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WILBRAHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes from April 26, 2021

Members present via GoToMeeting #344803685 and being recorded: Bill Dane; Acting Chairman, Jim Roberts, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Staff: Melissa Graves

5:00 PM Notice of Intent 42V Red Bridge Road

The proposed work will replace the existing boat ramp to improve launching and retrieval conditions. Proposed driveway and parking lot repairs involve existing pavement reclamation and paving to eliminate broken pavement, potholes and to improve the overall surface conditions, including sheet flow runoff versus shallow concentrated flows. Other proposed work involves replacing existing rotted, wooden guardrails with steel guardrails, tree trimming and tree removal of dead trees that overhang the parking area and utility line. The existing bituminous concrete boat ramp will be replaced with a new crushed stone base and precast concrete boat ramp with cast-in place anchor slab. The entire property is within the Riverfront Area and qualifies as a Limited Project for maintenance of boat launching ramps which existed prior to 1983.

Motion: Jim Roberts, close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days

2nd: Stoughton Smead

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 3 Notice of Intent, Site Plan Chicopee River – Red Bridge Fisherman Access, Wilbraham, MA dated March 29, 2021, Site Plan Chicopee River – Red Bridge Boat Ramp Repairs dated March 26, 2021

5:10 PM Notice of Intent 65V Lake Drive

Present: Heather Comee, P.E.

A single family home is proposed on this lot. There was a pile of wood chips that has been removed and dispersed outside the buffer zone. As part of the Enforcement Order that was issued to the property owner, trees were planted to replace the trees that were cut down within buffer zone during the land clearing. Several members of the Conservation Commission went to the site to confirm conditions. The site is stable and erosion controls are in place as is the vegetation on the steeper slope. The plan shows a retaining wall adjacent to the house. The home and landscape is outside the 50' buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. The septic system is outside the 100' buffer zone. Permanent limit of work markers are proposed at the 50' limit of work line as shown on submitted plan.

Motion: Jim Roberts, close the public hearing and issue an Order of Conditions within 21 days

2nd: Stoughton Smead

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Notice of Intent 65V Lake Drive Continued

Materials Referenced: WPA Form 3 Notice of Intent, Site Plan Notice of Intent Plan, 65 Lake Drive, Wilbraham, MA for Ron Methe dated April, 2021

- 5:20 PM Notice of Intent 644V Tinkham Road (continued from March 8 & 22 & April 12, 2021)**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending the vegetation survey required by NHESP.
Motion: Jim Roberts, Continue the public hearing until May 17, 2021 at 7:40 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman
- 5:30 PM Notice of Intent 650V Tinkham Road (continued from March 8 & 22 & April 12, 2021)**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending the vegetation survey required by NHESP.
Motion: Jim Roberts, Continue the public hearing until May 17, 2021 at 7:50 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead, Alice Colman
- 5:40 PM Notice of Intent 555V Ridge Road (continued from March 8 & 22 & April 12, 2021)**
The applicant requested a continuation of this hearing pending further review from Wilbraham Engineering.
Motion: Jim Roberts, Continue the public hearing until May 17, 2021 at 8:00 PM
2nd: Stoughton Smead
In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Appointments

Keith Davies Chicopee Rivers Watershed Council

The Chicopee Rivers Watershed Council is beginning to plan for their 2021 bacteria monitoring season in the Swift, Ware, Quabog and Chicopee Rivers. In the recent past, the Commission has monetarily supported testing at Red Bridge and Putts Access where paddlers and fishermen enjoy recreation. The lab costs for 2 sites and 7 samples each would be \$420.00. A report will be forwarded to the Commission upon completion. Volunteer groups also assist in the clean-up of these two sites.

Motion: Jim Roberts, vote approve funding of up to \$425.00 for water sampling in two locations as discussed

2nd: Stoughton Smead

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Stoughton Smead and Alice Colman

Minutes: March 8, 2021

Motion: Jim Roberts, approve the minutes as written

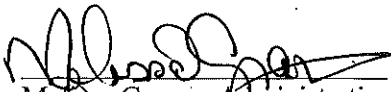
2nd: Stoughton Smead

In Favor: (Roll Call Vote): Jim Roberts, Bill Dane, Alice Colman and Stoughton Smead

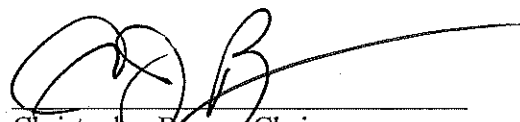
Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 6:05 PM. The Conservation Commission will reconvene at its next scheduled meeting on May 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submitted:

Approved As To Form And Content:



Melissa Graves, Administrative Assistant
Date: 7/12/2021



Christopher Brown, Chairman
Date: 7/12/21