



## ***TOWN OF DEERFIELD***

*Conservation Commission*  
8 Conway Street  
South Deerfield, MA 01373

### **Deerfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes**

*June 22, 2023*

**Members Present:** Peter Law, Sean Libbey, Ben Bryne, Ann Mary Cloutier, Kate Devlin

**Members Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** Chris Nolan, Assistant Town Administrator

#### **Notes:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm, virtually via Zoom. Minutes of the 6/1/23 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion from Ben Bryne, seconded by Sean Libbey. Roll call vote approved, 3-0-2. (note: had a short redo – in the first go around, Ann Mary made first motion, Ben seconded... but then realized that Ann Mary missed the meeting so couldn't really make a motion to accept minutes – we tabled the first motion and redid it)

#### **Old Business**

##### **1. Eaglebrook Track site visit: Erosion Control Compliance**

· June 5, 2023 Sean Libbey and Peter Law attended a site visit to view erosion control. They met up with the site foreman and a representative from ProTerra. There were a few items of concern, i.e. there weren't quite enough stakes in the wattles and some wattles needed to be repositioned. They also didn't have the full 50 feet of back-up wattles on site. They were open to making the changes and Peter Law will check again in the next few days.

**2. RDA Bement Parking Lot Hearing Continuation:** Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Deerfield Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on June 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM, to consider a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by The Bement School to see if work depicted on submitted plans for 0 Old Ferry Road, property identified in the Assessors' records as Map 40 Lot 16, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability documents are on file for public review at the Municipal Offices during office hours and on the town's website at [www.deerfieldma.us](http://www.deerfieldma.us) in the calendar event.

· No one from Bement was in attendance – they are reviewing the project – Peter Law had asked Emily Wright (Wright Ostermier Landscape Architects - WOLA) to come tonight if there were any updates.

- Via email, Mark Stinson confirmed that there are a lot of BVW in the area – we will need an NOI and more detail as we go forward this was suggested in last meeting
- Bement indicated via email that they are reconsidering the project. We can discuss further at the next meeting when they are present and start conversation about NOI (includes wetlands delineation) – the project is in the FEMA floodzone 2

**Motion:** motion to continue until July 27, 2023 at 6 pm made by Sean Libbey, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Byrne  
**Roll call vote in favor of continuing:** 5:0:0

3. NOI DA Tennis Pavilion Hearing Continuation: Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, Section 40, the Deerfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on June 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm to consider a Notice of Intent filed by Andrew DeMado of Deerfield Academy for renovations to the existing Tennis Pavilion structure, including the installation of sectional overhead doors and concrete curbing, on property located at 27 Albany Road, identified in the Assessors records as Map 61, Lot 12. Copies of the Notice of Intent documents are on file for public review at the Municipal Offices during office hours and on the town's website at [www.deerfieldma.us](http://www.deerfieldma.us) in the calendar event.

- Charles (Chuck) Croce and Andrew White (both Tighe & Bond) – gave an overview of project – currently open air all sides, it sits within the floodplain, but outside of any wetland buffer area, structure has the ability to lower canvas shades to close off the open areas – to reduce wind, light, rain, other weather, would like to improve the performance to replace shades with steel coil doors – metal doors roll down and up on all 4 sides. There would be fill at door jams and curb around structure.
- DEP comments on outstanding order of conditions for 3 projects – they worked to prepare a certificate of compliance and submitted it this week, one project was related to ice rink & field house and the building the Zamboni ramp another project was related to the construction of the health center & repaving road down to athletic fields. · Peter Law asked will 3 months be enough time to get everything to the registry and get things closed out? Yes, they are motivated to close those out.
- Peter Law recommendations 1) cleaning up outstanding order of conditions in the next 3 months 2) erosion control processes – would be outlined in the form we send to applicant

**Motion:** Sean Libbey made a Motion to accept the NOI close out the hearing for 27 Albany Road Map 61, lot 12 – with the exception of 2 conditions as discussed 1) close out 3 open order of conditions that are outstanding in next 90 days 2) provide additional town of Deerfield conditions relative to erosion control methods as discussed 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ben Byrne

**Roll call vote to approve:** 5:0:0

### **New Business**

1. Delta Sand & Gravel Cutting Plan – this was not in the meeting packet – will have to have Amy Hahn send it out. Peter Law did share his screen to go over the document. Sean Libbey commented it looks routine, but need time to have a look at it.

## **General Discussion**

1. Biomap Resource - [mass.gov/biomap](https://mass.gov/biomap) 3 Mass wildlife – resource mapping – Peter Law looked at it, Amy Hahn will send it out. We were encouraged to check out the link however, our MassGIS wetlands map is more applicable to us. 2. Webinar: Demystifying Floodplain Management: What you need to know <https://www.mass.gov/guides/floodplain-management> Happened yesterday (6/21/2022) need to ask Amy Hahn if we can get a recording of it

## **Mail**

1. ASMG Discharge application - Army Corps did verify that the work is authorized under the permit – Peter Law will reach out / follow up – we will want to spend some time reviewing the NOI and conditions, the peer review.  
2. MACC membership renewal - Due before August – Peter Law will make sure our membership continues – need to add Ann-Mary Cloutier – MACC has a help line, handbook resources, March annual conference, fall conference, field workshops throughout the year, (most things happening in eastern Mass, but there are online workshops too).

## **Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting \***

- Scheduled a site walk tomorrow at Tree House at 10 am 6/23/2023 – to view the 2<sup>nd</sup> year growth on the wetland reclamation area.
- Peter Law and Kate Devlin – sat in on a FRCOG meeting relative to Bloody Brook – there is some money coming in for some studies, educational aspects for homeowners and the whole town. There is funding available from US Fish and Wildlife for knotweed control.

## **Upcoming Meeting: July 27, 2023, 6 pm**

**Motion to Adjourn:** at 6:59 pm made by Ann Mary Cloutier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ben Byrne

## **Roll call vote to approve: 5:0:0**

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>.