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**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
MASSACHUSETTS**



Conservation Commission
Bonnie Geromini
Judy McKinley Brewer
Philip Grant
Ted Zebert

HAMPDEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

MAY 7, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING

**Present: Bonnie Geromini (ABSENT), Phil Grant, Ted Zebert, Judy McKinley
Brewer sitting in Andrew Netherwood**

**7:00 p.m. Phil Grant opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.
In attendance from Nat'l Grid
Andrea Agostino, Colin Duncan, Brian Dunn**

**Abutters in attendance;
Richard Jalbert, Dick Harris, Mike Fedora,
Lillian Fedora, Heather Zanetti, Nicholas Zanetti.**

Discussion was about replacing existing wood poles with steel poles with concrete bases. These poles will connect into the substation on Allen St. There are multiple wetland foot prints along this transmission line. Project narrative is located within the Notice of Intent package that the Conservation Commission has. Any trees that are fallen or branches that cause a problem will be treated by the forestry service as needed. Temporary mats will be put down during the construction where needed. There is a conservation plan with National Heritage to have a protective management on the right of way for the transmission line.

Mr. & Mrs. Zanetti, 201 Ames Rd. had questions about the poles on their property and what the wind effect would have on the poles.

Mr. Jalbert, 28 Oak Knoll Drive had questions about his property line pins and would they be taken down and then put back up again so he would not have to have someone come in and re survey the property to put pins back.

Mr. Fedora, 240 Ames Rd. had questions about the right of way on his property and he does not want the right of way made wider as he used the land for pasture for his horses.

National Grid said that mailers will be sent to abutters about the project and any questions will be addressed at that time.

Judy McKinley Brewer asked a question about the concrete washouts at the base of the steel poles being safe and was there a chance of a concrete washout and pollution in the water. Andrea stated that a geo fabric would be placed at the bottom of each washout to strain out the water and also would be lined with hay bales. Andrea was asked about the monitoring reports and we were told that they would be sent to the commission as needed if any deviations were made.

Ted Zebert made the motion to accept the NOI for National Grid for the R170 Line, Phil Grant 2nd the motion.

Phil Grant made the motion to close the May 7, 2014 Special Meeting, Judy McKinley Brewer 2nd the motion.

Meeting was closed at 8:20 p.m.