

Conservation Commission Minutes

Via Microsoft Teams

Date of meeting: December 17, 2020

Members present: Robert Hennessey, Brian Williams, Mike Antosz

Attendees: Chris McGuinness, Susan Berry, Lou Routhier, Dennis Routhier, Mark Kasinskas, Jonathan Roberge

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams, opened by Chairman Hennessey at 6:02 P.M.

1) **Public hearing NOI Sewer Project Phase 2**

Chairman Hennessey introduces engineer Chris McGuinness. Mr. McGuinness shares his screen with the project plans on Microsoft Teams. He begins by pointing out phase two is a section of the sewer project that is located around Linseed Street and Church street. He shows that the projected sewer line will be all connected to an existing structure. It is roughly about 800 FT possibly 1,000 if you follow the line linearly. Chairman asks Mr. McGuinness to explain where this phase begins as the previous RDA ends. Mr. McGuinness shows on the plans where the previous request ends and this new phase would begin. Mr. McGuinness hopes to get this phase out to bid so they can move forward with phase 1 and phase 2 side by side. 600 FT of the line would be made up of ductile iron. He explains the two main structures will be crossing over the Running Gutter Stream. The plan includes a pump station. The structure will be supported by two concrete abutments built into existing banks of the Running Gutter Brook. They added detailed erosion controls in the plans on top of original and existing erosion controls that would be screening construction from the Running Gutter Brook. Natural screening would be used, and coconut mesh would be stapled onto the bank and seeding with a wetland seed mix. Chairman brings up Mark Stinson remarks on wetland fill on their NOI. Mr. McGuinness confirms there will be no filling of wetland areas. Mr. McGuinness states that abutters have raised concern over the pump station layout. He says that the plans will likely to be changed because of their concerns. The parcel at 34 West St is a Restaurant and the view hampers their operations, how they handle deliveries. There would be easement changes. New plans would push the easements about 300 FT behind the restaurant's parking lot. The new plans are not finalized. Chairman asks if they have obtained the easements. They have easements of the current plans, but the abutters concerns are too poignant that they are thinking about getting different easements. Chairman asks if the notice of intent has been signed by the property owners, per regulations. Mr. McGuinness states he was not aware of that regulation at the time of submitting the NOI. Small discussion on Mark Stinson and DEP's comments on the NOI. Brian Williams asks about the timeframe of this phase. Chris explains that the pump station, abutments, and river crossing would be installed sometime in August if this gets approved and out to bid by spring. Small discussion of water piping that is located at the site and the proximity of the sewer line. Resident, Susan Berry property owner of 34 West Street, introduces herself and states that she is unable to view the plans via Microsoft Teams. Mr. McGuinness assures her that he will be in contact with her and

go over any concerns that she has on the plans. Small discussion of meeting minutes and where they can be found on the town's website. She continues to raise her concerns with the current easements. Specifically, the location. Chairman suggests that public comments should occur after the commission gets a chance to make any comments. Susan Berry agrees. Chairman asks if the commission has any questions or concerns. Brian Williams ask about the stormwater report and the exempt regulations. Mr. McGuinness states that he submitted the stormwater report as if they were not subject to any exemptions. Brian Williams points out the maintenance involved with porous pavement. Mr. McGuinness has included suggestions of maintenance for porous pavement in the stormwater report. Chairman is concern that the commission might not be able to approve at todays hearing with all the loose ends. Mr. McGuinness understands and states that he knows easements needs to be adjusted. He submitted the NOI with belief that there would be no issues with the easements. Chairman asks the timeline of getting these adjusted and signed by the property owners. Mr. Guinness estimates within 6 weeks. Small discussion on the next meeting date and potential for continued hearing. January 21 would be the next meeting date. Mike Antosz asks Chris to confirm the changes of easements. Mr. McGuinness confirms that the easements for 12 Church Street would not change and the easements for 32 and 34 West Street might change, based on the conversations with the property owners. Chairman opens to the public. Susan Berry reiterates her concerns, not only the easements but to the overall sewer project. Mr. McGuinness urges Susan Berry to call him after the meeting to address those concerns. No other comments from the public. Chairman motions to continue public hearing for January 21, 2021 at 6 pm. Mike Antosz seconds. Motion passes.

2) Eversource request for COC, solar array Plain Rd

Chairman opens agenda item #2. Request for Certificate of Compliance submitted by Eversource. Mark Kasinkas is present and verifies that Eversource is requesting a COC. He states that all the paperwork submitted is all updated. Commission reviews the material and has no comments or concerns. Chairman motions to issue a Certificate of Compliance. Brian Williams seconds. Motion passes. Small discussion on electronic signatures. Brian Williams asks about a site visit. Brian Williams agrees to do a site visit at Plain Rd with Jonathan Roberge on December 22ND

Minutes from October 29, 2020 meeting reviewed and approved

Meeting adjourned 7:01PM

Submitted by

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