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Londonderry Conservation Commission Special Meeting Thursday, July 10, 2014 Minutes

Present: Deb Lievens, Gene Harrington, Truda Bloom, and Marge Badois

D. Lievens called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

<u>Prologis/UPS D+F (14-49)</u>- Commissioners reviewed a Standard Dredge & Fill (D+F) application submitted by the Town for the offsite improvements associated with the Prologis distribution center on map 14 lot 49. A total of 12,698 square feet of wetlands would be filled to construct a portion of Pettengill Road.

After reviewing application, G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair to withdraw a letter of intervention previously submitted to the Wetlands Bureau by the Commission and send a letter recommending approval of the D+F application. M. Badois seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4-0-0.

<u>PSNH Line Installation</u>- PSNH is proposing to build a new 6.2 mile 115kV transmission line between the Scobie Pond substation in Londonderry and the Huse Road substation in Manchester (see May 27, 2014 minutes). An associated D+F application was submitted to the Town regarding a total of 1,317 sf of impervious surface.

After reviewing application, **G. Harrington made a motion to authorize the Chair to write a letter to** the Wetlands Bureau recommending approval of the D+F application. T. Bloom seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4-0-0.

Town Forest- D. Lievens provided an update on the attempt to remove the invasive species Oriental Bittersweet from the Town Forest. At the June 24 meeting, a resident had inquired about the status of the project and at the time, D. Lievens had not heard back from invasives specialist Prescott Towle, whom the Commission has hired in the past. Since that meeting, P. Towle has performed a site walk to review the anticipated scope of this year's effort and submitted an estimate of \$3,500 for three days work over a two month period. A new and better herbicide will be used and will remove some of the poison ivy in the forest as well. The State Department of Agriculture has determined that a Special Watershed Permit may be required, which could take up to 120 days to approve once an application is submitted. If P. Towle is still able to perform the work this summer, it was decided to inform him about the dates in August for Old Home Days so his work does not conflict with or closely precede that event. He will also be asked to advertise on site when he is performing the work. On June 24, it was suggested that a quote for a long term eradication program also be requested and then possibly added to the Commission's next proposed budget. Based on the cost for this year's work, it was believed that a long term effort will need to be added to the Commission's line item budget.

T. Bloom made motion to adjourn the meeting. G. Harrington seconded the motion. The motion was approved, 4-0-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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