

# MINUTES

## Millbury Conservation Commission

Date: May 2, 2012

Time: 7:00 PM

Present: Ron Stead, Jim Boucher, Dave Palleiko

Absent: Dave Boudreau, Donald Flynn

7:15 P.M.  
INFORMAL  
MEETING

Lee Curtis of BSC Group was present on behalf of National Grid to speak about New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid's Interstate Reliability Project. Also present were Dan McIntyre, Amy McKinnan & Erin Whoriskey of National Grid. Mr. McIntyre described the project as a new 15.4 mile 345KV transmission line which starts in Millbury and goes to Rhode Island. Lee Curtis explained the permitting process is underway. An ENF will be filed with MEPA and a Notice of Intent will be filed with the Town shortly. Ms. Curtis explained she is looking for any input the Commission may have prior to filing so that they could incorporate into the NOI anything needed to be addressed, accordingly. She spoke about proposed project. Five miles of transmission line including 8 structures are proposed in Millbury. Much planning & evaluating has been done in considering how to construct structures with minimal wetland impact. Ms. Curtis spoke about various resource areas which will ultimately be affected. She said some wildlife function will be affected and thus proponent will propose to offset impact. Otherwise, she explained, project impacts are predominantly temporary. Some stormwater improvements to be proposed outside transmission line area. She asked the Commission for any comments. Board members had no comments.

RESIGNATION

In a letter dated May 2, 2012, Jim Boucher informed the Commission of his resignation as a member of the Conservation Commission effective May 11, 2012 as he and his family will be relocating out of Millbury.

Jim Boucher motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.; seconded by Dave Palleiko; voted unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Paquette  
Secretary

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Ron Stead

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Jim Boucher

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Dave Palleiko