

Conservation Commission Minutes

Date of meeting: May 25, 2023

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

Attendees: Jeff Zgrodnik, Greg Zgrodnik, Jeff Squire

Meeting opened by Chair Hennessy at 6:02 P.M.

1) Mass DEP complaint, 44 Elm Street

Mass DEP filed a complaint regarding the property at 44 Elm. The violation is clear cutting trees within defined wetlands. Property owners, Jeff and Greg Zgrodnik, are present for the discussion. Prior to the meeting, Brian Williams did a Site Visit of the property. The property owners state that they believed they were outside of the buffer zone. Small discussion on the history of agriculture on this site.

2) Continued NOI Hearing, 12-18 Elm Street, Benson Mini Storage

Jeff Squire of Berkshire Design is representing Benson Mini Storage. There was a peer review of this proposed site plan. The review was done by Fleetwood Environmental Solutions. The Commission was satisfied with the peer review. Chris Smith is present for the meeting. He is a resident that abuts this project. Chris Smith questions the address of the application. Small discussion on the ownership of the property. Brian Williams makes a motion to accept the Notice of Intent for this proposed project, with the condition that the applicant complies with the recommendations made by the peer review. Motion passes unanimously.

Board Discussion

There is a possibility that The Commission will need to review and sign off on a pair of Conservation Restriction amendments. These came before The Commission back in 2021. Small discussion on these CR's.

Mike Antosz and Luke Longstreeth's terms both end on May 31st. Luke Longstreeth agrees to be appointed for another term.

Minutes from April 20, 2023, are approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm
Submitted by Admin Assistant
Gerard Bueno