



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 22, 2019 Town Hall, Auditorium, 7:00 PM

Present: David Haines, Jon Clements, Sabrina Moreau, Heather McCann, Eric Wojtowicz, Edward Knight, Associate member Mark Brownell, Associate member Doug Beach, Associate member Katerina Korolov; Conservation Administrator Erica Cross and Assistant Cayla Paulding. C. Paulding took minutes.

Absent: Associate member David Lamb

Called to order at 7:02 by D. Haines

7:02

Hickory Hill Wetland Replication Update

Bob Stover here to present progress. He would like to find out if his plans fit in with the amended order of conditions. The required replication was 8,912 ft. The replication is meant to address both stream crossings. D. Haines would like an as built of the detention basins before replication proceeds. Bob Stover says the next iteration of this plan will have topography. E. Cross would like to see next plan by May 20th. Bob Stover reports there is sediment in the road and that previous controls may need to be replaced. E. Cross says we cannot amend the order of conditions further until a notice has been put in the paper. J. Clements asks why replication is not done first, and E. Cross says it should be done first. We will look at the minutes from 2016 to see if anything can be found on plan. D. Haines would like Bob Stover to assess if applicants have done required work on invasive species.

7:32

146 North Liberty St. DEP# 104-0965 – Revised wetland replication plans

Keith Terry discussed replication. There was disturbance through wetlands to install common driveway. Initially the plan was to clear forest and implement wetland, but that is no longer on the table. The new plan is to replace an undersized and crushed culvert. E. Cross recommends this because it will improve hydrology in establishing lost hydrologic connection. Belchertown DPW is also in support of this plan. This plan is less replication area than the previous plan. D. Haines says the replication must be at least 1:1. For this to happen, there needs to be at least 100 sq ft of additional replication done. H. McCann visited site and wonders if area being considered for replication wetland is already wetland considering wetland vegetation is present (skunk cabbage). According to E. Cross, it is not jurisdictional if under 5,000 sq ft. D. Haines would like to do another site visit to ensure wetland delineation.

7:43

Request for Determination Con'd

491 North Liberty Street, Septic Repair, Map 276, Lot 15
Thomas Spellman

D. Haines, E. Cross, & M. Brownell did site visit, we are awaiting new wetland delineations. J. Clements motioned to continue, H. McCann seconded, all in favor.

7:45

Notice of Intent Con'd – Requested continuance to 5/14/2019

Lot 2 Allen St, Single Family House with stream crossing & appurtenances, Map 231, Lot 19.01
Jeffrey A. Bessette

S. Moreau is recused as an abutter.

Waiting for water quality certification. H. McCann motions to continue, E. Wojtowicz seconds, all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

- E. Knight motions to pay bills; J. Clements seconds; all in favor
- Enforcement order
 - 269 Barrett St; clearing of vegetation beyond limit of work DEP# 104-0610; BCC# 01-27
 - 7:46 pm; Owner Andrew Jarry is present. He has retained an environmental consultant. The owner was unaware of jurisdictional limitations of property. E. Cross observed fine grading on the property. E. Cross would like to see permanent marker of permitted limit of work in addition to replanting vegetation that was removed. D. Haines agrees with permanent markers and adding native vegetation. He would like that recorded on deed so next owners are aware. D. Haines will keep an eye on area to see if a silt fence is needed. D. Haines and E. Cross allow for brush and logs to be removed.
 - H. McCann motions to ratify enforcement order; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor
 - Mr. Bergeron is present from 730 Gulf Rd. He was harvesting firewood near a wetland. The concern is that we are not left with 50% canopy cover and the ground was not dry or frozen enough to support machinery. Mr. Bergeron cut 2 cords of red maple, and was unaware of wetland requirements. A lot of the trees were damaged from blow down. D. Haines recommends letting the area restore itself. E. Cross thinks the saplings will regrow quickly. Mr. Bergeron implemented mulch and hay bales to stabilize area. D. Haines would like area to be seeded with wetland vegetation mix. Owner is ok with this. E. Cross will plan site visit to ensure bank stabilization. D. Haines is concerned with ditch on property that has no vegetation around it as it was it is considered a wetland. E. Cross will pull up 2012 minutes to see what was discussed. The Conservation Commission will look at NRCS plan before making any decisions.
 - Hayward Gravel Pit
 - D. Haines discusses that we have not approved certain parts of the plan such as driveways. S. Moreau recuses herself as an abutter. D. Haines would like to walk the site to look for hydrology. E. Cross will look for approved permitting.
- New Business
 - Right of First Refusal – Morra, Franklin St.
 - E. Knight motions to not recommend buying land; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor
 - Schedule of Piper Farm work
 - Wednesday (4/25), Thursday (4/26), Friday (4/27) E. Cross will be working on delineation
 - Recommend new Commissioner for M. Cavatorta's term
 - David Lamb won ranking system
 - H. McCann motions to recommend David Lamb; E. Wojtowicz seconds; all in favor
 - Review re-appointments for upcoming expiring Commissioner terms, Committees
 - ConCom H. McCann and E. Knight expire in June; Associate commissioners expire in Spring; Trail stewardship council- E. Cross is liaison
 - Holland Glen Improvements: Fundraising, sponsored kiosk
 - we would need 6-10 thousand \$ of fundraising for trail improvements; D. Haines would

like E. Cross to consult ethics commission before fundraising

- Rain barrel & compost bin pre-order program with Palmer: June 7
- Proposed Stormwater Utility Bylaw Updates
 - Will be reviewed to board of selectman 5/6/2019
- Regulations & Fees Update Subcommittee
- Land Management Subcommittee
- Paid internship program with Mt. Holyoke
- Open Space conference April 27th; Gardner, MA

9:14 S. Moreau motions to adjourn; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, May 14, 2019