



## ***TOWN OF DEERFIELD***

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

### **Deerfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes** *September 14, 2023*

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Town Staff Present:** Amy Hahn, Building Assistant;

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

#### **Minutes:**

Meeting Minutes from 8/24/23 were reviewed and accepted as written with a motion from Sean Libbey, seconded by Kate Devlin. Roll call vote approved, 4-0-1. (AMC abstained)

#### **Old Business:**

- Regarding DOT and DPW Emergency certifications, extensions were received for Pine Nook Road (extended to September 24<sup>th</sup>) and the Deerfield Academy culvert replacement and work on Wapping Road received extensions through October 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Peter Law reviewed the work completed so far at Pine Nood Road with Chief John Paciorek Jr. and DPW Superintendent Kevin Scarborough, stating the road is almost back to its original condition with the final paving set for next week prior to the deadline.
- Peter Law noted the difficulty the Town has experienced keeping contractors and acquiring materials and commented on the immense amount of work already accomplished. Work on Wapping Road is set to begin next week, with a planned 8 culvert replacements and erosion control barrier built along the west side of road. Lower Road is done and open. The Commission may still receive an emergency request for Hoosic Road.

#### **New Business:**

1. Erosion of Mill River at 291-293 Conway Road
  - Peter Law met with John Pekarski behind his private property where a tremendous amount of erosion has cut into Mr. Pekarski's property. Due to the location on private property Mr. Pekarski was informed that he'd need to file a NOI to make any improvements due to presence of BVW (bordering vegetated wetland) and river front.
2. ANRAD Ad-Hoc Senior Housing Committee, Town Campus
  - This abbreviated resource area delineation (allowed for areas impacting less than 1,000 square feet of river front) is intended to establish the BVW and resource area extents in the proposed work area.
  - Chris Chamberlain (Berkshire Design Group) is working with the Town on this potential project encompassing several parcels the Town owns and prospectively owns. Ward

Smith (Wendell Wetland Services) flagged the wetlands and delineated the MAHW (mean annual high water) primarily using the obvious break in slope. Two BVWs were identified with buffers, separated by a culvert which restricts Bloody Brook at a mown crossing location (noted MAHW goes through culvert). For the potential project the 100' buffer and 200' river front areas were delineated on the map. There was discussion regarding the soil borings relative to flag B4 which were used to establish the wetland delineation. The data sheets Ward Smith used indicating only location B4 with two borings, one 5' uphill the other 5' downhill from flag B4.

- During Mr. Chamberlain's review of the project and response to DEP's questions he noted that mean annual low water mark was not verified and is therefore withdrawing their request for review as it pertains to land under water. A new map containing a North arrow has been added to the application. It was also commented on that the floodplain (bordering land subject to flooding) has not been delineated on the plan.
- Sean Libbey moved to continue the hearing on the ANRAD for the Ad-Hoc Senior Housing Committee to the next regularly scheduled meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm, Ann-Mary Cloutier seconded. Roll call vote approved, 5-0-0.

**General Discussion:** None.

**Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting:**

- Peter Law noted that there have been a lot of notices relative to the MACC Fall Conference. There is a \$500 budget which would allow for members to attend this or other organized courses.

**Next Meeting:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Deerfield Conservation Commission will be held on Thursday September 28th, 2023 at 6 pm via Zoom.

A motion was made by Kate Devlin to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm, motion seconded by Sean Libbey. Roll call vote approved, 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Sean Libbey, 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>.