1. Call to Order, 7:00 PM  Ms. Christine M. Joy, President
2. Roll Call of Members  Ms. Sandra M. Wright, Secretary
3. Minutes of January 29, 2020 Meeting  Ms. Sandra M. Wright, Secretary
4. Financial Report for January 2020  Mr. David Klein, Treasurer
5. Staff Report  Ms. Mary Waldron, Executive Director
6. Regional Clearinghouse Reviews
   Industrial Revenue Bonds  None
   Environmental Notifications  MEPA # 16023 - Sylvia Place Pond Dam Breach Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) Kingston
7. Old Business  A. None
   B. Review and consideration of the FFY 2020-2024 Old Colony Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Amendments 2 Mary Waldron, Executive Director.
   C. EDA Resolution. Mary Waldron, Executive Director.
9. Community Concerns
10. Other Business
11. Visitors Comments/Questions
12. Adjournment

FUTURE MEETINGS:
March 25, 2020
April 29, 2020
MAY – Annual Meeting - TBD

(Executive Committee Meeting would be convened in the absence of a Council quorum)
Industrial Revenue Bonds (Council Action)

None

Environmental Notifications (Information only)

MEPA # 16023 - Sylvia Place Pond Dam Breach Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (Kingston)
The Sylvia Place Pond Dam is in Kingston, along the Furnace/Troout Brook within the Stewart/Pearson Preserve. Sylvia Place Pond Dam is an intermediate-sized significant-hazard earth embankment dam that is regulated (jurisdictional) by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Office of Dam Safety (ODS). Outfall from the Furnace/Troout Brook discharges to the Jones River. The dam is located off Sylvia Place Road and Elm Street (Route 80), set back approximately 550 feet off the road.

Sylvia Place Pond Dam is approximately 275 feet long, and the crest is approximately 8 feet wide on average. The height of dam is approximately 20 feet, and the dam has an estimated maximum storage capacity of 47-acre-feet and a normal pool storage capacity of 28 acre-feet. The crest consists of a footpath along the vegetated shoulders with overly steep slopes. The spillway outlet control structure consists of a concrete broad-crested weir leading to an open channel with concrete/stone masonry sides and a concrete fish ladder. The spillway and fish ladder discharge to a natural channel.

The project consists of breaching the existing dam and abandoning the existing fish ladder. The restoration approach stemmed from the need to rehabilitate the deteriorating fish ladder and eroding earth embankment dam in accordance with the DCR ODS. Hydraulic modeling of the Sylvia Place Pond Dam has been completed. With spillway capacity limited to 25 cubic feet per second (cfs), the dam is subject to potential overtopping in the event of runoff generated by a 2-year, 24-hour, or less, storm event. The Sylvia Place Pond Dam Breach Project consists of the following:

- Tree and root removal to facilitate construction access to the dam.
- Removal of a section of existing embankment near the fish ladder to lower the pond outlet.
- Plan to dewater Sylvia Place Pond to prevent downstream flooding during construction.
- Use of excavated material to fill in and abandon the existing fish ladder and spillway.
- Hydro seeding the exposed pond edge.
- Creating an open channel to connect the lowered pond to the existing inlet stream, which feeds Bryant Mill Pond.
- Erosion control by grading the new channel and stabilizing with a riprap base under natural streambed material.
- Re-grading and extending the interconnecting channel between Russell Pond and Sylvia Place Pond to maintain fish passage.

Since filing the Expanded Environmental Notification Form in April 2019, the following modifications have been made to the proposed work:

- The preferred alternative for the access road route has been modified. Following the MEPA site visit and a site visit with the property owners of #269 Elm Street and #24 Sylvia Place Road, Alternative D, entering the site from #24 Sylvia Place Road and utilizing the former ice road was established as the preferred alternative since it would reduce impacts to the wetland resource areas and minimize clearing and grading. This route will require a temporary construction easement or license agreement with the property owner of #24 Sylvia Place Road, as it requires the access road to be partially constructed on private property. Wildlands Trust is currently coordinating this easement with the property owner.
- A gravity bypass system will be used to drawdown Sylvia Place Pond rather than a pumped system. The system includes a 36-inch bypass pipe with a screened inlet and dissipater on the outlet at Bryant Mill Pond. The gravity bypass system will reduce impacts to fish passage during construction activities.
- The project plans now include work on the existing interconnecting channel between Russell Pond and Sylvia Place Pond. The interconnection will be re-graded and extended to allow for fish passage to Russell Pond once Sylvia Place Pond is lowered.
- The project plans now include an access road from Sylvia Place Pond Dam to the Russel Pond interconnecting channel work.

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