

MINUTES OF MEETING
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

August 3, 2010

PRESENT: Commissioners: Chairman Bob Rice, Prue Berry Myra Carlow,
ABSENT: Bob Clancy and Michael Laffond
GUESTS: Yankee Land Committee, Walt Quist, Lenny Laffond,, and David Lenth
Bear Swamp Power Company/TransCanada representative

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Walter Quist explained that the Yankee Land Committee is trying to meet with each committee in Rowe to describe the committee's activities and the current status of matters related to the ownership of the land. See materials attached.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

1. Approved the Minutes of the June 1, 2010 as amended to correct the spelling of Ms. Berry's first name.
2. Reviewed the *Request for Determination of Applicability* (see copy attached) from TransCanada that describes the extension in length by 130' of the Sherman Dam in order to provide protection of the adjacent land in the event of extremely high water. After discussion clarifying the planned work and its purpose, Prue Berry moved that the Commission determine that there is No Applicability for reason B. 5. The work planned is "maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public and used to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph and other telecommunication services". The motion passed unanimously.
3. The Commission has received a memo (see attached) from Mark Stinson, the DEP Circuit Rider, about the driveway constructed by Matt Crowningshield off of Zoar Road. Mr. Stinson has received a complaint about the road and the possibility that its construction and presence has violated Wetland Protection Act regulations and threatened or damaged Pelham Brook. The Commissioners agreed to look at the location informally and invite Mr. Cowningshield to the next meeting to discuss the matter.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Myra Carlow, September 5, 2010

Minutes approved Robert Rice Date Oct 1, 2010