



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Conservation Commission
8 Conway Street
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Deerfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes *August 24, 2023*

Members Present: Peter Law, Sean Libbey, Ben Bryne, Kate Devlin

Members Absent: Ann Mary Cloutier,

Town Staff Present: Amy Hahn, Building Assistant

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm, virtually via Zoom

Minutes – 7/27/2023

Minutes of the 7/27/23 meeting were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion from Kate Devlin, seconded by Ben Byrne. Roll call vote approved, 4-0-0

Old Business

- SWCA request for Certificate of Compliance, DEP File number 142-0215 (westerly side of project) culvert side of the area

Christin McDonough – Opened in the last meeting, have done a site walk at Cumberland farms store (with Peter Law and Sean Libbey on 7/21/2023). Peter Law reported that everything seemed acceptable to the orders of conditions at the time, everything was in place, construction material was removed, 75% coverage of restoration area was present. Sean Libbey added, everything looked great and is in support of the applicant's request to treat the invasive species on site. When they were on the site they all observed several invasive species including purple loosestrife and knotweed. Suggested that there should be an ongoing maintenance of the control of invasive species as part of special condition #9. An invasive species plan would need to be developed to have a licensed applicator use herbicides as part of maintaining the culverts. The commission would have a 30 day prior notice and a summation within a 90 day period after the application of the herbicides.

In Form 8 B – on going conditions can put the details, a noninclusive list of species, treatment schedule & requirement for 30 day prior notice and 90 day summary following application

Sean Libbey made a motion to accept the certificate of compliance and complete form 8B with ongoing conditions for special condition #9 on submittal for invasive species remediation and monitoring.

Kate Devlin seconded the motion

Roll call vote to accept – 4:0:0

- Deerfield Academy Requests for Certificate of Compliance, DEP File numbers 142-0209, 142-0212 & 142-0177

Peter Law and Kate Devlin made a site visit Friday, 8/18/2023

Representing Tigh & Bond – Chuck Croce and Andrew White were on the call.

- 142-0209, in 2017 started construction of new ice rink and field house, there was some proposed work that occurred in buffer along the south side of project, Zamboni ramp, sidewalk – the rain garden is looking good and is operating as planned.
 - Sean Libbey made a motion for complete certification for 142-0209, Kate Devlin seconded

Roll call vote to accept 4:0:0

- 142-0212 in 2018 Health Center – slope – side hill – the plantings are there, but it rained in the early morning of site visit and we could see that there were streaks of water and some of the mulching had come down the slope into the parking lot. The planted vegetation has grown, but we recommend that 8-12 more plants be put in place and perform some grading behind the top of the slope to divert water into existing catch basins instead of directing it down the slope. We held off on the completion of the certification so that this work could be completed within a month (Deerfield Academy on board to do the work).
 - Sean Libbey motion to keep the discussion going on this order of conditions until the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 28, 2023. Kate Devlin seconded. Roll call vote: 4:0:0
- 142-0177 in 2010 – was a request for determination – but there was no work actually done, nothing to share – it was for the academy athletic building – work was never completed – can complete – with an invalid order of conditions – because conditions never commenced.
 - Sean Libbey made a motion of an invalid order of conditions on 142-0177 because the work for this project was not done. Kate Devlin seconded. Roll call vote to 4:0:0

• Ratification of WPA Emergency Certification Forms for: 22 Keets Road, Wapping Road, 52 Steam Mill Road, DA south Division Field culvert, 321 Conway Road, Near 138 & 139 Lower Road.

Due dates coming up soon – have a request into DEP to extend the work period for Wapping, Pine Nook and DA south division.

Sean Libbey made a motion to ratify the emergency certifications for the entire group as discussed. Kate Devlin seconded. Roll call vote to approve: 4:0:0

New Business: Nothing to report tonight

General Discussion:

Tree House Educational Signs: Subgroup of Gretchen Law, Sean Libbey and Kate Devlin met with the Tree House Design Team on 8/16/2023. We walked the trails and discussed plans for

maybe 6 signs covering a wide breadth of topics including pollinator habitat, wetland remediation, and general wetland information. We are still very much in the beginning stages of planning. The time line is to work up the wording for the signs over the fall and winter and hope to install them next spring.

Mail

- National Grid Notification of Utility Maintenance Activities
- Rich Earth Institute Zoom Seminar – 8/3 and 8/10 – can reach out if we want – let Peter Law know
- MACC Wetland Bylaws/Ordinance Table Update – Peter Law has some questions for them – they are putting together a list of ordinances – and maybe we can use some as a model for Deerfield

Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting *

- Berkshire Design Group – requested a special meeting on 9/14/2023 at 6 pm involves an ANRAD and real estate purchase for the town.

Upcoming Meeting:

September 14, 2023, 6 pm – special meeting

September 28th, 2023, 6 pm – regular monthly meeting

Adjourn: A motion was made by Sean Libbey to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm, motion seconded by Kate Devlin. Roll call vote approved, 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>.