MINUTES TO CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING – SOMERSWORTH, NH

July 9, 2014 Council Chambers – City Hall 7:00 PM
Attending: Liz Wilson, Dale Smith-Kenyon, Emilee Kenyon, Angela Ficco-Orzechowski, Frank Richardson, Jeremy Rhodes, Imants Millers, Director of Planning and Community Development Dave Sharples

1) Approval of meeting minutes. Jeremy Rhodes made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting. Angela Ficco-Orzechowski seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

2) OLD BUSINESS. None.

3) NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of the NHDES Minimum Expedited Permit Application filed by Tighe & Bond, on behalf of PSNH to install a utility pole within on property located at West High Street. Jennifer Hale of Tighe & Bond presented the proposed project. Currently, the utility pole is located off the edge of pavement within the West High Street Right-of-Way. PSNH proposes to move the location of this pole away from the roadway. The proposed location is within a wetland and represents a permanent impact.

Liz Wilson made a motion to approve and sign the minimum impact expedited permit application allowing PSNH to install a utility pole within a wetland on a property located on West High Street. Dale Smith-Kenyon seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

B. Somersworth Sustainability Committee report. Liz Wilson reported that a presentation by a company called Recycle Bank is scheduled for the July meeting. This company offers "rewards" to local businesses when City residents recycle. Mr. Fox Composting will present their services during the August meeting. Representatives from schools, businesses, and City staff are invited to hear about the composting services.

C. Member items and reports. None.

D. Director of Planning and Community Development's report.

1) Dave Sharples reported that the federal government is still reviewing applications, including the one for the Mast Point Dam recreation area, but is expected to do so shortly.

2) Imants Millers will now be an alternate member of the Commission.

3) Two parcels on Lily Pond Road have been offered to the Commission for $50,000. Both parcels have small structures. The buildings have already altered the site and would have to be properly demolished. Frank Richardson commented that neither parcel would be granted permits for the development of new structures. Liz Wilson commented that she would rather the Commission save its money for developing an

easement on the Sunningdale property. In general, the Commission was not interested in purchasing the property.

E. Any other new business that may come before the Commission. None.

4) WORKSHOP BUSINESS. None

Adjournment. Imants Millers made a motion to adjourn. Dale Smith-Kenyon seconded the motion. The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Wilson (Secretary)