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Conservation Commission

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Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2019

7:00 PM

Second Floor, Town Hall

1. Meeting opening: At 7:05 PM by Jill Senter.
2. Roll call: Present: Jill Senter, Charles Blinn, David Averill, Tim Moore, John Blinn (Selectmen's Representative).
Excused: Olaf Westphalen

3. Approval of May 02, 2019 minutes: Motion to approve by David Averill, second by Charles Blinn. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0.

Approval of June 06, 2019 minutes: Motion to approve by David Averill, second by Charles Blinn. No discussion. Vote: 4-0-0.

4. Discussion about Unitil gas project
Presentation by Jake Rafferty a Unitil representative.
Encroaches wetlands buffer – in public right-of-way and hence Unitil feels that a variance is not necessary. Mr. Rafferty went over the set of erosion control plans for the project.

Dave Averill asked about the wetlands protection as shown on page 22 of the plan set. Mr. Rafferty explained that there will be no sediment flowing into the wetlands; a series of catch basins will be used to collect the runoff and will be properly cleaned and maintained.

Dave Averill asked about possible stock piling of any material removed while digging for the installation of the pipe line. Mr. Rafferty replied there will be no stock piling, a vacuum truck will remove all material. Any new fill material that will be required will be brought in as needed and immediately installed, hence no stock piling of the new material either.

There were no more questions from Conservation Commission members.
Dave Averill made a motion that the Conservation Commission found the Unitil plans for the gas line extension along Route 125 acceptable.
Charles Blinn made the second.
There was no discussion on the motion and the vote was 4-0-0.

There was a consensus that Tim Moore would email Mr. Rafferty a letter stating the findings of the Conservation Commission. The Planning Board and Board of Selectmen would also get copies of the email.

5. Town Forest Discussion

- Forest Management Plan update: Jill Senter reported that she has not yet received any updates from Charles Marino, the forester contracted to prepare the plan and execute those portions of the plan as directed by the Conservation Commission.
- Easement encroachments – During its periodic review of the conservation easement on Town Forest lands, the Southeast Land Trust (SELT), reported that two abutters had encroached on the easement. Jill Senter sent to notice of the encroachments to Mike Dorman, the Code Enforcement Officer, for resolution of the matter.
- The SELT held another Town Forest site walk on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 for the purpose of analyzing the trail impact on the forest wildlife. No report yet. Of the findings.
- Trail status – no update on any of the items below.
 - 3-town trail map
 - Wet spots
 - Trail condition

6. Old Business

- Old Home Day – 6/22/19. A flyer regarding stormwater impacts on ground water was available for distribution at the table sponsored by the Board of Selectmen. The education of the public to stormwater impacts is part of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) permit.

7. New Business

- An electronic copy of the Conservation Commission Rules of Procedure does not exist. Tim Moore will prepare a draft of such a document for the next meeting and get comments on the document. The plan is then to adopt the Rules of Procedure at the August meeting – the 1st Thursday of August.
- Next meeting: July 18, 2019
- A discussion was held about future meetings and a consensus reached that starting with the August 1st 2019 meeting, meetings will only be held once a month on the first Thursday of the month.

8. Communications

- None

9. Meeting adjournment at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Moore
Secretary, Plaistow Conservation Commission

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