



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Conservation Commission
8 Conway Street
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Deerfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes *May 25, 2023*

Members Present: Peter Law, Ben Bryne, Ann Mary Cloutier and Kate Devlin

Members Absent: Sean Libbey

Town Staff Present: Chris Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator

Notes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, virtually via Zoom

Minutes: Minutes of the 5/4/23 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion from Kate Devlin, seconded by Ben Byrne. Roll call vote approved, 3-0-1 (1 abstention).

Minutes of the 5/11/2023 meeting will be reviewed during our next meeting on 6/1/2023.

Old Business:

- SunnyDayz Hearing Continuation: Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Deerfield Conservation Commission will a public hearing on March 23rd at 7 pm to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Ken Bouquillon of SunnyDayz Cannabis, Inc, for Construction of a Cannabis Cultivation Campus, including 3 buildings, access drives, parking, utilities and a drainage system on property at 0 Greenfield Road, identified in the Assessors records as Map 159 Lot 14.

Ken Bouquillon, John Furman and Dave Pickart in attendance

Update since the last meeting – an update came in this afternoon see Map Sheet C5.01 – shows a shift in the location of the silt fence – the latest plan for the fence comes after a brief site (Peter Law attended on 5/23). The old plan included several 15 foot sections of silt fence following contour lines between the testing building and the dispensary building site locations and the current plan is to straighten the line of fencing to ease maintenance and still protect the wetland that it is designed to protect. Based on the site visit and examination of the map conservation commissioners felt that this adjustment made sense.

We reviewed the order of conditions with the following edits:

4. add “with updates dated 5/2/2023, 5/11/2023 and 5/25/2023 on map sheet C5.01”

13. "All construction materials.....and labeled on the approved plan(s)," *or as identified in the SWPPP*

22. remove the bold and underlining (leave the sentence) --- and add: "refer to special conditions for details for the phasing of the work"

45. – ok to remove as there are no areas on site reserved for the town and there are no conservation restrictions or easements requested.

46. noted that both Ken Bouquillon and John Furman have completed the EPA certification for erosion control and Dave Pickard will be retained as a wetland specialist.

48. Although there will be regular inspections on storm water, reports will be bundled together and submitted to the Conservation Commission monthly.

Special Conditions

4. "Plans will be updated to show whether wetland soil substrate or manufactured wetland soils will be utilized." Add – *If manufactured wetland soils are used, the Conservation Commission will be provided with the composition of the soils.*

5. "Provide details for required growth efficiency for new plantings in the reclamation areas." Add: *Goal is for 80% growth viability after second growing season and report standard monitoring to the Conservation Commission on annual basis after years 1 and 2.*

7. "Box culverts at wetland crossings to be lined with 6" of natural substrate." Add: *Natural substrate will be obtained and will be native to the project area (removed, stored and reused).*

Kate Devlin made a motion to accept the Notice of Intent filed by Ken Bouquillon of SunnyDayz Cannabis, Inc, for Construction of a Cannabis Cultivation Campus, including 3 buildings, access drives, parking, utilities and a drainage system on property at 0 Greenfield Road, identified in the Assessors records as Map 159 Lot 14 as written with all updated plans including those discussed on 5/2/2023, 5/11/2023 and this evening 5/25/2023 (including the revision to map sheet C5.01) and the special order of conditions as discussed tonight.

Ben Byrne Seconded

Roll call vote to approve: 3:0:1 (1 abstention)

Many thanks were expressed by the Commission and the applicant for working through this process.

- Withdrawal of 135 Main St. Park NOI

We received notification from the town's Selectboard – that the town has withdrawn the NOI and notification has been received by the DEP.

- Letters sent

1. To Damien Goudreau of Treehouse Brewing Co – referencing the removal of the erosion control. We asked to meet in early June to review the reclamation area to make sure that the plantings have come through (it was too early in the spring

- at the previous visit) and we will follow up on the educational signage.
2. To Tom Avery of STS Properties concerning the clear cut area on Clark Road outlining 6 items for him to address. Sean Libbey will schedule another site visit in early June to follow up.

New Business

- Eaglebrook School: Extension of the Order of Conditions (DEP File # 142-0217) associated with Whipple pond management program for 3 years

Naomi Valentine was in attendance to present the request. Reviewed the project which is the ongoing management of the Whipple pond using sonar in the past and a the current use of an herbicide both moss and algae growing in the pond. The pond received two full treatments in 2020 and 2021 and three partial treatments in 2022. They have not had to manage as much recently but it is a continual process. There is an aerator in the pond and they manage early so that a lower concentration of herbicides are needed.

Kate Devlin made a motion to extend the Order of Conditions (DEP File # 142-0217) associated with Whipple pond management program for 3 years. Seconded by Ben Byrne. Roll call vote to approve: 4:0:0

General Discussion

Welcome to new member of the Conservation Commission!

Mail

Received Eaglebrook Forrest Cutting Plan/NOI Rice's Ferry & Keets - for our information

Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting *

- Peter Law is working to finish the Order of Conditions for the Eaglebrook School Dining Hall and Track projects

Upcoming Meeting: June 1, 2023, 6 pm.

Adjourn: Ann Mary Cloutier made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Kate Devlin.

Roll Call vote to approve 4:0:0

Respectfully submitted, Kate Devlin, Conservation Commission

All Materials and Documents discussed during this meeting are publicly available on the Town of Deerfield's website (excepting those in draft form).

The link to the Conservation Commission page is:

<https://www.deerfieldma.us/243/Conservation-Commission>.