

Rowe Conservation Commission meeting minutes, January 19, 2016

Concluded at 6:00pm

Present: Ramon Sanchez, Myra Carlow, Virginia Galtbert, Bob Clancy

Others present: none

Others later at 6:30pm: Christopher Fox an ecological scientist from BSC Group for National Grid, and Sean Loomis for Pelham Lake Park

Review of accounting policies for Town of Rowe, dated November 4, 2015.

Table FY17 budget for tonight. Looking at level funding. Looking at a possible purchase of a tablet: e.g. iPad or chrome book.

Myra Carlow resigned as co-chair. Nominated Ramon Sanchez to be chair, seconded by Virginia, passed.

Ramon has reimbursement requests for copies of documents for the Commission. \$81.45 total includes office supplies. Myra to file for reimbursement and MACC classes.

Review of site visit to Jolly/Wood property for private cemetery. December 21, 2015 visit. Well past 200' of buffer zone. Ramon moved, Virginia seconded, passed.

Discussion of NOI by Brookfield Renewable Energy (Bear Swamp) rustic hiking trail. Myra to draft a letter, possibly check in with Bill Lattrell, re: corresponding with BRE that all obligations are not complete even though the trail is. Numerous conditions are still to be met. Contact to be with FERC, DEP, and Brookfield.

Public Hearing open at 6:35pm. Re: NOI from National Grid decommissioning of abandoned well within the Y177 Right of way. Chris Fox discussion, being done for safety reasons. Well to be plugged, per DEP recommendation. BVW, wet meadow location. Swamp mats to be used for the equipment doing the work. Motion to continue the meeting to write the order of conditions on Jan 28@6:30pm, moved by Bob, seconded by Ramon, passed. (7:00pm).

Continuing regular meeting at 7:05pm.

Open Public Hearing at 7:05pm re: Rowe Park Commission RDA for removing dead and dying trees at Pelham Lake Park. 6 pine trees at Percy Point, 1 maple by the bathrooms, and 1 by the new metal bridge, to be taken down.

Motion to continue the meeting to do approval with conditions on Jan 28@6:30pm, moved by Bob, seconded by Ramon, passed. (7:55pm).

Continuing regular meeting at 7:57pm.

Minutes from November 5th, 2015. Moved by Myra, seconded by Virginia, passed.

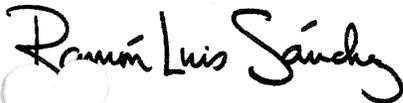
Other business. None.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 28, 2016, 6:30pm.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Clancy

Approved by Commission on (date) 01/28/2016





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January 22, 2016

Marshall L. Olson, Compliance Manager
Brookfield Renewable Energy Group
Bear Swamp Power Company LLC
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Dear Mr. Olson;

Thank you for your submission of the *Request for the Certificate of Compliance* and the memo *Overview of Project* with the *Appendices A, B, C and D*. We understand that the *Recorder* advertising invoice was paid and have received documentation to that effect.

We are presently comparing the information you sent to us with the *Order of Conditions* we issued in response to the *Notice of Intent*. Once we confirm that the requirements in the *Order of Conditions* have been met and have conducted a site visit to confirm all work was done in compliance with the *Order of Conditions*, we will be in a position to issue the *Certificate of Compliance*. We did not find in the documents you sent as-built drawings of the work performed, signed and stamped by a professional engineer. Additionally, the present weather conditions prevent our inspecting the work performed until later in the year.

Until the Conservation Commission issues the *Certificate of Compliance* we will not be able to comply with your request in the January 5, 2016 memo, i.e. "I would appreciate a note of concurrence if you agree that expectations for the trail have been met."

Sincerely yours,

Ramon Luis Sanchez, Chair

CC:

BSC, Bruce Griffin

DEP, Mark Stinson

FERC, Secretary Bose

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