

Conservation Commission Minutes

Date of meeting: December 1, 2022

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

Attendees: Dan Tarkovsky, Michael Laude, Wesley Scalise, John Pease

Chair Hennessy opens meeting at 6:03 P.M.

1) **Informal discussion with Dan Tarkovsky Old Stage Rd**

Dan Tarkovsky and his wife are looking to purchase property at Old Stage. There is an accepted offer on the table. He and his wife has concerns because there is not a proper delineation of Conservation or wetlands on this property. There seems to be a culvert on the property and a portion of the land is under Conservation Restrictions. The Commission recommends that they get a hold of Kestrel Land Trust who can help them flag off the Conservation Land.

2) **Informal discussion with Michael Laude, pool project at 36 Dwight Street**

Michael Laude is present for the meeting. He is interested in putting an inground pool on his property at 36 Dwight Street. He presents the Commission a rough site plan for the proposed work. Portion of the proposed plan is within 50 feet of a resource area. Small discussion on the environmental impacts a pool would have on this property. The Commission feels that there would be minimal impact, however, there needs to be more of an accurate account of the delineation. Chair strongly suggests contacting a surveyor or engineer that could complete a site plan with an updated map and delineations. Small discussion on an NOI or RDA. Luke Longstreeth believes that if a detailed site plan is submitted, starting with an RDA would make the most sense. The rest of the Commission agrees. Michael Laude will be contacting an engineer and plans on submitting an RDA for this project.

3) **RDA Public Hearing, Berkshire Gas, West Street, Running Gutter Brook**

Berkshire Gas Company has filed an RDA for proposed work on West Street by Running Gutter Brook. They are requesting that The Commission make a negative determination, which will exempt them from filing an NOI. Wesley Scalise of Berkshire Gas is present for the meeting. They are looking to replace two 6" HP Coated Steel Main lines under the Running Gutter Brook and crossing to West Street, adjacent to 12 Church Ave and 34 West Street. The proposed project has an excavation hole that would be within the 100-buffer

zone. Silt fencing and straw wattles will be installed at the exaction site. Silt sacks will be installed at all catch basin areas and all erosion control measures will be left in place until final blacktop and loam and seed restoration is complete. Wesley Scalise verifies that the excavation holes will be backfilled at the completion of each workday. Small discussion on the agricultural and environmental impact. The Commission agree that with the erosion control measures in place, there would be minimal impact. Discussion on the negative determination. Brian Williams makes a motion to make a negative #3 determination for this project with conditions that The Commission is notified when the project begins and that all erosion-controlled measures are followed as described in the request and proposal. Additionally, that the catch basins are to be protected. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting minutes from, July 21, 2022, reviewed. Minutes approved with corrections.

Next meeting will be TBD

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM

Submitted by

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