

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2023

6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Members: Kimberly Roth, Chair

Rebecca Bucciaglia, Vice Chair

David Cowell (6:00pm-7:12pm; 7:25pm-8:25pm)

Donald Brown

Kim opened the meeting at 6 pm

- **Notice of Intent-DCR**
  - Motion to issue an Order of Conditions with special conditions of monitoring conditions in the regarding restoration plan. Vote: all in favor
- **Enforcement Order Update- 460 Main Street/ TYCA Real Estate, LLC**
  - Site walk was conducted and clear cutting in Riverfront area and possible Buffer Zone had been observed This clearing has resulted in a significant growth of invasive species (knotweed).
  - Applicant must file a Notice of Intent which includes an operation maintenance plan. The plan filed should include site topography and invasive species management should be a part of the NOI filing., No work is allowed in WPA jurisdiction done prior to being reviewed by the Commission.
  - The Commission recommended hiring a wetlands consultant to assist in what should be included in the O&M plan and NOI.
  - Motion to issue an enforcement order to issue an NOI. Vote: all in favor.
- **Notice of Intent- MA Rail Trail**
  - Site walk conducted on June 15 and directional flow was observed in area that was stated to have no jurisdictional wetland resource areas -possibly from a seep, spring, or high ground water.
  - Awaiting DEP file number and comments as well as Stormwater Checklist
  - Existing Conditions Report sent June 21 and reviewed during meeting.
    - Standing water on west side of bridge and patches of wetland indicator vegetation and muck at varying depths
    - Removal of debris is assumed by the Applicant to restore flow and establish natural drainage
  - Applicant claims that damming is occurring under bridge, drainage is intact east of bridge and lack of wetland indicators.
  - A soil pit was suggested previously and also suggested again to determine where the water table is and to obtain a soil profile, as opposed to utilizing augers.
  - Augers were utilized due to soil being compacted from previous use of a rail trail.
  - Further assessment is necessary to determine where the water is coming from.

- It was recommended to send the Stormwater Report to an engineer and to conduct other studies which should be included in the Stormwater Report that gets submitted to the Commission.
- **Public Comments:** Gloria Parkinson of Rauscher Farm Subcommittee
  - RF subcommittee members expressed concerns regarding access of the MA Rail Trail that would be on RF
  - Two proposals- One includes short trail to Clamshell Road, another proposal includes turning small area of short trail, where construction trucks currently are, into a car parking area which would be ADA accessible and help preserve RF.
- Still requires a DEP file number and Commissioners would like to see revised plans which includes RF considerations and additional information on grades and topography at site location.
- Motion to continue to next meeting. Vote: all in favor.
- **Notice of Intent** – Woodland Circle and Glenwood Lane/ Woodland View, LLC
  - The Commission is still waiting to receive the Stormwater Report and Partial Certificate of Compliance for MassDEP’s expired Superseding Order of Conditions.
  - As-built plan was received the day of the meeting on June 21. As-built is required for MassDEP’s review of COC for the SOC, not the ConCom’s.
  - Commission is waiting for documents that will be submitted to MassDEP and will move forward with an NOI once a partial SOC COC has been issued by MassDEP- Commission cannot move forward until then.
  - Motion to continue to a future meeting when all outstanding items have been completed. The Applicant should request continuances until completed and ConCom is able to move forward.. Vote: all in favor.
- **Enforcement Order Update-4 Craig Drive**
  - Restoration plan was reviewed and discussed regarding unapproved removal of various trees, saplings, and tree limbs.
  - Unapproved removal left various tree stumps, multi-stemmed trees, and two-partially de-limbed trunks.
  - Restoration replacements were discussed as well as alternatives and planting schedule.
  - Further removal would require a NOI, as well as add in the unpermitted patio ATF.
  - Next step is to file a NOI.
- **Certificate of Compliance-64 plain Street-Val Souza/ Level 10 Landscaping**
  - Site walk conducted and during review of as-built plans, it was determined elevation was too high.
  - Partial COC was discussed, will hold back portion of stormwater basin until the next growing season (October) and then will likely issue a full COC.
  - Motion to issue a partial COC. Vote: all in favor.
- **Notice of Intent- 4 Fairview Street/ Jack Maloney, Dillis & Roy**

- 4 Fairview has a septic system in failure which is leaking effluent every time the pump chamber turns on.
- Proposed to remove septic system and pump and install Tight Tank
- Commission inquired about Title 5 and whether the Board of Health has been consulted, requesting a letter from BoH stating a Title V certification would not be applicable due to soil conditions.
- **Public Comments:** Joe Quintal- Skyline Drive
- Agrees and is in support of the Tight Tank being installed.
- Motion to continue to next meeting pending affirmation from Board of Health.  
Vote: all in favor.
- **Request for Determination of Applicability-** MWRA/ Wachusett Lower Gatehouse Pipe Replacement
  - Proposed work will include the removal and replacement of a broken pipe/original valves and a new restroom which requires the installation of a 2,000 gallon tight tank.
  - Tight tank and pipe installation will take place outside of wetland resource areas and buffer zones, construction staging will be partially located within 100 foot buffer zone, and all other work will be inside Lower Gatehouse building
  - Tight tank installation scheduled to begin late summer/early fall, window and door replacement beginning end of June, and construction is expected to have an 18 month-duration
  - **Public Comments:** None
  - Motion to close and issue a Negative Determination 3. Vote: all in favor.
- **Notice of Intent-** CIG 218 Shrewsbury, LLC/ Jack's Mill
  - Applicant proposes site improvement on multiple parcels to include paving unimproved gravel, prior unauthorized activity, parking spaces, invasive species removal
  - Base layer of crushed stone proposed to alleviate alley way water run-off
  - Mitigation strategy includes new parking areas, stormwater improvements, debris removal, replanting, invasive species management, restore 8,200 sq. ft. degraded Riverfront Area, and landscaping plans.
  - Special Permit has been approved by the Planning Board with the condition of having the Stormwater Report being reviewed by Haley Ward.
  - MassDEP does not appear to have reviewed the filing and has not issued a File Number with Comments on the Project, the restoration plans or the Stormwater Report. The ConCom intends to review the filing and supply initial feedback via email.
  - **Public Comments:** none
  - Motion to continue. Vote: all in favor.
- **Rauscher Farm Subcommittee-** Gloria Parkinson
  - Beetles arrived for invasive species control
  - Resiliency Management Plan-update on climate resiliency for the Woodlands
  - Path to Clamshell Pond NOI is being submitted for July meeting

The Commission reviewed and approved the following bills: Annual Dues, Windstream, National Grid x4, Zoom x6, and Rauscher Farm invoices x3. The minutes from May 17 meeting were not reviewed.

Motion to adjourn. Vote: all in favor.

Meeting closed at 9:17 p.m.