

Clinton Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

6:00 P.M VIA ZOOM

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Members: Kimberly Roth, David Cowell, Don Brown and Rebecca Longvall

Absent: None

Kimberly Roth opened the meeting at 6:10 PM

6:00 James Tomolo
Order of Conditions File #135-0289
187 Stone Street
(Continuation from 6/15/22)

Rebecca Longvall Recused herself from hearing.

James Tomolo and Dave Sadowski both present for 187 Stone Street.

Kimberly Roth shared her screen with the latest Erosion Control and Sedimentation Plan and TSS Removal Calculation Worksheet. Kimberly Roth had questions regarding filling out of the form and how the calculations were measured.

David Sadowski walked the Commission through the updated calculations.

David Sadowski noted they will be using a recharge system instead of a raingarden for stormwater management. This is a revision from the last proposal.

David Cowell asked about new Civil Engineer who will be taking over the site.

Kimberly Roth discussed TSS worksheet and the calculations demonstrating 80% removal and ask for clarity on the missing test pit data in the revised stormwater report.

David Sadowski noted that all the test pit data is shown on the site plan and is not in the revised stormwater report.

Kimberly Roth reminded the Applicant that a snow storage plan should on the finalized site plan. Jimmy Tomolo noted the ground will be covered with gravel or grass but if the Commission would like they can also make it a berm. They will create flow towards infiltration trench.

The Commission will incorporate the berm around the snow storage area and flow direction into the Order of Conditions.

Donald Brown made a motion to close the public hearing on 187 Stone Street, David Cowell made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote.

Donald Brown made a motion to issue Order of Conditions with Standard Conditions with snow storage infiltrated, Kimberly Roth made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote.

6:15 Ed Baird Jr
Notice of Intent #135-0291
231 Grove St
(Continuation from 6/15/22)

Donald Brown recused himself.

Kyle Burchard, Engineer for Goldsmith, Priest, & Ringwall Inc. working on the project shared his screen with current site plan of project. He went over all updates and spoke about the site visit from the Commission and included feedback that was going to be including on the updated finalized plan.

The Commission mentioned a silt fence barrier for erosion control to be noted on the finalized plan.

Kyle Burchard asked for any additional questions or comments from the Commission.

Kimberly Roth asked the Commission for any questions.

Rebecca Longvall said no particular questions, most things have been addressed. However, after the site visit she noticed a dock on the property and recommends looking into Chapter 91.

Ed Baird, property owner, said the dock was existing on the property when he purchased it.

Rebecca Longvall said contact MassDEP's Waterways Program and inquire. This was flagged for his benefit as a dock without a Chapter 91 license is out of compliance and to prevent any problems down the road.

David Cowell asked if he can vote on the hearing if he wasn't present for the first meeting. Kyle Burchard recapped the scope of the project to catch David Cowell up on site plans.

Rebecca Longvall made a motion to close hearing the public hearing on 231 Grove Street, David Cowell made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote.

Rebecca Longvall made a motion to approve and issue Order of Conditions with Standard Conditions on for 231 Grove Street, David Cowell made a motion to second, all in favor with a (3-0) vote

6:30 The Woodlands

Rick Roper

(Continuation from 6/15/22)

David Cowell recused himself from public hearing.

Desheng Wang and Rick Roper both present for hearing to give updates on The Woodlands project.

Desheng mentioned they have done quite a bit of monitoring of the water and catch basins. The July 6th incident caused a lot of water but they were able to clean the catch basins and hopefully prevent any future problems.

He explained how they would like to go before the Planning Board with the plans for their modification to split the “L” shape building into two separate units. They plan to present an updated plan once the Commission signs off.

Desheng Wang said he has people on site for stabilization and constant reporting.

Rebecca Longvall said its best to always notify the Commission when there are any issues so they can provide the public with answers to any questions they may have.

Desheng hopes that with people constantly monitoring the site it will help prevent problems in the future.

Michael Hart, 2303 Briarwood, current resident of The Woodlands, thanked the Commission for all their hard work and dedication.

Desheng Wang said the Commission is very professional and helpful in getting this project on the right track.

David Sheiro, 310 Sprucewood Ln, resident of The Woodlands, questioned phase 2 area #3 just to the north. He said there are two blocks undeveloped in phase 2. Doesn't think it's being monitored for erosion. He wants to make sure this issue gets addressed.

Desheng Wang said he did look into that area and didn't think it needed to be addressed. Desheng said they will take another look into that area.

Sherry Steele, another Woodlands resident, abuts where all rocks are being crushed, near the area where David Sheiro spoke about. She is concerned about the dust and if there is a plan in place. Is it OSHA compliant? Specifically on the upper west side.

Desheng Wang said they typically use a water spray truck during that, but they are looking into it.

Desheng said that's a really good question and he will follow up with the construction company.

Rebecca Longvall said that's an excellent question and appreciates all the questions and concerns but some may pertain to other boards.

The Conservation Commission noted they will be keeping eye out for updated notice of intent.

6:45 Rauscher Farm Management Subcommittee

General Note: Gloria has now submitted all of Rauscher Farm's invoices for FY 22. As discussed at previous Commission meetings, the Commission has approved an expenditure of not-to-exceed \$5,000 for Rauscher Farm in FY 22.

1. Rauscher Farm Pollinator Meadow: Phase 1: Site Preparation

Update: Site will soon be covered with black plastic and wildlife protection fencing installed. Phase 2: Planting: This will start in early spring 2023. Funding for plant purchases has already been donated to the Rauscher Farm Fund, a dedicated Rauscher Farm fund within the Clinton Greenway Conservation Trust, a local land trust.

2. Implementation of Approved Loosestrife Biocontrol Strategy: *Galerucella californiensis* Beetles is ongoing

Update: Monitoring for dedicated Loosestrife-devouring *Galerucella californiensis* beetles on plants in the grassland meadow continues. At this time, signs of beetle activity are minimal and the plants are beginning to flower. However, Loosestrife plants on the way to Clamshell Pond that we saw had been populated by visiting beetles at the end of May are now showing signs of excessive leaf destruction and no flowers, meaning biocontrol with beetles works. The RFMSC proposes getting back in touch with the Fish and Wildlife beetle expert Georgeann Keer who was previously consulted and the beetle vendor, Integrated Weed Control, for advice on next steps for grassland plants, such as dead heading blooming plants to prevent seed dispersal this year.

3 Path to Clamshell Pond—Universal Access Pathway

Need to check with Dave Sadowski re. sufficient barn access from the parking area for maintenance equipment to come and go on the current design.

4. Barn Signage Installation – photo available upon request

5. Rauscher Farm Climate-Resilience Management Plan and Implementation

The RFMSC proposes that the three major RF habitats--grasslands, wetlands, woodlands—require specific dedicated climate-resilience management strategies going forward. Developing an overall Rauscher Farm plan may possibly require consulting with individual experts in managing these three habitats versus a single expert with expertise in one or more but not necessarily in all three habitats. The RFMSC looks to the Commission for guidance and recommendations for this project.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Meeting Minutes Taken By: Ryan Rouillard