

## Rowe Conservation Commission meeting minutes, January 28, 2016

Opened at 6:30pm

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

Others present: Christopher Fox an ecological scientist from BSC Group for National Grid, and Sean Loomis for Pelham Lake Park.

Continuation of 1/17 meeting: Notes from 1/17; 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.

Tonight's 1/28 discussion: Continued hearing at 6:35pm. Letter from Ramon Sanchez Rowe ConCom regarding the well's closure and possible loss of wetland impact and discussion of same. No other discussion. Myra moved to close the meeting at 6:50pm, Bob seconded, passed on closing the Public Hearing. Order of conditions, to follow.

Myra moved, Ramon seconded the written orders, passed.

Continuation of discussion from 1/17 meeting: Notes from 1/17; 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.

Tonight's 1/28 discussion: requests for information by the Order of Conditions from the ConCom have not been answered. A response to Brookfield to have them inform the ConCom of how conditions were met; general (appear to have been met), and, special (are not completed at this time).

Continuation of 1/17 meeting: Notes from 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).

Tonight's 1/28 discussion: Continued hearing at 7:30pm. Discussed Bill Lattrell letter and possible plants to utilize more resistant to salt and high water tables. Myra moved to close the hearing, seconded by Bob, the hearing was closed at 7:40pm. Order of conditions to follow. Myra moves that the RDA have a negative determination #3, Bob seconded, passed.

Minutes from 1/19/2016, Virginia moved to accept the minutes, Ramon seconded, passed.

Budget FY17. Myra moved, Virginia seconded, passed the proposed budget of \$1,500.

Myra moved that Ramon purchase, not to exceed \$500, a tablet (iPad or Chromebook), seconded by Bob, and passed.

Virginia moved that each Commissioner be allowed to spend \$100 for continuing education, Myra seconded, passed.

Other business. None.

Next meeting: March 9, 6:30pm

Bob moved to adjourn, Myra seconded, adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Clancy

Approved by Commission on (date) MARCH 9, 2016

