

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission
October 22, 2020
6:30 PM
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Members Present: Dave Lersch, Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, Jessica Patterson, Geneva Renegar, and Michael Stankov
Members Absent: Wade Thomas
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

R. Muckle called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. R. Muckle asked J. Wainscott to sit for W. Thomas.

2. APPROVAL of the October 8, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by J. Wainscott, second by D. Lersch to approve the October 8, 2020 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6-0-1 (T. Maidelis abstained from the vote)

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

No applications were discussed.

4. NEW APPLICATIONS

No new applications were received.

5. VIOLATIONS

No violations were reported.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

C-20-14 14B Shore Road – Request to Increase Paved Width of Driveway and Modify Culvert Crossing with Longer Pipe – Killingly Engineering Associates, Agent

Ian Cole was present on behalf of the applicant to review the modification request. He explained that increasing the paved width of the driveway does not result in additional wetland disturbance. The proposed modification to the driveway culvert involves increasing the length of the culvert from 24 feet to 40 feet and elimination of the headwall and wingwalls. The modification involves 300 square feet of additional wetland disturbance. Mr. Cole noted the wetland culvert is located in a previously disturbed area and the 300 square feet of disturbance is mitigated by the area of wetland creation being constructed on the property.

R. Muckle deferred the role of the chair to T. Maidelis due to problems with his audio connection.

Commission members discussed the modification request. Staff noted that a plan has not been submitted showing the proposed changes.

Motion: Motion made by M. Stankov, second by G. Renegar to table the application to the next meeting where the applicant should submit a revised cross section and the proposed wetland disturbance.

Vote: 7-0

Review of Draft Budget – FY 21/22

The Commission discussed the draft budget.

Motion: Motion made by M. Stankov, second by J. Wainscott to approve the proposed draft budget with modification to the Planning Services description of the stream sampling to include data compilation.

Vote: 7-0

Review of Annual Report – FY19/20

The Commission discussed the draft annual report. Commissioners recommended the description under Conservation Tasks “B” to include wording noting the Commission obtained examples of evaluation matrices from other Conservation Commissions in bordering towns.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by G. Renegar to approve the draft annual report with revisions as discussed.

Vote: 7-0

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Staff reviewed with the Commission the draft report of Commission action for 140 Waterford Parkway South.

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by M. Stankov to approve the Report of Commission Action.

Vote: 7-0

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

No bills were discussed.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by D. Lersch, second by J. Wainscott, to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,


Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary