



Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 9, 2019 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM

Present: David Haines, Jon Clements, Edward Knight, Doug Beach, Sabrina Moreau; Conservation Administrator Erica Cross & Assistant Conservation Agent Cayla Paulding

Absent: Heather McCann, David Lamb, Associate member Mark Brownell, Associate member Katerina Korolov

Called to order at 7:04 pm by D. Haines

7:00pm

Request for Determination of Applicability BCC # 19-2X – Con'd

86 Underwood St; determine stream to be intermittent vs perennial

Map 242, Lot 7

Paul McCloskey

E. Cross shows plans and points out where the stream appears to change status. She is working on field verifying.

S. Moreau motions to continue until 9/23, J. Clements seconds; all in favor

Notice of Intent Con'd – DEP# 104-1052, BCC# 19-04

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

Map 231, Lot 19.01

Jeffrey A. Bessette

S. Moreau is recused

Applicant is still waiting for water quality certificate.

J. Clements motions to issue continuance until 9/23; D. Beach seconds; all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

J. Clements motions to accept 7/22 minutes; D. Beach seconds; all in favor

E. Knight motions to pay bills, J. Clements seconds, all in favor

- Emergency Certificates

- Enforcement actions

1. Pine Valley Plantation Vegetation Removal Enforcement Order

They took down a pine tree and further encroached into either BVW or buffer with the mower. They are working with us to mitigate the violations by seeding and placing permanent markers at the edge of their

already landscaped area. E. Cross says there is no soil disturbance. The order requires completion by October 1st.

J. Clements motions to ratify enforcement order; sm seconds; all in favor

2. Carriage Drive Stormwater Management Enforcement Order

E. Cross would like to discuss enforcement order before ratifying to make sure everyone agrees with the timeline and requirements. E. Cross mentions long standing concerns with erosion controls. All of the basins were sedimented and failing for at least 96 hours. The basins were cleaned out, but not adequately. E. Cross recommends a more thorough clean out and soil/sediment testing. Another additional on going concern in the unpaved roadway around the power building. There is a headwall that was previously unknown, making this a concern as a site for point source discharge. Per defendant: Soil samples have been taken for sieve analysis. In-situ infiltration tests will be done tomorrow. Based on those tests, they will determine if the sand on site is usable. They plan on sweeping the whole street. E. Cross asks about SWPP plan. Applicant has seeded access road and has implemented check dams along the road. Defendant presents plans showing the issue and mitigation measures. Next steps will be to see where water on site is flowing to determine best erosion controls. E. Cross would like seeding by 9/16 and immediate street sweeping. D. Haines would like places to be hydroseeded. E. Cross would like 3rd party review by Tighe & Bond. The scope might be appropriate for a change of plans under general condition #14. She will notify applicant if an amended order of conditions will be necessary. Applicant says most drastic change may be an additional pipe for draining. J. Clements asks why there was so much disturbance. Applicant says there were existing buildings that needed to come down. D. Haines brings up issue of groundwater seepage. E. Cross says part of the water may be ponding in the forebay. J. Clements asks if sedimentation to BVW has occurred. Yes. E. Cross would like to require applicant to verify the quality of the water being discharged. This requirement would not be due by 9/23, but an on-going area to monitor. D. Haines asks if other side of the road has been stabilized. Applicant says they have been seeding the area. J. Clements is concerned about the stagnant water acting as a breeding ground for mosquitoes. E. Cross says the site is mostly dry at this point.

E. Knight motions to ratify the enforcement order, S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

- Certificates of Compliance

1. 65 Meadow Pond Drive

This lot was not in buffer, but it was part of a larger subdivision that was jurisdictional.

J. Clements moves to issue partial cert of compliance, S. Moreau seconds, all in favor

- Letter of Support for B4B's application to the Cultural Council: "Attracting Birds, Butterflies, Bees, and Other Beneficials"

- New Business

J. Clements brings up issue of increased dirt bike activity near the rail trail. There is a lack of regulations for our conservation lands. J. Clements suggests putting up signs with regulations and making formal regulations for the conservation lands. E. Cross will work on drafting regulations and look into signage.

8:17 S. Moreau motions to adjourn, J. Clements seconds; all in favor

NEXT MEETING Monday, September 23, 2019