

MEETING MINUTES

Conservation Commission

November 5, 2020

6:30 PM

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Members Present: Dave Lersch, Tali Maidelis, Richard Muckle, Jessica Patterson,
Geneva Renegar, Michael Stankov and 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. No alternates were seated.

2. APPROVAL of the October 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by G. Renegar to approve the October 22, 2020 meeting minutes.

Vote: 6-0-1 (W. Thomas abstained from the vote)

3. APPLICATION REVIEW

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

Norm Thibeault PE. of Killingly Engineering reviewed the status of the modification to the driveway culvert and widening of paved driveway. The modified driveway culvert pipe with increased wetland disturbance has been installed. He reviewed plan details of the proposed culvert crossing submitted November 4, 2020 and photographs of the site, noting that it appears the pipe has been installed as presented in the modification request. He stated that if the pipe were removed now and headwalls installed as originally approved, it will be difficult to stabilize the area due the time of year.

Commission members asked for an evaluation of the wetland impact and a plan to mitigate the wetland impact. An as-built plan of the crossing as installed and the existing wetland mitigation area were required to verify wetland impact area and the area of created wetland mitigation. Mitigation of the additional wetland impact area at 1:1 or 2:1 ratio was discussed.

The Commission allowed the driveway surface to be paved and the soils seeded to stabilize the area.

The Commission directed staff to issue a Notice of Violation with required corrective actions to include; providing an as-built of the crossing and wetland disturbance area and the wetland mitigation area as constructed, an evaluation of the wetland impacts from the unauthorized activity by a wetland scientist, a proposed 2:1 mitigation area to replace the unauthorized wetland fill, and an explanation from the contractor and permittee regarding the unauthorized work conducted.

The application was tabled.

4. NEW APPLICATIONS

C-20-17 193 Pember Road – Pond & Stream Maintenance – Mahra's Woods, LLC, Applicant, David E. Engdall, Owner

David Engdall was present for the application. He explained that due to the pond being low this year he was able to remove debris and downed trees from the pond. He has reseeded the area he disturbed and it has already started sprouting.

Commissioners asked if he plans to make the pond area larger or will he be using machinery or hand tools. Mr. Engdall responded he wants to use hand tools to maintain the pond outlet area.

Motion: Motion made by M. Stankov, second by W. Thomas to have staff prepare a draft permit for maintenance of the pond outlet with hand tools, and if larger equipment is needed that work is to be coordinated with staff prior to start of work.

Vote: 7-0

C-08-04EXT 5 Betty Street – Permit Extension – Karen Brochu, Trustee, Owner & Applicant

The Commission reviewed the request for permit extension.

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by M. Stankov to approve the permit extension request to the maximum allowable time of 14 years from date of issuance, to now expire March 27, 2022.

Vote: 7-0

5. VIOLATIONS

No violations were reported.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was discussed.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence was discussed.

8. PAYMENT OF BILLS

The Commission reviewed a bill for advertising from The Day.

Motion: Motion made by T. Maidelis, second by M. Stankov to approve a bill from The Day, for \$157.50.

Vote: 7-0

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by M. Stankov, second by W. Thomas, to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

Vote: 7-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Katrina Kotfer
Recording Secretary