CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, August 17, 2015 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM

Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator, Commissioners: Jon Clements, Linda Leduc, Joseph Babineau and John Henry. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, recorded the minutes. Commissioners Mike Cavatorta and Ed Knight were not present for the meeting. Associate member Nicholas Burns was not present for the meeting.

7:15 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Harris Way, drying sheds, DEP #104-956, Universal Forest Products, LLC, applicant, Map 230, Lot #31.30. Sean Simmer from UFP was present for the meeting. D. Frydryk, professional engineer, was also present for the meeting representing the applicant. The applicant submitted updated plans showing the changes requested by the Commission. In the plan, the applicant has added 1.7 acres on the northwest side for possible additional millings onto existing gravel. The Commission will review the permitted work prior to allowing any additional work. A series of sediment control areas have been added to the westerly side of the open gravel area to reduce sediment in the overland flow from reaching the wetlands and River Area. The updated plan also covers the Buffer Zone restoration area which is the 25 ft. no disturb and the parking area. The Commission had concerns about the stormwater management and the seed mix and plantings to be used for mitigation. The Commission suggested a Conservation Seed Mix that does not have to be mowed be used in the areas where bushes are not planted; and requested that the applicant submit a copy of the list of the mix for approval by the Administrator prior to it being used/planted. The applicant informed the Commission that some of the shrubs and plantings have already re-established themselves. The Commission noted that the applicant did not provide an invasive species monitoring plan and requested the applicant provide an updated plan, which includes an Invasive Monitoring Plan written by their environmental consultant, for approval by the Administrator. The Applicant told the Commission that their plant manager has been in contact with Belchertown Fire Captain about dredging the fire pond. Also, they will have an Operations Maintenance Plan for millings and will inspect them once a month for the first 3 months to make sure it’s draining properly. If it’s showing signs it’s not controlling the flow, it will be re-milled as all the areas outside the tracks should be un-compacted. The Commission requested a stone strip before the 25 foot Buffer Zone to assist sediment control. The applicant informed the Commission that there is one box container that is still in the Buffer Zone but it will be moved out. Most of the drying sheds are all out of the Riverfront Area, except for one small area which is located at 165 feet. The applicant will provide the Commission with the monitoring plan of Invasive Species Mitigation Plan prior to the issuing of a permit. J. Clement motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Babineau seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:10 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-959, Robert & Tania Wojtczak, applicants, Map 249, Lot #93.00(1). The applicant was not present for the meeting. D. Haines conducted the site visit. Don Frydryk was present representing the applicant. The applicant submitted a revised plan. There is no new work being proposed inside the 50 ft. Buffer Zone. The house, well and septic are all pulled out of the 50 ft. buffer zone. Since the applicant moved the lot lines, the applicant is aware he will have to apply for a new ANR with the Planning Board. The Commission addressed the cutting of trees in the 25 ft. no disturb zone by requesting that the applicant work with Keith Morris, his environmental consultant and provide a restoration plan and the monitoring for re-growth and have a plan in place for invasive species control in the 50 ft. Buffer Zone. D. Haines noted a lot of regrowth has already occurred in the previously disturbed areas. The Commission noted that permanent markers need to be shown on the plan to mark the limit of work area as submitted by D. Frydryk. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, J. Henry seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:10 Request for Determination – Road repair, Blue Meadow Rd., Map 246, Lot #1.00, William Pula, (DCR), applicant. The applicant was present for the hearing. D. Haines conducted the site visit. The applicant proposed work which includes repaving, replacing the culvert and reconstructing the headwalls. All work is staying within the confines of the existing roadway and existing drainage. The work
is on both sides of the road where there are wetlands and the applicant would like to start the work in September. The culvert pipe is 24 inches. Marc Stinson from DEP was present and requested that the applicant provide pictures of the current culvert and calculate full width of the stream, downstream and upstream. He also referred to Stream Crossing regulations, #10.53 (8). The Commission noted that the plan had minimal information; no narrative and no locus map. The Commission requested more information from the applicant about work procedures, coffer dam and the use of sand bags. The Commission recommended to the applicant that he file a Notice of Intent due to the work in the resource area. L. Leduc motioned to issue a Positive Determination, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:30 Request for Determination – Parking lot paving, 40 George Hannum Rd., Map 238, Lots #15.00, #16.00 & #16.01, Stop & Shop, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. Cheryl Gumelmo and Len Bradley, from DiPrete Engineering, were present representing Ahold USA Real Estate, LLC, owner of Stop & Shop. The work proposed is to redo the existing parking lot for the Stop & Shop supermarket. This work will involve the re-paving and resurfacing of the parking lot, curbing and associated landscaping of the parking lot. There are wetlands located in the back of this property. All work proposed is in the existing parking lot. Stock piles will be surrounded by silt fence, will not be long term and will be situated on gravel. They intend to remove full depth of the pavement; take off the top 3 inches and take 3 inches below that, and will bring in new material. The work is proposed to be done in four phases, each two weeks a piece and all work is intended to be completed prior to Thanksgiving. Two trees that fell will be replaced. There are inlet controls on all basins and there will be added erosion controls for stockpiles near drainage inlets; straw wattles. The store will remain open during all phases. There is a monitoring plan in place during construction; they have a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The bank and fueling area not included in plan. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

Certificates of Compliance – 25 Grela Terrace, house addition, Map 101, Lot #34.00, DEP #104-833, Marc Cavigioi, applicant. L. Connolly conducted site visit. The lot is stable, the lawn is in and the work for the addition has been completed since 2006. L. Leduc motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, J. Henry second. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

107 Channel Dr., house addition, Map 101, Lot #51.00, DEP #104-917, Elaine Cat, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The Commission has received an As-Built Plan and it meets the requirements as compared to the final approved plan. The retaining wall is in and the plantings are in. It complies with the Order of Conditions issued in 2011. J. Clements motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – There were no bills.
- Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (5:0) to approve the 4/27/15 minutes as amended.
- Miscellaneous Matters – Holland Glen Land Grant - Bob O’Connor, from the State, will do a site visit this month, Thursday 27th August, regarding the Holland Glen property.
- Marc Stinson, DEP – M. Stinson informed the Commission about the new Stream Crossing regulations, #10.53 (8), and what used to be known as a generic order of conditions is now referred to as a Bundled Order of Conditions. Culverts are not included under a Bundled OOC. Advised the Commission to use the language in 1053(8) regulations to explain why an applicant cannot comply with perfect stream crossings. DEP would like DPWs to stop replacing in kind and start doing individual permits unless it involves an ORW, which requires DEP permits.
- New Business – There was no new business.

9:00 PM L. Leduc motioned to adjourn the meeting, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, September 14, 2015