

Conservation Commission Minutes Meeting – March 24, 2022

Present: Tim Hilchey, Ben Byrne, Bill Marrapese, Peter Law, Kate Devlin
Absent: none

Site Visits

- A site visit was completed at 18 Stockbridge Road by Tim H., Peter L, and Kate D.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, virtually via Zoom.

Minutes of the February 24, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Tim H. made the motion to accept as written, second by Peter L. Vote 5-0-0 to accept.

Review Mail:

1. Berkshire Gas sent an email that the Commission has the opportunity for a site visit on March 25, 2022. Peter L. will represent the commission on the site visit, and communicate the results to the commission on April 7, 2022.
2. Tim H. responded to an email from the town of Deerfield ZBA recommending that an RDA be filed for the “plant store” on Rte 5.

New Business:

1. NOI for the Town’s proposed North Main Street Park.

- Adrienne Dunk and the town of Deerfield agreed to continue the review of the NOI to allow for the peer review process.
- Bill M. made a motion to continue the NOI conversation until the conservation commission meeting on April 28, 2022 to allow for the peer review process, Ben B. seconded the motion.
- Motion approved, 5-0-0.

2. NOI-18 Stockbridge Road filed by Joshua Lemay to construct a single-family house located at 18 Stockbridge Road. The entire site falls within Priority Habitat 2084, and the NOI is being submitted simultaneously to the Conservation Commission, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, and the state’s Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program.

- Jennifer Hale and the applicant presented strategies to manage erosion away from the riverfront area.
- The applicant presented strategies for multiple rainwater gardens.
- An abutter to the property, Scott Whitney, provided public comment and stated that the access road floods several times a year, over the last 24 years.
- The applicant stated that there is water runoff on the access road, though “not flooding”. This conversation is not part of the NOI.

- The commission presented that the applicant should answer the questions of grading the driveway, description of materials for the driveway, and the map of where the detention areas will be located.
- Tim H. made a motion to continue the public hearing for this NOI to April 7, 2022, seconded by Ben B. Vote approved, 5-0-0.

Old Business -

None at this time.

Discussion:

Next meeting:

The next Conservation Commission meeting will be held April 7, 2022, 7:00 pm, and a regular meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2022, 7:00 pm.

There being no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Peter L., seconded by Tim H., and voted 5-0 to adjourn at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Marrapese, clerk
Approved 04/28/2022