



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes for Meeting of

December 28, 2015

Meeting Convened at 7:02 p.m.

Conservation Commission members present: David Drouin, Al Lefebvre, Bill Preston, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers, Phil Simeone. Alternate members present and voting: Jan Griska

Public Present: Kelen Geiger, Nicholas Handy, Rick Van de Poll

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Conservation Commission met to discuss possible mitigation projects as per the Kinder-Morgan email request of December 17, 2015 at 2:30 pm.
 - David Drouin summarized the December 17, 2015 Kinder-Morgan letter and its request for mitigation projects by January 15, 2016 and his response to that request. He also mentioned that K-M later changed its mind and wanted to meet to discuss mitigation projects to show progress by January 15th. David indicated that K-M would meet with the Commission at its next meeting on January 11.
 - David noted that he had requested updated maps of affected areas in Rindge and noted that the maps provided in November did not match those at the SEC meeting where K-M displayed the final maps. He noticed a discrepancy and that additional access was now listed that would affect conservation lands. David mentioned that he had subsequently requested updated maps but had only been directed to the FERC website. The Commission did not consider this as an adequate response to a reasonable request and the Commission's need to properly evaluate pipeline effects on conservation lands.
 - David then explained the NH Aquatic Resource Mitigation (ARM) fund calculation that K-M provided. If Rindge does not provide an acceptable mitigation project list, Rindge would have to apply for a grant for NH ARM funds and possibly not receive any mitigation funds.
 - Rick Van de Poll mentioned that all temporary impacts must be considered as part of permanent impacts and that mitigation should be based on the assessed value; wetlands should be considered at the higher value rate. He indicated that strongest case for mitigation is with DES and estimates that there are ten large wetlands to be assessed that should be considered in Rindge. Rindge needs to assess their impacts and then evaluate K-M's assessment. The Conservation Commission needs to identify critical areas for restoration for mitigation.

- David asked Rick Van de Poll how much would be needed to complete his assessments with maps and when the Commission could expect their completion. Rick indicated that \$1500 would be needed and that he expected completion by January 31st. Richard Mellor motioned, seconded by Fred Rogers to spend up to an additional \$1500. The motion was passed unanimously.
- The Commission discussed potential mitigation projects to prepare for the January 11th meeting and to eventually provide a response to K-M with the needed information. Projects that might be considered include available lands and possible landfill sites.
- The Commission's consensus is to have its next meeting at the Meeting House or at the Recreation Center depending on availability.
- Richard Mellor and Rick Van de Poll mentioned that people had stopped them today as they were conducting the natural resource survey to ask what they were doing; people were happy to hear about the project and it was good publicity.
- Phil Simeone motioned to close public session and was seconded by Al Lefebvre with all in favor after each Commissioner was polled.

Richard Mellor motioned to accept Non-Public session minutes of December 14. The motion was seconded by Al Lefebvre. Five voted in favor of the motion with one abstention (Phil Simeone).

Phil motioned and seconded by Bill to return to Public; all members were polled and the motion was voted and approved.

Motion to adjourn was made by Al Lefebvre seconded by David Drouin and all Commissions approved.

SITE VISITS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OFFICIAL NOTICES: None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: December 14, 2015

Bill Preston motioned and Fred Rogers seconded to accept minutes of December 14, 2015. All Commissions voted to approve the motion with one abstention (Phil Simeone)

NEXT MEETING: January 11, 2016