

**MINUTES  
WEST BOYLSTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2010 MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** William Chase, Chair, David Eckhardt, Vice-Chair, John Hadley, Vice-Chair, Charlene Hopkins, Vice-Chair, and Clerk Toby Goldstein.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Leonardo Angiulo, Colin Cahill, and Mark Meola.

Mr. Eckhardt motioned to open the meeting at 7:08 p.m., when a quorum was obtained. Ms. Hopkins seconded. All in favor.

**Minutes of August 4, 2010 Meeting:**

After reviewing of the above minutes by the Commission, Ms. Hopkins motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

**Public Hearing, New England Power (National Grid), Request for Determination of Applicability, Wachusett Street Substation:**

(Andrea Kendall and Andrea Desilets represented). The Request is for the proposed addition of electrical equipment at the Wachusett Substation on Temple Street. A Notice of Intent was submitted last year for the demolition of the existing substation. Three transformers were built and a Certificate of Compliance issued. The subject of this Request is the addition of a fourth transformer, which is in the buffer zone of wetlands. The Commission visited the site on August 30, 2010. Ms. Kendall showed the plans to the Commission, and discussed proposed work. A concrete pad is to be laid down, with impervious material to surround it (gravel). Spill containment will be installed around the transformer. There is an existing retaining wall, and the transformer will be elevated in relation to the wetlands. The applicants already have written approval from DCR. Mr. Eckhardt motioned to close the Public Hearing, and issue a Negative Determination, with the conditions that the applicants implement erosion controls as shown on their plans, "National Grid Proposed Transformer: Wachusett Substation No. 47"(dated July 20, 2010), and project plan and details for erosion control, "National Grid Typical Nonembedded Sedimentation Barrier Installation LS-6824-0", dated 11/15/05. Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

**Public Hearing, Town of West Boylston, Request for Determination of Applicability, Fairbanks Street:**

(John Westerling and Scott Charpentier of LEI Engineering represented). The applicants are looking to install drainage and roadway improvements along Fairbanks Street. Mr. Westerling discussed the situation of filled in and collapsed swales and culverts, with water eroding Fairbanks Street. The work will involve reconstruction from Route 110 to the power lines. Mr. Charpentier discussed the proposed removal of culverts located under driveways. The applicants will replace pipe for these culverts. Grading will be increased near the power lines. A closed drainage system is proposed, doubling the water capacity. Catch basins will be wrapped. There will be no significant wetlands on the right of way. Erosion controls were shown, including haybales, and dams where the swale is located. After a substantial rain, the area will be checked by Commission members. Mr. Eckhardt motioned to closed the Public Hearing, and issue a Negative Determination, with erosion controls set forth on Site Plan #1, dated 8/13/10, for Fairbanks St. reconstruction, "Drainage and Pavement Remediation Project, Town of West Boylston, Fairbanks Street, West Boylston, MA." Mr. Hadley seconded. All in favor.

**Informal Discussion with John Westerling Regarding Kettle Pond at Junction of Pierce and Maple Streets:**

DPW states that the pond is on private property, and not on the right of way. Therefore, neither DPW nor the Conservation Commission has jurisdiction.

**Asian Longhorned Beetle Update:**

Mr. Eckhardt discussed the matter with the Commission. He stated that August was an active month for ALB, with there being many infested trees near Angell Brook and Shrewsbury Street. He also discussed the need for Michael Staiti of Keystone Development to hold an informal discussion with the Commission regarding wanting to do landscaping for Angell Brook within the 100 ft. buffer zone to replace species removed due to ALB. Mr. Staiti will discuss his proposals with the Commission, who will decide how he must proceed and what filings, if any, must be done.

**Update on Zingarelli Stump Removal:**

Mr. Hadley reported that Mr. Zingarelli has not removed any stumps from the property, as was previously requested by the Commission. Mr. Chase will speak with Leon Gaumond about this matter.

**Community Preservation Representative:**

Mr. Chase agreed to take the position. The Commission agreed that every year the outgoing Chair will take the position for the coming year.

At 8:06 p.m., Mr. Hadley motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Eckhardt seconded. All in favor.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

