

**APPROVED**

**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Fassell and Commission Members Brian Bishop, Tom Robinson, David Lipinski and Natasha Bordeaux

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Tammie Shafer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Marc Soco, SK Design Group, Inc.; and Recording Secretary Pam Gerry

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Conservation Commission members need to approve the minutes of September 26, 2019.

A motion made by Member Lipinski, seconded by Member Bishop to approve the minutes of September 26, 2019, as written, passed unanimously.

**CONTINUANCE REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION: filed by the Berkshire Gas Company. Applicant is requesting whether the area and/or work depicted on plan(s) is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act for a proposed gas main replacement project located on portions of Cook, Albert, and Crotteau Streets.**

Mr. Soco from SK Design Group, Inc. representing Berkshire Gas addressed the Commission members with their Request for Determination. He stated that they would like to replace an existing gas main within the riverfront area located off of the Columbia Street area containing 500' of a gas main near portions of Cook, Crotteau and Albert Streets including the bridge spanning the Hoosic River. He stated that the existing gas lines would be capped and left in place. He stated that they would be seeking a negative determination from the Conservation Commission.

Chairman Fassell reads aloud a correspondence from Bill Lattrell, Ecological Consultant for the Town of Adams in regards to the proposed project.

Chairman Fassell stated to Mr. Soco that most of the work is exempt under 310 CMR 10.58 (6)(a) but the Commission appreciated him "doing the right thing." He agreed with Chairman Fassell.

A motion made by Member Lipinski, seconded by Member Robinson to issue a Negative 5 Determination of Applicability, passed unanimously.

**CONTINUANCE NOTICE OF INTENT:** filed by New England Power Co. d/b/a National Grid for property located along the Hoosic River within the New England Power Company Right-of-Way (Map 227, Lot 9) between Zylonite Station Road and East Road.

**Proposed project entails activities associated with exploratory geotechnical soil borings to facilitate the design phase of a stream stabilization and erosion control.**

Chairman Fassell read aloud an email that was submitted to the Conservation Commission Office from Katy Wilkins, Project Environmental Scientist for Tighe and Bond. The email validated that National Grid would qualify as an exempt maintenance activity under 310 CMR 10.02 (2)(a)(2) and they did not need to file the Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**6 Spring Road update:** Chairman Fassell stated that Mr. Milesi had purchased the land from George Haddad and they currently have a direct road accessing their property from this location eliminating the Wenzel Terrace access road.

**86 East Hoosac Street Emergency Certificate update:** Chairman Fassell stated that Peter Levesque, owner of the property contacted the Conservation Commission Office to let them know that he was prepared to hire Ayotte Construction to stabilize the bank that abutted their property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Emergency Order-17 Turners Avenue:**

Chairman Fassell stated to the members that Mr. Cota, Operations Supervisor for Adams DPW submitted an Emergency Order on 17 Turners Avenue to address a culvert in the area. He stated that water was running down to this location from East Road adding that the town would like to move some stone to enable the water to channel directly downward.

Member Lipinski stated to the members that this issue would be important to address, adding that if the town does not perform this job, the swirling action of the water could eat away at the culvert. He told them that he had communicated with Mr. Cota regarding this matter, as well.

Chairman Fassell and members of the Commission signed the Emergency Order. He stated that they would not include a start date on the Order until DPW notified them of the work commencing in this area.

A motion made by Member Lipinski, seconded by Member Bishop to accept the Emergency Order for 17 Turners Avenue, passed unanimously.

**REVIEW MAIL:**

**ADJOURN:** A motion made by Member Lipinski, seconded by Member Bordeaux to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 P.M., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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Date