

46 Ms. Tarr noted the project involves maintaining two existing lines. It is a thermal upgrade
47 and a maintenance project. The reason for the maintenance is during peak usage (e.g. air
48 conditioners during a heat wave), the lines heat up and sag. They are required to maintain
49 a certain distance from the ground, so they need to reengineer the lines to accommodate
50 the sag during peak usage. There are no new poles being added, they are just extending
51 certain poles. This project is scheduled for the fall of 2014. There is no permanent
52 wetland impact at all. All the impact is for access. The total area is 49,120 sq. ft. of
53 impact. They are using existing access roads, but any road they use is calculated in the
54 total impact area. They will use mats to help with the crossings. There are six vernal
55 pools but there will be no impact since they are hoping to be done before the spring.
56 There is archeology sensitivity that needs to be matted. There are some sensitive species
57 (spotted turtle, vesper sparrow) they need to avoid and are doing that by avoiding their
58 sensitive season. If they do need to be there during the sensitive season, they will have
59 spotters go in and scout the area before any machines go in.

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61 Mr. Major questioned which poles were going up in height. Ms. Tarr submitted a chart
62 explaining which ones. Ms. Tarr explained that the poles would be replaced with “H”
63 frames. There are only 10 structure replacements. There are splices between 14 spans and
64 that is it for wetland related work.

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66 Mr. Butler asked if there would be some kind of landing area near the poll for the
67 machinery. Ms. Tarr noted there would be, and they would use the mats.

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69 Ms. Tarr showed a photo of the mats and explained how they worked. They are timber
70 mats and they help reduce compression.

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72 Ms. Tarr noted that the DES permit was submitted.

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74 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to make a favorable recommendation to the
75 Planning Board for a Conditional Use Permit for the PSNH H141/R193 Thermal Update
76 Project. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion
77 passed.

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79 **7:45 p.m. - Discussion regarding a Conditional Use Permit application for a fire**
80 **pond submitted by the Sandown Fire Department. The property is located on**
81 **Meghan Drive at M17, L3-21**

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83 *Tim Lavelle from Lavelle Associates was present.*

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85 Mr. Lavelle explained the application is for an existing fire pond that was constructed in a
86 wetland area on Meghan Drive. The fire chief wanted the fire pond in that area of town.
87 When that subdivision was approved originally, there was no fire suppression requested.
88 Mr. Lavelle submitted a recent drawing of existing conditions.

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90 Mr. Lavelle noted there was a note on the plans that stated “area to be loamed and
91 seeded.” He noted the area was loamed, but it didn’t take, so it needs to be done again.
92 He noted Eban Lewis from DES requested that note to be placed on the plans.

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94 Mr. Lavelle noted the pond kept water all year. Mr. Major noted the fire department
95 pumped water from the pond in August and it functioned quite well. They pumped water
96 for over an hour and there were no issues at all. Mr. Lavelle noted the deepest part is
97 approximately 7' and it slopes out fairly well. Mr. Lavelle noted the pump is about 2'
98 above the water and it would take a lot for it to silt in.

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100 Mr. Carey questioned who was responsible for maintaining the area and adding the loam.
101 Mr. Lavelle noted that Montana Realty would take care of the additional work. Mr. Carey
102 noted he would like a condition added that stated who would complete the work and
103 when it would be done.

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105 Mr. Butler questioned how big an area needed to be loamed. Mr. Lavelle noted it is an
106 area approximately 30' long and 3' wide.

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108 Mr. Butler questioned the easement and who would maintain it. Mr. Lavelle noted the
109 fire department has an easement for maintenance.

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111 Mr. Major noted as long as the fire department uses the hydrants periodically, they
112 require very little maintenance.

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114 Mr. Miller noted there was a note on the plans that stated "area of fill 5,780 sq. ft." which
115 needed to be changed to say "area of impact." He also noted on the pond cross-section
116 page, there was a note that stated, "intake is 320 and bottom of pond is 322." Those
117 figures needed to be changed to reflect the actual figures. He also noted a wetland
118 scientist stamp was needed.

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120 Mr. McKinnon asked if the area weren't reseeded, would nature take over. Mr. Lavelle
121 noted nature would take over but it doesn't hurt to seed it anyway for added protection.

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123 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to make a favorable recommendation to the
124 Planning Board for a Conditional Use Permit application for a fire pond submitted by the
125 Sandown Fire Department. The property is located on Meghan Drive at M17, L3-21 with
126 the following conditions:

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- 128 • Receipt of a written statement identifying who would complete the work and
129 when it would be done
- 130 • Change the following notes on the plans: "area of fill 5,780 sq. ft." needs to be
131 changed to say "area of impact."; on the Pond Cross Section page, there was a
132 note that stated, "intake is 320 and bottom of pond is 322." Those figures needed
133 to be changed to reflect the actual figures.
- 134 • The plans need to be stamped and certified by a Wetland Scientist
- 135 • Add a note on the plans about the recorded easement

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137 Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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139 Mr. Miller requested that any changes or updates that were submitted to DES were also
140 sent to the Conservation Commission.

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142 **Draft Warrant Article Language**

143 Members discussed if they want to put any properties into SE Landtrust. Members agreed
144 to not put forward any warrant articles this year.

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146 **Other Business**

147 Mr. Butler asked if they should revisit a forestry management plan for the Porter
148 Property.

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150 Mr. Miller feels they should do an entirely new plan through someone we are working
151 with now since the old plan is very outdated and the Greenwood Hook property was not
152 part of that original plan.

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154 Mr. Butler spoke with Charlie Moreno about doing an updated plan for the property and
155 told him he would get him the old plan as a reference. He noted any harvesting would be
156 at least a year away.

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158 Members discussed the process of harvesting and the reason for coming up with a
159 forestry management plan.

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162 The Sandown Conservation Commission wanted to send their condolences to the family
163 of Eleanor Bassett and recognize her dedication to the town of Sandown.

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166 Mr. Butler purchased fuel to cut the Community Garden.

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168 **MOTION:** Mr. Carey made a motion to reimburse Mr. Butler for fuel for cutting and
169 tilling the town forest for \$36.59 to be paid from the checking account. Mr. McKinnon
170 seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The motion passed.

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172 Mr. Butler asked if anyone knew who would disc till the community garden. Mr. Major
173 will ask Jimmy Basset. Mr. Carey noted would pay him for his time.

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175 **MOTION:** Mr. Butler made a motion to adjourn. Mr. McKinnon seconded the motion.
176 All members voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. MEETING ADJOURNED
177 at 8:34 p.m.

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179 Respectfully Submitted,

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181 Andrea Cairns