



TOWN OF DEERFIELD

Conservation Commission
8 Conway Street
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Deerfield Conservation Commission – Meeting Minutes September 28, 2023

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

Members Absent: **None**

Town Staff Present: Amy Hahn, Building Assistant;

Additional attendees: Carolyn Shores-Ness, Deerfield Select Board; Lili Dwight, Chair Deerfield Senior Housing Committee; Jess Schoendorf, Associate Berkshire Design Group

1. Old Business:

- **ANRAD Senior Housing Committee, Continuation:** Pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL Chapter 131, §40, the Deerfield Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **September 14, 2023 at 6 pm** to consider an Abbreviated Notice of Intent (“ANRAD”) filed by **The Town of Deerfield** for property located at **8 Conway Street (Map 168 Lot 139), 71, 75 & 85 N Main Street (Map 169 Lots 11, 12 & 14), and a landlocked parcel (Map 168 Lot 140)**. Copies of the ANRAD documents are on file for public review at the Municipal Offices during office hours and on the town’s website at www.deerfieldma.us in the calendar event.

Peter Law and Sean Libbey did a site visit with Ward Smith, Wetland Scientist and Jess Schoendorf, Berkshire Design group on 9/22/2023. When questioned about only including sampling one site for the ANRAD the response was that the vegetation and conditions between plots A and B were similar. Conservation Commission members have requested more samples and site field notes be made to document this. One data point over more than 900 linear feet of land is not enough documentation. After examining the map, recommended that additional samples be taken near the following flags: B9 and B13, A11, A8 and A4 and at least an additional sampling point between the 2 wetland areas – members discussed a range of 1-3 points in this area. One sample point may be enough to document that that spot isn’t wetland now. Asking for a minimum of 6-9 additional sampling points. This will verify and document the wetland delineation clearly. The Conservation Commission members appreciate the willingness of Berkshire Design Group to add this information to the ANRAD.

Sean Libbey made a motion to continue the hearing on the ANRAD submitted by the Ad-Hoc Senior Housing Committee at our next regularly scheduled meeting on 10/26/2023. Ben Byrne seconded. Roll call vote to continue: 5:0:0

- **DEP File #142-0212 DA Health Center RCOC** – plantings made, WPA form certificate of compliance

Peter Law and Kate Devlin separately viewed the new plantings on the slope during the week of 9/25/2023, recommendations were followed and work completed.

Sean Libbey made a motion to approve the Certificate of Compliance for DEP File #142-0212 DA Health Center RCOC. Ann-Mary seconded. Roll call vote to approve: 5:0:0

- **Emergency Certificates update**

Pine Nook Road has been completed, there are still a lot of erosion control measures in place which will stay through the winter – a huge effort was made to replace the road that had been washed out.

Deerfield Academy culvert replacement work is underway

The Town is still working to confirm a contractor to work on Wapping Road
There still may be one more emergency request for Hoosic Road coming to the Commission.

- **Treehouse signage** small ad hoc group is setting next meeting date

2. **New Business**

No new business at this time

3. **General Discussion:** In thinking ahead to the regularly scheduled November meeting – the 4th Thursday of the month falls on Thanksgiving. Recommend that we change the meeting date to 11/30/2023 at 6 pm.

4. **Mail:** MACC is sending out updates on the upcoming Fall Conference

5. **Items Unanticipated 48 hours prior to posting:** none

6. **Upcoming Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Deerfield Conservation Commission will be held on **October 26, 2023, 6 pm via zoom**

7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm made by Ann-Mary Cloutier seconded 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>.