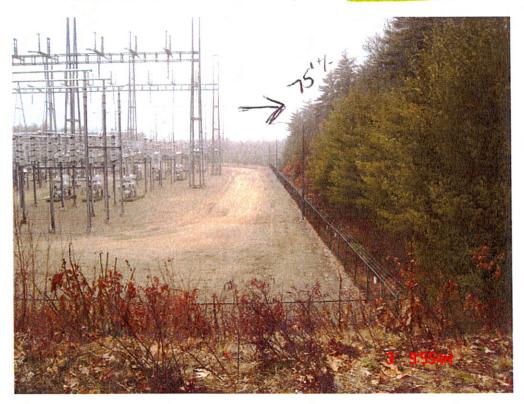
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Area of Scobie Pond Substation Expansion (Southwest End)



Area of Scobie Pond Substation Expansion (Northeast End)

