

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission

March 25, 2021

6:30 PM

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Members Present: Dave Lersch (6:32pm) Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, Jessica Patterson, Geneva Renegar and Wade Thomas (1 Vacancy)
Alternates Present: Ivy Plis and Julie Wainscott (1 Vacancy)
Staff Present: Maureen FitzGerald, Environmental Planner
Katrina Kotfer, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER AND APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Chairman Muckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ivy Plis was seated for the vacancy and J. Wainscott was seated for D. Lersch.

2. APPROVAL of the February 25, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by G. Renegar to approve the February 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6-0-1 J. Wainscott abstaining.

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

C-16-1 Town of Waterford General Permit – Proposed Drainage Pipe Replacement Gallows Lane

Staff reviewed with the Commission the proposed pipe replacement location and photos showing the existing site conditions.

Motion: Motion made by J. Wainscott, second by W. Thomas to find the proposed work is consistent with the general drainage system maintenance permit #C-16-01.

Vote: 7-0

4. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications were received.

5. VIOLATIONS

54 Rope Ferry Road – Unauthorized Clearing of Vegetation and Soil Grading Within and Adjacent to Intermittent Watercourse at Rope Ferry Condominiums – Notice of Violation dated February 5, 2021

Staff reported that the Homeowner's Association has hired Turner Environmental to prepare a stabilization and restoration plan. Slope stabilization and seeding of exposed soils is scheduled to be conducted the week of April 8, 2021.

14B Shore Road – Unauthorized Culvert Installation and Fill Placement within Wetlands and Watercourses – Notice of Violation November 12, 2020 – Wetland Enhancement Plan to be submitted by May 31, 2021 and implemented within 90 days of approval.

Norm Thibeault, PE. Killingly Engineering Associates, Ian Cole and Dave Reagan were available at the meeting. Staff reviewed with the Commission a proposed pond enhancement plan submitted by Mr. Cole. N. Thibeault noted that the property owner is looking to install a 5

ft. high stone wall at the property boundary, a portion of which will cross over the drainage culvert on the north side of the pond. He stated that in his professional opinion the existing drainage culvert is capable of supporting the proposed decorative stone wall and the proposed decorative wall will not impact the wetlands on the property.

Staff noted that the proposed wall is not part of the wetland enhancement, but activity near a wetland. Staff recommended that the final planting plan include shrubs along the edge of the enhancement area to define the boundary and deter encroachment. I. Cole stated the property owner is willing to commit to planting an additional 60-80 shrubs at 6 ft. spacing to mark the boundary. These boundary shrubs would be landscape varieties not wetland plants.

J. Wainscott asked if there are proposed non-encroachment markers planned. Chairman Muckle requested the boundary be marked with posts and markers to identify the wetland protection area.

Staff inquired if the draft enhancement plan is on the right track to satisfy the corrective actions. The Commission by a show of hands agreed that the property owner is headed in the right direction for the proposed enhancement plan with the amendments discussed.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

C-14-2 105 Boston Post Road – 2020 Created Wetland & Detention Basin Monitoring Report

Staff reviewed with the Commission the 2020 Monitoring Report prepared by New England Environmental Services for the created wetland and stormwater treatment pond. She noted that this is the second of three years of monitoring required by the permit.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

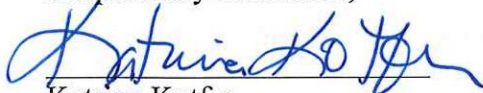
No bills were discussed or acted upon.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by I. Plis to adjourn at 7:04 pm.

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary