

**Minutes of the Peterborough Conservation Commission Meeting  
July 21 site visit, Old Dublin Road PSNH substation, 3:30 p.m.**

Present: Bryn Dumas, Matt Lundsted, John Patterson, Susan Stanbury, Francie Von Mertens, Robert Wood; Kevin Bemis, PSNH

The minutes for June's meeting were approved.

July's meeting was a site visit in the absence of pressing agenda items. The letter below communicates points raised at the site visit.

To Peterborough Zoning Board of Adjustment July 28, 2011  
From Peterborough Conservation Commission  
Reference to Case No. 1171 PSNH request for a variance to alter the natural surface configuration within the Wetland Protection Overlay Zone.

Conservation Commission members met Kevin Bemis from PSNH at the Old Dublin Road Substation on July 21.

It was determined that the impacts relating to expanding the substation were for the most part temporary. The fence on the east side is to be moved outward 10 feet. Upon completion of the maintenance project, the fence enclosure will be returned to its original dimensions.

As a condition to approving the variance, the Conservation Commission recommends that the woody vegetation along the actual wetland edge to the east of the enclosure be maintained. Pruning may be required for the passage of equipment, but disruption of tree and shrub roots is to be avoided.

The Conservation Commission further recommends that the proposed addition of crushed gravel to stabilize the existing gravel parking area fronting Old Dublin Road be limited to the direct access route to the substation gate area to minimize the possibility of erosion delivering excess fill to the wetland east of the substation.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next meeting is August 19, 7 p.m. at the Town House.

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