



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 10, 2019 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM

Present: David Haines, Jon Clements, Sabrina Moreau, Heather McCann, Edward Knight, David Lamb, Associate member Mark Brownell; Conservation Administrator Erica Cross, Assistant Cayla Paulding

Absent: Doug Beach, Associate member Katerina Korolov

Called to order at 7:00 by D. Haines

7:00pm

Hickory Hills Replication – Accept Revised Plan under General Condition #14

Bob Stover

The as-built plan will be ready 6/24.

Request for Determination

531 Franklin Street, Septic Repair, Map 272, Lot 76

Barbara Bishop

7:02 pm

Presented by Alan Weiss. There is a small bank and BVW. The silt fence is located on the south side of the driveway. The limit of work is 50 feet and the leach field is 75 feet from the resource area. The stream is presumed intermittent based on USGS mapping. This plan has already been approved by the Board of Health. D. Haines would have preferred it farther away, but is fine if BoH has approved it.

J. Clements motions for negative determination, H. McCann seconds, all in favor.

Request for Determination

Holland Glen Conservation Area, Parking Area & Trail Improvement, Map 272, Lot 76

Town of Belchertown

7:08 pm

Presented by Erica Cross. The general proposal is to resurface the parking area and implement trail clearing for a loop trail around Hop Brook. There will be some areas where people can step across the stream. There is no vegetation clearing other than center area of parking lot and the back corner of the parking area. The surface will be gravel. It is currently natural covering: dirt, roots. We are trying to permit this before finding funding. H. McCann asks for clarification of trail map. The trail map includes current trails. Tread work would involve light vegetation clearing and minor grading of trails. The estimated width of the proposed trail is 2-4 feet and 3 feet at riverfront. J. Clements asks if New England Trail is part of the project. E. Cross says it may be able to connect. J. Clements asks if Wentworth bridge has been fixed. E. Knight says it has been fixed very nicely. J. Clements is concerned people will use Holland Glen parking to cross Rt 9 and get to Wentworth Conservation Area. E. Cross discusses implementing caution signs. E. Knight says there are other access points to Wentworth Conservation Area. S. Moreau asks how much gravel will be required for the parking area. E. Cross expects 4-6 inches of gravel. Since current roots are already compacted, it may not cause too much damage to nearby trees.

The trees in the center of the parking area will most likely be taken down before work begins because they most likely will not survive the grading and compaction. This will not be plowed. The gravel will extend to the paved apron. The application for the curb cut has already been submitted to MassDOT.

J. Clements moves to issue negative determination, S. Moreau seconds, all in favor

Notice of Intent

Lot I Crestview Dr., construction of a single family dwelling and associated appurtenances, Map 254, Lot 15.06 AHH, Inc.

7:25 pm

Presented by John Tentszewski of R. Levesque. The gravel driveway in the photograph is Belchertown's open space access. They have received ZBA variance for house set back. If the house was set back farther they would have had to clear twice as much mature forest and they would have installed pump system for septic. The only thing in the 50 ft buffer is some of the grading. It will be loamed and seeded. The applicant has submitted an alternatives analysis. S. Moreau suggests permanent markers at the 50 ft line. D. Haines would like the area to be reseeded with woody vegetation. E. Cross says the permit will require signs for the adjacent conservation area. They have submitted a stormwater permit application. E. Cross says open space is under our jurisdiction. E. Knight would like access to open space restored when all the construction is done. Right now it has been stripped of vegetation and stumped. E. Cross proposes writing in the permit that the applicant can not use the access to the open space area. Silt fence is proposed on both sides of the driveway. S. Moreau wants to know how far along the 50ft buffer will they require permanent markers. D. Haines would like the 100 ft buffer and limit of work to be demarcated with permanent markers. D. Haines suggests a retaining wall as a permanent marker. This is a current wetland delineation done by Ryan Nelson of their company. E. Cross thinks a retaining wall or changing the grading to pull out of the 50 ft buffer would be best.

H. McCann motions to continue until 6/24 to allow the applicant to come back with revised plans, S. Moreau seconds, all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

No bills, will correct minutes next meeting

- Request for Certificates of Compliance
- Extension permits
- Enforcement actions

1. **730 Gulf Road:** Enforcement Order to require restoration of impacted bank & BVW
Plan to set up site visit with the owner to discuss concerns. There are no agricultural exemptions to fill in a BVW. E. Cross discusses deadlines she would like to give to the owner in an enforcement order. The reason for the EO is to require restoration. The commission discussed to wait until after site visit to issue EO.

S. Moreau motions to issue general EO, J. Clements seconds, all in favor

2. **Pine Street Common Drive:** Work not in compliance with special conditions
DEP#104-1006; BCC#17-20; SW Permit #2017-12 & **10 Pine Street:** Work not in compliance with approved plans SW Permit #2017-19

7:50 pm

E. Cross discussed that the permit for this requires the common drive and drainage to be constructed prior to the construction of the house. Since Friday, there have been mitigation measures taken such as gravel put down. On

10 Pine St the rain garden was installed in the back of the property instead of on the side of the property. Since work has been done to fix the issue, E. Cross would like to issue an EO with dates to move forward, but not issue a stop work order. E. Cross would also like updated stormwater management plan done by Sherman & Frydryk on the property. Rob Morra discusses his side. The soil in front of the house drained very poorly which is why he moved the rain garden to the back of the property. In response to water in the basement, he installed a pit with a pump in the back of the house. This worked very well in the winter, but in the spring the rain garden/pit area was overflowing. He has had the septic engineer (Neil Jackson) come out to look at the plan. He has also had Sherman & Frydryk come out to look at the area. Rob Morra has been told that the rain garden can be within 100 ft of the leach field. D. Haines says this is a board of health issue. E. Cross says the common drive may be contributing to the runoff issue, but it may be a separate issue. Rob Morra discusses history of implementation of the common drive. He is waiting for Eversource to install pole. He alleges that he has received authorization to wait on the common drive from Leanne Connolly, former conservation administrator. He provided e-mail correspondence between him and Leanne. Rob Morra says common drive is 75% done, they are just waiting on eversource. E. Cross and D. Haines both say they will require revised plans if the plans have changed. Rob Morra says he needs everything done by September-November in order to get occupancy permits from the building inspector. E. Cross is fine to shift enforcement deadlines in order to work with Rob Morra. D. Haines would like to issue EO to maintain deadlines. These deadlines can be changed if necessary (for example, if there are issues with contractors, etc.). Rob Morra is against issuing an enforcement order on him. The owner of 10 Pine St has concerns over the large pit now in the back of his property. Rob Morra will provide updated stormwater management plan.

J. Clements motions to issue enforcement order, H. McCann seconds, all in favor

3. **146 S. Liberty Street:** Enforcement Order to require restoration based on approved plans DEP#104-0965 BCC#15-39

The commission discussed this previously, but it is on agenda to ratify EO to move forward with restoration.

E. Knight motioned to ratify EO, D. Lamb seconds, all in favor

- **New Business**

E. Cross handed out hard copies of the appeals for the Gulf Rd Solar decision.

No interns from Mt. Holyoke this summer.

9:04 J. Clements motions to adjourn, H. McCann seconds, all in favor

NEXT MEETING Monday, June 24, 2019