

Conservation Commission Minutes
Via Microsoft Teams

Date of meeting: March 11, 2021

Members present: Robert Hennessey, Brian Williams, Harrison Bardwell

Attendees: Chris McGuinness, Scott Simpson, Susan Berry, Phil, Bucky Sparkle, Pete Westover, Mark Wamsley, Mary Cowhey, Bob Wagner, Peter Langlois,

Virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams, opened by Chairman Hennessey at 6:07 P.M.

1) Continued public hearing NOI Sewer Project Phase 2

Chris McGuinness and Scott Simpson are present for the hearing. They are seeking a permit approval from the Commission with provisions. Chair Hennessey is not sure if their approval would matter in this case. He states it is hard to permit something that they don't have any standing to permit. Chris McGuinness explains that this project is funded by a grant, and the project must be completed by 2021. Small discussion on the timeframe. Brian Williams points out the report they have received from Bucky Sparkle. They need time to address some of these issues that were raised in this report. Some of it relates to Conservation Commission but some are not. We need time to sort that out. Chair Hennessey reminds everyone that the report is not a third-party review that the Commission requested. The report should be viewed as any public comments in a hearing. He states that it is, however, worth for the Commission to recognize the issues brought up in the report and have those questions answered. Chair Hennessey states, once these questions are addressed the Commission would be in favor on voting for a provisional approval. Small discussion on the submitted report. Phil, of the DPW, would like to see this process moved forward with a provisional agreement. Chair Hennessey states that a contingent permit still needs to be signed by the property owner. The Commission also verifies that they would need to come back to a hearing to approve an Order of Conditions. So even if they vote to approve a provisional permit, they still need to present and sign an Order of Conditions before the permit is granted. Small discussion on this process. Chris McGuinness and Scott Simpson both agree to tabling this hearing until the next Conservation Commission meeting. Small discussion on the next meeting. Conservation Commission members agree to an April 1 meeting. The public hearing is continued to the April 1 Conservation Commission meeting.

2) RDA hearing, Riquezas del Campo, LLC, 17 Linseed Rd

Determination of Applicability for Riquezas del Campo Farm. The farm would like to purchase and build temporary mobile structures for their production. Pete Westover is present for the hearing and is representing the Riquezas del Campo Farm. Mark Wamsley, of Kestrel Land Trust is also present. Kestrel Land Trust is the landowner of 17 Linseed

Rd. Pete Westover describes the farm practices. They are a commercial farm that is directly related to food production through agricultural practices. Pete Westover explains the proposed plans and the location of the potential mobile infrastructures. The project is being funded by a Mass Food Security Infrastructure grant. Grant is for \$140,000. It is required that any and all work must be finished by June 30th. He states that they would like to make sure the ag exemption applies. Small discussion on ag exemption, Mary Cowhey, part owner of the farm, explains the three uses of mobile infrastructure and the proposed location for the infrastructures. Bob Wagner is present as a representative of the Ag Committee. He verifies that the Ag Com supports this project. Bob Wagner asks Mark Wamsley if Kestrel Land Trust is ok with these proposals. Mark Wamsley states that they believe the proposed infrastructures and proposed site locations are the least impact to the wetlands and provides the best access to the farmland. Mary Cowhey explains that the mobile structure closets to Linseed Rod will be the cold storage trailer. It will have solar panels on top and a utility pole to supply the energy source. The work will be on the opposite side of the road. Further discussion on the infrastructures and their uses. Chair Hennessey makes a motion for a negative determination. Motion passes. Riquezas del Campo Farm is permitted to move forward with their proposed project.

3) Conservation Restrictions Marantz and D'Autueil

Pete Westover shares map of the properties. He confirms that these are two separate restrictions. Small discussion on the locations of these properties. Chair Hennessey makes a motion to vote in favor for CR on Marantz property, Lot 2 Old Stage Rd. Motion passes. Chair Hennessey makes a motion to vote in favor for CR on D'Autueil property also on Old Stage Rd. Motion passes. Small discussion on signatures.

Meeting minutes from 1.21.21 and 2.4.21 are reviewed and approved.

Peter Langlois of Smithsonian Chowder House has called into the meeting. He is interested in expanding his paved parking lot so that he can create an outdoor dining space close to the building. His parking lot had been paved up to 100 FT to a small culvert on the south end of his property line. He was told this area was most likely a wetland. Peter Langlois would like to know how close he can extend his parking lot towards that area. Small discussion on a 100 FT buffer zone. The Commission recommends he have a third-party environmental expert advise him if that area is a wetland. If it is, Chair Hennessey recommends that he submit an RDA to determine A, whether this is something within our jurisdiction and B, if it is, whether its going to have a substantial impact on the wetland. Commission encourages him to find out if in fact this is a wetland. Small discussion on his proposed plan of extension and outdoor dining. Brain Williams suggests that he should not plan to extend closer than 50 FT.

The Commission verifies April 1, 2021 as the next meeting date.

Meeting adjourned 7:16 PM

Submitted by

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