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## HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION Special Meeting Minutes February 4, 2019 Town House

Approved: March 6, 2019

Meeting called to order: at 6:37pm

Members Present: Bonnie Geromini, Chair, Judy McKinley-Brewer, Ted Zebert, Andrew Netherwood & Tim Hanley  
Members Absent: Phil Grant  
Invited Guests: None  
Also Present: None  
Bills/Correspondence: No bills or correspondence

Agenda Items:

**6:37pm** Change Letter for Notice of Intent, BSC Group/MECO Bonnie opened the meeting on the field change to the order of conditions DEP file# 173-0221. Letter received states:

**'BSC Group, Inc (BSC) on behalf of Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (MECO) is submitting this letter to notify the Hampden Conservation Commission of a minor field change to the information presented in the Notice of Intent submitted on 10/30/18. The Commission issued an Order of Conditions for the project on 12/12/18 (DEP File #173-0221).**

**This letter also serves as a formal request to withdraw the previous field change request dated January 11, 2019, which included tree removals.**

**The requested field change is limited to moving P31 so that the span between pole P30 and P31 is 120 feet. The pole will still be located within BLSF, the 100-foot Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area. Therefore, there is no significant change to the previously approved activities.'**

Bonnie opened the discussion on the letter. Tim agrees with the letter and Ted also has no objection to the letter. Judy asked if P31 was going to be the 'super' fiberglass pole with the anchors that go out farther as had been discussed at the January meeting. Ted explained that the pole needs a slightly bigger hole that is filled with gravel. The layout with moving the one pole will help neighbors' line of visual sight replacing the two poles that currently are in a heavy wetland area. By moving these poles out and replacing with these two new poles, it takes everything out of the wetland except this one pole that will be serviceable from the street. Tim added that the OOC remains virtually unchanged.

*Bonnie made a motion to grant the formal request to withdraw the previous field change request dated January 11, 2019, which included tree removal and to accept the new requested field change by moving p31 so that the span between P30 and P31 will be 120ft. Judy seconded, all in favor 5-0. Voting in favor Tim, Ted, Judy, Bonnie and Andrew.*

### **General Discussion:**

Tighe & Bond storm water report has been emailed to all commissioners. Borrego still has a lot to do. Tim raised the question with regards to section 4c standard 2. After discussion, the commission would like an explanation of this and how the reduction could happen and what can cause a reduction in peak discharge rate. Ted questioned why the access road is not included and Judy added that there are a lot of issues. Ted asked if Stan was still on the project and Judy detailed that Stan is still trying to get on the property for the wetland delineation and the

comparison with DEP standard 17.1. Tim asked if Stan can get the access that he needs, and it was explained that crossing the streams is all dependent upon how fast the water is rushing. There is no longer access through the farm in Connecticut, or the small frontage on Somers road. There is access through the abutting cornfield on Martin Farms road, although the condition of such access is unknown.

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Per DEP: A copy of these meeting minutes will be added to the BSC Group/MECO NOI as an amendment for the Mill Road project.

*With no further agenda items or discussion, Bonnie motioned to close the meeting at 6:50pm, Ted seconded, all in favor 4-0*

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi Connors  
Conservation Commission Coordinator