

**Draft Minutes** of Conservation Commission special meeting,  
Wednesday, May 2, 2012  
4:00PM

Meeting location: Plains Road/Industrial Blvd. railroad track crossing site

Attendees:

Conservation Commission members: Steve Wood, Nick Koloski

Others: Bruce Temple (Director, Claremont Dept. of Public Works), Brenden Friedenfeld (representing Claremont and Concord Railroad)

Bruce gave an overall review of the project, stating that it had been in the planning stages for about two years, and that he had earlier brought it before the City Council. He mentioned that the state had requested input from the Conservation Commission. Brenden then discussed some of the specifics of the work to be done: upgrading the section of the track crossing Plains Road by replacing the existing rails with a heavier grade better suited for freight traffic, and installing a concrete bed instead of wooden cross-ties. Bruce said there were no wetlands to be impacted in the vicinity, a statement with which both Nick and Steve agreed.

Chair Wood said this item would be on the Commission's May 17 meeting agenda.

There being no further questions, the special meeting was adjourned at approx. 4:15pm

Submitted by  
Steve Wood

Conservation Commission Chair, and note-taker of the day