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Public Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00PM
344 Broadway, 4th Floor Conference Room
MEETING MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were taken by Jennifer Wright and are respectfully submitted.

Present Commission Members: Adam Hornstine (Chair), Kaki Martin (Vice-Chair), Dorothy Altman, Blair Haney, and Jennifer Wright (Director)

Absent Commission Members: Albe Simenas

Attendees: Roger Frymire, Cambridge Resident; Karl Smith, TRC – Lowell; Peter Kerrigan, Spectra Energy; Les Smith, Veolia Energy; Michael Gusti, Epsilon Associates; Steve Kaiser, Cambridge Resident; Bennet Heart, Royal Sonesta; Joseph O’Toole, Royal Sonesta; George Lanzillo, Royal Sonesta; Shaun Dwyer, Veolia Energy; Ruth Sargent, Cambridge Yacht Club; Richard Sargent, Cambridge Yacht Club; and Shawn Konary, GenOn

Adam Hornstine opened the hearing.

7:00 - Request for Determination of Applicability

Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC

The proponents from TRC presented the proposed work to inspect the integrity of the existing gas-line located within the floodplain associated with the Alewife Brook. The work will include the installation of erosion and sedimentation controls, excavation and backfill. The site will be restored to existing conditions.

The Commission asked if the work would require an open flame. The answer was no.

No public comment was offered.

The Commission voted unanimously to grant a negative determination of applicability with conditions specific to the site restoration and the submission of a topographic survey after the site is restored.

7:18 - Notice of Intent

Veolia Energy Boston, Inc.

The proponents from Veolia and Epsilon presented the new steam-line route within the riverfront area associated with the Charles River. The proponents reviewed all construction mitigation measures.

The Commission opened the hearing up to public comment. The Cambridge Yacht Club asked about the excavation associated with their parcel. Roger Frymire asked for information specific to the area's drainage system. Steve Kaiser stated that the East Cambridge Planning Team was in favor of the project. The Commission unanimously closed public comment.

The Commission voted unanimously to approve an Order of Conditions with special conditions specific to construction mitigation.

7:56 - Negative Determination of Applicability Extension

Roger Frymire

Water Chestnut Eradication in the Alewife Brook Subwatershed

The Commission reviewed the letter report submitted by Roger Frymire.

No public comment was offered.

The Commission unanimously granted a 3 year extension for the water chestnut removal project.

8:00 - Administrative Topics

Meeting Minutes April 23, 2012 – unanimously approved

8:05 - Other Business

None

Meeting unanimously adjourned at 8:10 PM.