



Office of the

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Minutes

Memorial Hall-Selectman's Chambers

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at 7:00PM

1.0 Preliminaries

1.1. Open Meeting – MT opened at 7:05pm

1.2. Roll Call – Anne LeCuyer (AL), James LeCuyer (JL), John Hussey (JH), Karen Hill (KH), Mike Turgeon (MT), present; James Deroian not present

1.3 Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Add Item 3.5 Request for a Certificate of Compliance for DEP #308-670 Anthony Gallo;

Add Approval of Minutes for 8/21/2019, 9/11/2019, 9/25/2019 & 10/23/2019; KH motioned to add, JL & JH seconded, AIF.

1.4 Chair's Report – MT will address items throughout the meeting

1.5 Agent's Report – DH not present; MT will review Agents report throughout the meeting

1.6 Review of Minutes – Approve and Release 8/21/2019; JH motioned to approve and release, AL seconded, AIF. Approve and release 9/11/2019 Minutes; KH motioned to approve and release, JL seconded, AIF. Approve and release 9/25/2019 Minutes – MT abstained; JH motioned to approve and release, AL seconded, AIF. Approve and release 10/23/2019 Minutes; JH motioned to approve and release, AL seconded, AIF.

2.0 Hearings and Appointments

2.1 7:05 pm Notice of Intent – DEP #308-672

Applicant: Tri-Mont Engineering for Unitil

Location: area located near 51 Emery Road

Project: Replacement of a 4" steel natural gas main that crosses the outlet of Graves Pond along the south side of Emery Road within an ACEC; proposed replacement main will be suspended on a pipe bridge within the road ROW.

MT opened hearing; Ken Stanley from TriMont reviewed his plans and advised soil borings previously completed indicated soil conditions are not suitable for horizontal drilling. The best method was determined to be a pipe bridge to avoid the wetland area; there will only be temporary impacts to the culvert where they tie in the pipe to the existing line; the area will be re-seeded and erosion controls will be in place down-gradient. JH asked what controls will be used. Brendan from TriMont advised they will use compost silt socks similar to a straw wattle and will not be removed until area completely stabilized and vegetation has grown back. Ken explained the pipe bridge does not come above road level; JH asked if it is steel and TriMont confirmed yes. TriMont advised the pipe bridge could not be

attached to the culvert due to condition of culvert. A resident asked how far the erosion controls will extend; Brandon advised approximately 20ft on either side.

KH motioned to approve with a standard order of conditions; JL seconded, AIF.

KH motioned to closed the hearing; AL seconded, AIF.

2.2 7:20pm Continuation of Notice of Intent DEP#308-665

Applicant: Ducharme & Dillis for Diane Silva

Location: 59 West Meadow Road

Project: The proposed project is to restore historic wetlands and grades within the buffer zone to a 3/1 slope. Project is located within the ACEC and Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife

7:35pm MT re-opened the hearing; DH agent's report indicated NHESP is waiting for information. AL motioned to continue the hearing; JH seconded, AIF.

3.0 Work Session:

3.1 Approve and sign Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-642, 1 Brown Road

DH addressed is his report – he inspected & recommended approve and sign the certificate.

AL motioned to approve, JH seconded, AIF.

3.2 Approve and sign Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-594, 295 Townsend Hill Road

DH addressed is his report – he inspected & recommended approve and sign the certificate.

KH motioned to approve, JH seconded, AIF

3.3 Approve and sign Certificate of Compliance for DEP#308-640, Warren Road

DH addressed is his report – he inspected & recommended approve and sign the certificate.

KH raised concerns regarding driveway slope and asked for as-built plan; we were provided only a septic as-built, but not one for the driveway; we had a written narrative from Stan Dillis regarding the driveway grading. Commission wants an as-built for the driveway.

3.4 Mandatory Referral Notice from Planning Board in regards to Seaver Road Definitive Subdivision
MT reviewed the notice and plans; KH advised they are extending the road where the three houses are to be built. MT added comments that extension of the roadway will require filing a Notice of Intent; work on individual lots will require filings if in Conservation Commission jurisdiction.

3.5 Certificate of Compliance for 8 New Fitchburg Road

MT asked if anything in writing on this – it is not in Agents report. This was deferred to next meeting. Leigh thought she had an email from Dave on this but could not locate it.

4.0 Correspondence:

4.1 Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions Membership Cards – Leigh distributed to members

4.2 Public Notice of Vacancy – Open Space and Recreation Committee – MT reviewed the notice; they are looking for a representative from the Conservation Commission. AL will consider it.

4.3 Congratulations Letter from the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions for Anne LeCuyer's successful completion of the MACC Fundamentals training program. – MT reviewed and Commission congratulated Anne

5.0 Items for discussion at the next meeting:

*Vacancy for Open Space & Recreation Committee
59 West Meadow
Certificates of compliance*

6.0 Advertisements and Conferences – MACC in February 2020

7.0 Next meeting: December 11, 2019 at 7:00pm

MT asked if we were switching to first & third Wednesday in December due to the holidays; due to conflicts we will keep schedule as is. KH indicated in past, often the second December meeting is cancelled due to holiday and nothing going on. MT agreed no second meeting in December is fine and update the website.

8.0 Adjournment – AL motioned to adjourn; KH seconded AIF.