

**Ashfield Conservation
Commission August 10, 2016**

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| Members Present: Lester Garvin, Chair (LG) Phil Lussier (PL) Brian Clark (BC) Janet Clark (JC) | Others Present: Ron Coler |
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1. LG called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Concerning the Eversource RDA: Emily Stockman stated to PL that she was concerned about the Eversource message of 8/24 sent to LG. The message requested an indefinitely continued hearing date. ES was concerned that Eversource may be backing out. LG will talk to ES about a response.
3. RC stated the Selectboard will review the report and recommendations from the lake work this summer to remove invasives. The Conservation Commission as well as other town boards are requested to attend this meeting at 7:00 PM on Sept. 19.
4. MACC Fall Conference is Oct. 29. No one is available this year to attend.
5. One online request for comment or approval from the Building Dept. received during the week involved 125 Tatro Road, owner Louis Battalen. He wants to remove an old porch and install a new one. More information is needed. BC will call him.

Adjourn

Attached:

- Message from Eversource officer Devleena Ghosh-Brower

Respectfully submitted by Janet Clark

8/10/16



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OFFICE OF SELECT BOARD

July 8, 2016

Emily Stockman
Stockman Associates, I.J.C
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Dear Ms. Stockman:

The Select Board of the Town of Ashfield voted unanimously to appoint you as a Special Municipal Employee on June 29, 2016 for the purpose of acting as a Conservation Wetland Consultant.

Thank you very much for your assistance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at extension 7, or via email at townadmin@ashfield.org.

Sincerely,

Kayce D. Warren
Interim Town Administrator

Cc: Conservation Commission

June 21, 2016

Ashfield Conservation Commission
412 Main Street
Ashfield, MA 01330

Re: Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)
Right-of-Way (ROW) Access Road Construction
Off Hawley Road, Ashfield
Eversource Energy
RDA Third Party Review

Dear Commissioners:

Foremost, thank you for considering Stockman Associates LLC. It is my understanding that the Ashfield Conservation Commission is seeking an estimate for the third party review of a Request for Determination of Applicability, submitted by Tighe & Bond on behalf of their client, Eversource Energy for the completed construction of a ROW access way along Eversource's Line 1231-1242. Based on the RDA submittal the ROW access Road was constructed within Riverfront Area and Buffer Zone. The following scope is based on the RDA submittal prepared by Tighe & Bond dated May 16, 2016.

Scope of Work

Field Work

Site Visit: to review the work submitted under the May 2016 RDA, including the review of the constructed access way, erosion controls and stream crossings. Stockman Associates LLC will also review and confirm the resource area boundaries flagged in the field by Tighe & Bond. It is anticipated that wetland flagging will be clearly visible and labeled in the field. Any observation plots utilized by Tighe & Bond to evaluated soils, vegetation, and hydrology should also be clearly marked on a site plan and in the field for review. Furthermore, it is anticipated that a wetland scientist from Tighe & Bond as well as members of the Ashfield Conservation Commission will be present during the site visit.

Estimated 1/2 field days

Materials Review

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) Review: including the review of the RDA submittal prepared by Tighe & Bond dated May 16, 2016 (WPA Form 1, Attachments A-C and project narrative)

The review will be performed under The Massachusetts Wetlands Protect Act (MA WPA) regulations (310 CMR 10.00). The town of Ashfield currently does not have a local wetland bylaw.

Reporting

Review Findings: including a findings report and recommendations based on the materials review and the site visit. The report will specifically address concurrence and non-concurrence with boundaries as presented in the RDA prepared by Tighe & Bond and will state recommendations accordingly.

In addition to the details stated above the report will also include recommendations regarding findings under the Determination of Applicability (WPA Form 2) to be issued by the Ashfield Conservation Commission.

Meetings

Attendance: at one (1) Ashfield Conservation Commission meeting

Total Cost Estimate

\$1,200

Please note that the above cost estimate has been provided based on the RDA submittal dated May 16, 2016. Any additional submittals, additional site visits, and/or public meetings would be considered extra work beyond the proposed scope. If additional review is required during the process, Stockman Associates LLC will provide a scope of work cost estimate for these services.

Hourly Rates (including travel):

Wetland Scientist \$100/hour
Field Technician \$55/hour

Prior to the commencement of any work, please provide written documentation that special municipal employee status for the position of wetland consultant has been issued by the town.

Our receipt of a signed copy of this proposal will serve to authorize Stockman Associates LLC to proceed with the work outlined above in our Scope of Services.

Work will commence within 2 weeks of receiving a signed authorization to proceed. It is anticipated that work will begin with a materials review. The fieldwork will be scheduled upon coordination with the applicant and/or the applicant's representative and the conservation commission. Please note that aspects of the proposed timeline are subject to the scheduling and availability of others as well as site conditions and, therefore, may be subject to change.

I look forward to working with you on this project. Thank you for considering Stockman Associates LLC.



If you have any questions regarding the above estimate, please do not hesitate to contact me at emily@stockmanassociates.com or at 413-743-1372.

Sincerely,

Emily Stockman, M.S., P.W.S.
Senior Scientist/Principal
Stockman Associates LLC

**AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED
Ashfield Conservation Commission
RDA Third Party Review
Right-of-Way (ROW) Access Road Construction
Off Hawley Road
Ashfield, MA**

I hereby authorize Stockman Associates LLC to proceed with the above-referenced project in accordance with the Scope of Services described herein.

Ashfield Conservation Commission

LESTER GARVIN
Printed Name

7/27/2016
Date

Lester Garvin
Signature

Chair
Title

devleena.ghosh-brower@eversource.com wrote:

Lester,

This email is to request a continuance of the hearing pertaining to the Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) filed by Tighe & Bond on May 2016 for the ROW Access Road of Hawley Road. At this time, please continue the hearing indefinitely to an unspecified date.

I would greatly appreciate if you could please confirm receipt of this email.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

With Thanks

Regards,

Devleena

Devleena Ghosh-Brower, PWS, CPESC
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Devleena,

The Ashfield Conservation Commission was looking forward to working with Eversource and their consultant through use of an RDA. Why the indefinite hold on the process? Would you prefer to work with an enforcement instead?

Lester Garvin, Chair