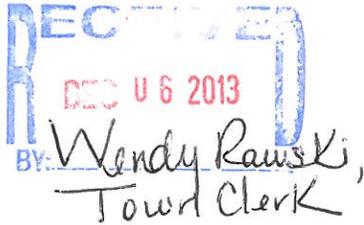


OFFICIAL MINUTES:
Eliot Conservation Commission
Eliot, Maine 03903
OFFICIAL MINUTES: Business Meeting

DATE: October 2 , 2013
APPROVED: 6 November 2013



OFFICERS:
Chairman:
Vice chairman: Glenn Crilley
Secretary: Claudette Moran
Treasurer: Jeff Duncan

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at Town Hall

In attendance: Glenn Crilley, Connie Weeks, Jeff Duncan , Claudette Moran, and Ernest Bruneau, and Jack Murphy BOS representative

Absent: Tim Straz

Guest: Becky Owens, Donna Murphy, Peter Maher: Sever Maher Engineers, Dan Diffen: Sever Maher Engineers, Robert Pomerleau, Valarie Nardone, Kim Richards

MEETING: There was no ECC meeting in June, therefore, there are no minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No new expenses to report. Working on budget for 2014

PAST MINUTES: April minutes accepted as amended, May accepted as written.

PUNKINTOWN: Ernie will call Connie to work on the archeologist who summers in York and suggested that we ought to explore an archeological easement on the site. Ernie and Connie will get together and pursue this.

JOHNSON FARM: This is an on-going work in progress.

JOHNSON LANE TOWN FOREST: Tin Smith is assisting the ECC with negotiations regarding the property.

FRIENDS OF YORK RIVER: The funding is on the horizon from congressional approval for the study as a Wild and Scenic designation.

DEVELOPEMENTAL PROJECTS: None cited for this meeting.

ARC: This will be re-visited at a later date.

XNG Engineering firm and WETLANDS impact: Discussion ensued around the planned gas pipe line from CMP corridor to the propane gas area. There is neighborly concern (home nearby and abutting the property) regarding noise levels from the compressor as which are expected to be 85dB at 10 feet from the compressor. The noise level at property lines was unavailable.

Concern was also expressed about clearing more area around the already cleared area. There was a concession already made to move the original hook-up site to accommodate the environmental concerns of the DEP, Wildlife groups, Natural Resources groups, etc.

They were widening the road by 2 feet over the wetland area to 6,043 square feet of wetlands being impacted to eliminate culverts.

The road/rock bed with gravel will be less than 2 feet.

Concern was made regarding a turtle barrier fence around the main facility where truck traffic will be heaviest.

It was explained that propane and natural gas are two different operations.

The compressor meter will be fenced off.

The operation will be 24/7 needing one hour to fill the tanks. Lighting was a concern regarding the level of lumens with respect to housing nearby. The preference for downward facing light and low lights was expressed.

The company will be serving southern Maine, NH and MA. Why was Eliot the chosen location? It was chosen due to the pressure needed and the proximity to the turnpike.

The homeowners were concerned mostly with noise levels, particularly in the evening as it will be a 24/7 operation. The back-up alarms on the trucks was also mentioned.

The homeowners would like to see a decibel map.

The question arose about the town ordinances allowing different levels of noise for the different times of day (lower at night).

It was admitted that the compressor constantly makes noise considering that there would be 24 trucks being filled in the 24/7 operation.

Connie suggested that the planning board not allow the operation to function between 9PM and 6AM as well as finding out if the decibel levels can be lowered temporarily at the site.

XNG will get the questions answered about the noise levels. The only other operation similar to this is in Baileyville near Calais.

Overall the concerns were regarding noise, lighting, and exhaust from the operation.

Lastly, concerns arose over an accident occurring on route 236 with high volume of cars during certain hours. People wanted to know the hazmat response and the impact of such an accident (with the tankers).

OLD BUSINESS: August minutes. Claudette will put them into format once received from the person who took the minutes in her absence.

Laura Pope will have a meeting with Ernie regarding her concerns. Ernie and Connie received correspondence from Laura Pope regarding her environmental concerns.

Glenn mentioned that the Laudholm Home Farm in Wells is having a seminar on Tuesday/Wednesday regarding towns protecting the town forests. Lunch is included. It is to help municipalities to maintain their forests.

ROUND TABLE: No news.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7:00PM at town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM

Respectfully submitted,



Claudette C. Moran
Secretary, ECC

cc: Eliot town clerk
Commission Members
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