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**WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2016**

**The Conservation Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM**

**Members present:** Christopher Brown; Chairman, George Reich (7:20 PM), Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster, and Stoughton Smead

**Staff:** Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

**7:10 PM Request for Determination of Applicability**

**196 Springfield Street**

**Present: Michael Hatch**

Mr. Hatch is a recent purchaser of the property and is in the stages of cleaning up the site including grinding stumps to the right of the house, reseeding the lawn and removing dead trees. Several members of the Commission went to the site on Saturday, May 7, 2016. The work proposed will occur at the obvious edge of lawn and will not extend further into the wetland.

**Motion:** Paul Ekness, close the public meeting and issue a Positive #5 Determination and a Negative #3 Determination

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in favor:** Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

**7:20 PM Request for Determination of Applicability**

**Waste Management, 120 Old Boston Road**

**Present: Tom Heaton, Waste Management of Massachusetts, Inc.  
Christopher Larose, Tighe & Bond**

Several members of the Commission went to the site on May 7, 2016. The proposed project includes removal of lead-contaminated soil from the riprap channel located to the north of the existing lower access road to the facility. The soil removal project is required as part of efforts to remediate lead impacts to soil at the site. Removed soil will be transported to an approved Waste Management facility off-site. No stockpiling of soil will be within the Bordering Land Subject to Flooding Buffer Zone. Vegetation along the swale that includes invasive Bittersweet will be removed to facilitate removal of the contaminated soil. Small trees will be removed from the basin. DEP will be over-seeing the project because of the contaminated soil removal.

**Motion:** Paul Ekness, close the public meeting and issue a Negative #1 and #6 Determination

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Stoughton Smead

**In favor:** Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

**Abstained:** George Reich

**Enforcement Order            694 Glendale Road**

An Enforcement Order was issued to the owner of 694 Glendale Rd for the disturbance of wetlands and buffer zone to vegetated wetlands. The order was to cease and desist all activity and appear before the Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

**Motion:** Stoughton Smead, ratify the Enforcement Order

**2nd:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in Favor:** George Reich, Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

A request to cut trees down along the National Grid power lines abutting Nine Mile Pond (Bungalow Point and Pond Road) was submitted by a representative from National Grid. The tree branches are either over or under the power lines and could possibly cause damage to the lines if broken. The Commission unanimously agreed to allow National Grid to remove the limbs/trees away from the power lines.

A brief discussion was held regarding the recent painting activity at the McDonalds Nature Preserve for an event held by the Friends of the Recreation Commission. The event included a cross-country run thru the existing trails at McDonalds Preserve. The group in charge of marking the trail used bright orange spray paint on the trees to mark the direction of the run. Specific instructions were given to the organizers of this event to not mark the trees in any way. Photos submitted only showed a small portion of the trail markings so the Commission suggested that they go on a site walk to view the extent of the damage.

**Order of Conditions            108 Crane Hill Road**

This hearing was closed at the meeting of April 25, 2016.

**Motion:** George Reich, issue the Order of Conditions as discussed and amended

**2nd:** Paul Ekness

**Unanimously in Favor:** George Reich, Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

**Minutes            April 11, 2016**

**Motion:** George Reich, accept the minutes as written

**2nd:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in Favor:** George Reich, Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

**Minutes            April 25, 2016**

**Motion:** George Reich, accept the minutes as written

**2nd:** Jim Roberts

**Unanimously in Favor:** George Reich, Paul Ekness, Jim Roberts, Robert McMaster and Stoughton Smead

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:

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Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant

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Christopher Brown, Chairman

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