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CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES March 12, 2019 at 6pm

Community Room – Downstairs

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Present: Chair Conry, Bruce, Cederholm; Mitchell, Agent

Chair called meeting to order at 6PM

1. Review of Minutes from 1-8-19; Bruce motions to approve, Cederholm seconds, vote is unanimous.
2. Request for Determination for 221 Ashmere Road (Map 112, Lot 15) Applicant is Dolores Edelson. Members discuss conditions for proposed project for addition to existing house; Notify Commission 5 days prior to start of work to inspect erosion controls; All material must be put into dump truck-no storage of material on site; Comply with all plans & information submitted; Inspection after completion of work for approval to remove erosion controls; Bruce motions for negative determination, Cederholm seconds, vote is unanimous.
3. File #181-0259, Notice of Intent for Plunkett Lake Drawdown off Michaels Road. Applicant is the Town of Hinsdale.

Mitchell states that he reviewed all of the previous permits (Order of Conditions, Emergency Permit) and information received from Massachusetts Fish & Wildlife & Guidance Report (GEIR Report) from MA Dept of Environmental Protection to determine what conditions were necessary for the Drawdown. The Commission could issue an Order of Conditions with these conditions. The applicant has complied with the office of dam safety for swing board installation. Members reviewed the proposed conditions and added the condition that anything in these conditions supersedes any contradiction or difference in the Notice of Intent and approved the following conditions:

- Special Conditions MA DEP File # 181-0259

The applicant is allowed to drawdown the Lake water level 34 inches measured from the top of the existing flashboards located at the crest of the dam. (Historically identified as an elevation of 1502)

The Drawdown shall commence on November 1st to allow sufficient time, and shall be completed by December 1st.

The drawdown rate shall not exceed 4 cfsm as measured at the outlet structure, or not to exceed 3 inches per day.

Once the drawdown has been achieved, the Lake outflow must equal the inflow.

The Lake can be refilled by April 1st or until ice is out of Lake, but must be refilled by April 30th.

During the refill, outflow must be equivalent to 0.5 cfs per square mile of watershed.

A designated individual must maintain a daily log during the drawdown and the refill, and provide this information to the Conservation Commission to comply with the Order of Conditions. This individual must report any non-compliance within 24 hours to the Commission. Contact information for the designated individual must be provided to the Commission prior to the start of Drawdown or refill.

Anything in these conditions supersedes any contradiction or difference in the Notice of Intent.

Cederholm motions to issue Order of Conditions with special conditions, Bruce seconds, vote is unanimous.

4. File #181-0258, Notice of Intent for Line 393 Right of Way located between Adams Road & Substation off New Windsor Road. Applicant is Eversource Energy.

The Applicant's representative reviewed the proposed project. Members decided on the following conditions;

Applicant shall submit Annual Reports, and SWPPP weekly reports

After completion of work, Conservation Commission will inspect restored Riverfront Area to approve removal of erosion controls.

Applicant will adhere & follow all plans & information submitted with NOI, and must notify Commission prior to start of work within wetland resource areas to inspect erosion controls.

Bruce motions to issue Order of Conditions with the special conditions, Cederholm seconds, vote is unanimous.

Old Business

6. Enforcement Order issued to the Town of Hinsdale for Plunkett Reservoir Road; Nothing to report, continued until next meeting.

7. Emergency Certifications: None

8. Adjournment: Conry motions to adjourn meeting, Cederholm seconds, vote is unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10PM.

Sincerely Submitted, Caleb Mitchell, Conservation Agent