



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 24, 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

Absent: Doug Beach, Associate member Katerina Korolov

Called to order at 7:05 by D. Haines

7:00pm

Notice of Intent Con'd – DEP# 104-1052, BCC# 19-04 - Requested continuance to 7/22/2019

Lot 2 Allen St, Single Family House with stream crossing & appurtenances

Map 231, Lot 19.01

Jeffrey A. Bessette

S. Moreau recuses herself.

H. McCann motions to continue the proposal to 7/22/2019; J. Clements seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent - DEP# 104-1058, BCC# 19-14

Town Beach Rd, parking lot reconstruction

Map 102, Lot 77

Belchertown DPW; Steve Williams

Steve Williams from DPW is present and Keith Terry from Sherman and Frydryk present the project. The recommendation from DEP is to require pretreatment for the installation of the rain gardens. E. Cross says planned maintenance of the rain gardens is on par for what DEP suggests. The project triggers Stormwater requirements from WPA. S. Williams says there are currently no storm water BMPs for the parking area. The parking area is currently paved. They are adding BMPS such as a water quality swale and rain gardens. They are reducing impervious area by 18% without losing any parking spots. There will be regrading to direct water to the water quality swale. Full gravel parking or semi-impervious pavement would require more maintenance and essentially be cost prohibitive. S. Moreau asks about curbing. The water will be discharged to the swales and with sheet flow so no curbing. K. Terry discusses that erosion controls will be put around the asphalt and where it is being removed, the area will be loamed and seeded. J. Clements brings up discussion on public access. There are plenty of areas to launch kayaks and for foot traffic and there is a lawn area where small boats are able to launch. They are proposing an erosion control blanket to fortify the soil until grass comes up. E. Cross feels this is a significant improvement to the parking area.

J. Clements motions to close hearing and issue order of conditions; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Hickory Hills Replication – DEP# 104-0863, BCC# 08-25

Accept Revised Plan under General Condition #14
Bob Stover

This will be presented at 7/8 hearing.

Notice of Intent Con'd - DEP# 104-1056, BCC# 19-13

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

John Tentszewski presents project. The project has been updated to alter the grading to keep it outside the 50 ft buffer. They will put permanent markers at the 50 ft buffer. E. C suggests condition to not allow using open space/conservation access for construction access.

H. McCann motions to close hearing under an order of conditions; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

E. Knight motions to pay bills; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

J. Clements motions to accept 5/14 amended minutes; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

S. Moreau motions to accept 6/10 amended minutes; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

- Emergency Certificates

- Scarborough Brook Conservation Area – Beaver Dam Removal

E. Cross shows pictures of beaver dam activity and how it is impacting the impoundments and earthen dam. There was discussion on dam repair vs dam removal.

J. Clements motions to ratify emergency certificate; E. Knight seconds; all in favor

- Enforcement actions

E. Cross provides updates on Pine St. properties. There has been positive progress, but we are still awaiting new designs from Sherman & Frydryk.

- New Business

- Appeal of Approval Order of Conditions for Wetlands File Number 104-1040, 0 Gulf Road, Belchertown Plan Change DWW Policy 91-1: Administrative Appeals Policy for the Review of Project Plan Changes ---DEP requests the Commission acquiesce its review of the plan changes

E. Cross discusses process of either accepting plan changes or to start from scratch. Some of the changes include pulling all arrays out of the buffer except the access roads. E. Cross has some concerns that storm water drains could flow into the buffer. There is a site visit planned 6/27/2019 that the commission members are encouraged to attend.

E. Knight motions to accept DEP's plan changes; J. Clements seconds; all in favor

- Lampson Brook Farm Preservation letter of support

D. Haines discusses specific plans for the preservation of the farm which will be in part under Mass Dept. of Agriculture.

E. Knight motions to approve commission's support of project; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

I. Clements motions to adjourn; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

NEXT MEETING Monday, July 8, 2019