

Conservation Commission Minutes

Date of meeting: August 10, 2023

Members present: Chair Bob Hennessy, Brian Williams, Luke Longstreeth, Virginia Martell

Attendees: Town Administrator Marlene Michonski, Building Inspector Kyle Scott, DEP Representative Mark Stinson, David Cameron, Vitaliy Yusenko, Alfiya Kit, Danil Tarnovskiy

Meeting opened by Bob Hennessy at 6:04 P.M.

Public Forum

Chair opens public forum.

No public comment.

1) Formal Discussion on Old Stage Road

Chair opens discussion of violation of Wetlands Protection Act on Old Stage Road. Expansion of the road has resulted in disturbance of conserved wetland. Owners state a permit was pursued, but not obtained. Owners assert having established contact with several members of the Town of Hatfield including the Town Administrator and Director of the Department of Public Works. Owners were of the belief that a permit was not required to conduct work or that their contractor would take care of it. Chair Hennessy explains that a remedy is required, regardless of intent. Chair advises Enforcement Order. Enforcement order contains conditions that the owners will hire a Wetlands Scientist to survey the area around Old Stage Road in order to make maps determining what is protected under the Wetlands Protection Act. Assessment will be ready by next meeting. Additionally, brush must be removed by hand from the stream bed to be mulched on owner's property. Discussion on potential submission of a Notice of Intent by owners. Enforcement order will be sent to owners and to their contractor.

2) Board Discussion on Grist Mill Dam

Potential positions on what to do about the Grist Mill Dam discussed by the board. Importance as a landmark noted. Initial determination is that the Conservation Commission is not the appropriate body to make a decision on what to do.

Next meeting will be September 21st at 6:00 P.M.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Submitted by:

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Approved 09/21/23