



CITY OF NORTH ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS

Conservation Commission

PUBLIC MEETING

MINUTES

January 6, 2020

Members present Chairman Jason Moran, Jason Canales, Adam Galambos and Elena Traister

Members absent Andrew Kawczak and Tim Lesarbeau

Call to order Chairman Moran called the public meeting to order 6:00 p.m. with the presence of a quorum.

Other business

- A Request for Certificate of Compliance submitted by Tighe & Bond on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid for the completed pole installation project for property located at 60 Brown Street.

Chairman Moran opened the public hearing to Mary Zawatski from Tighe & Bond. She explained that there was a site visit earlier in the day. National Grid needed to add a pole to support some more equipment that wouldn't fit on an existing pole. The project was in a maintained lawn in a 200 foot riverfront area and 100 foot buffer zone. The area has been revegetated and you cannot tell that any work has been done there so the project is complete.

Chairman Moran stated that he had three questions. The first question was whether the debris had been removed from the area. Ms. Zawatski stated that the debris had not been removed. Chairman Moran inquired about what the plan was for the debris as he did not want to see it washed down the bank. Ms. Zawatski stated that that was backfill to the pole. Chairman Moran stated that he did not want to see it washed into the drainage system.

Chairman Moran stated that his second question was whether the Order of Conditions submitted was the correct Order of Conditions. Ms. Zawatski stated that the Order of Conditions submitted with this request was submitted in error and she apologized.

Chairman Moran stated that the last question was in regard to the last presentation that Ms. Zawatski attended. There was a question about the pole project and extending the fencing area. Ms. Zawatski stated that she checked aerial photos for the last 5-10 years and there was no work done. Chairman Moran stated that it must have been there temporarily.

Commissioner Traister stated that the last time Ms. Zawatski presented there was a question about the proximity to the flood chute walls and whether the Army Corps of Engineers should be involved. Ms. Zawatski stated that she brought the concern to the National Grid and they responded that there was not a need to involve ACE because they were not doing any work near or to the wall. Commissioner Traister inquired about the operations and maintenance plan to the flood chutes. Chairman Moran stated that in the past the Conservation Commission gave permission under the WPA but they were still required to do their due diligence to acquire other necessary permits. He suggested that Ms. Zawatski raise awareness to the National Grid for future projects that may be

near the flood chutes. Discussion of flood chute boundaries.

Chairman requested questions from the commission. No further questions.

Chairman Moran requested a motion. Commissioner Traister made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance. Commissioner Canales seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

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Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Michelle Ells
Conservation Commission Secretary