

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Hearing Room 18, City Hall, Northampton, Mass.
May 12, 2016

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	X	
Mason Maronn	X	
Tim Parshall	X	
Tricia McGovern	X	
Jack Finn	X	
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Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	X	
Aleta DeLisle	X	

<i>Meeting Opened At:</i>	<i>By:</i>
5:30 p.m.	Kevin

<i>Minutes Approved:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>

Order of Business:

5:30 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if removal of water chestnut is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or Northampton Wetlands Ordinance. Cynthia Boettner, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Land Under Water at: Oxbow Area, Hurlberts Pond, Fitzgerald Lake, and Magnolia and Triangle Ponds.

Cynthia Boettner, US Fish and Wildlife Service represented the project. Cynthia stated the need to remove water chestnut from the above mentioned areas and noted the importance of keeping it in check. The invasive plants will be hand-pulled and they will follow DCR's guidelines on removing and disposing of properly. Cynthia also stated that she is looking for more volunteers to help with the project.

Upon motion by Tim and second by Mason the Commission voted all in favor to close the hearing. Upon motion by Tim and second by Jack the Commission voted all in favor to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability by Checking Box 2.

5:40 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if installation of an in-ground pool with patio, and removal of an aboveground pool is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or Northampton Wetlands Ordinance. Jorge & Damaris Berrios, 34 Woodland Drive, Map ID 35-272.

Jorge and Damaris Berrios represented the project. Jorge stated that they will remove the existing above ground pool and install an in-ground pool with patio.

Following a brief discussion, a motion was offered by Mason, seconded by Tim and voted all in favor to close the hearing.

Upon motion by Tim and second by Tricia the Commission voted all in favor to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability by Checking Box 3 and Box 4. Additional conditions require erosion control; no tree removal; and to drain pool water away from the wetland.

5:50 PM Notice of Intent for Bridge Replacement and Boardwalk Repair and Extension. Broad Brook Coalition, Fitzgerald Lake Conservation Area. Map ID 7-35. DEP File 246-691.

Dick O'Brien represented the project. He reviewed the bridge replacement and boardwalk repair noting that they will be using as much of the existing boardwalk as possible and it will remain in the same location. He stated that new posts will be installed and they will raise the boardwalk one foot. Dick described the building process and anticipates the project will be complete in one month. Sarah stated that the project is an overall improvement.

Upon motion by Tim and second by Tricia the Commission voted all in favor to close the hearing. Upon motion by Mason and second by Tricia the Commission voted all in favor to issue an Order of Conditions with standard conditions and the following additional conditions:

(ongoing) The applicant shall inspect the bridge and dock crossings each spring, and remove any tree branches or other large debris.

(ongoing) The applicant shall not dredge or alter in any other way, the natural stream channels under the bridge and dock shown on project plans

There shall be no supports placed within the stream channels

There shall be no staging of construction materials or tools within any resource areas. To the extent practicable, all work shall be conducted from the existing boardwalk and bridge

6:10 PM Notice of Intent for residential subdivision construction, including roadway, stormwater system, utilities and related work. Pecoy Construction, Ford Crossing. Map ID 31C-17. DEP File 246-690.

John Allard and Eric Jourard of Fuss and O'Neil and Lawrence Lloyd, Pecoy represented the project.

John reviewed the plans for the residential subdivision including the raingarden, underground infiltration, grading, soil type, drainage systems and erosion control. The work is away from the riverfront area.

Following a brief discussion, upon motion by Tim and second by Tricia the Commission voted all in favor to close the hearing. Upon motion by Tim and second by Mason the Commission voted all in favor to issue an Order of Conditions with standard conditions and the following conditions: Submit an updated plan for the outfall; minimize or eliminate rip rap due to planting; native trees shall be planted.

Review of Staff-Issued Permits.

Sarah stated that she issued emergency certifications to Smith College for sewer repairs

and Riverbank Rd. for a downed tree in the riverfront area.

All other business not foreseen when agenda was published.

Sarah requested approval from the Commission to convey a permanent conservation restriction to Kestral Trust for Sawmill Hills. Upon motion by Tricia and second by Tim the Commission voted all in favor to approve the conveyance.

Sarah invited Commission members to the City Council 2nd reading of the Kohl purchase if members would like to speak in favor of it.

<i>Meeting Adjourned:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>
<i>6:55 p.m.</i>	<i>Tim</i>	<i>Tricia</i>	<i>All in favor</i>