

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Remote Online Meeting
May 12, 2022

| Members | Present | Time |
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| Kevin Lake, Chair | x | |
| Mason Maronn | x | |
| Randy Krotowski | x | |
| Vacancy | | |
| Jason Perry | x | |
| Alec Bernstein | x | |
| Jen Smith | x | |
| Staff | Present | Time |
| Sarah LaValley | x | |

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| <i>Meeting Opened At:</i> | <i>By:</i> |
| 5:36 p.m. | Mason |

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| <i>Minutes Approved:</i> | <i>Motion By:</i> | <i>Second By:</i> | <i>Unanimous:</i> |
| December 9, 2021 | Jen | Alec | Yes, by roll call vote, 1 abstention |

Public Comment

Rick Hudson asked about the Cutlery remediation Notice of Intent. A hearing has not yet been scheduled.

5:30 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if demolition and removal of an existing structure within buffer zone will alter resource areas. Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability. 196 Cooke Ave, Parcel 18-022.

Wayne Feiden, Director of Planning & Sustainability provided an overview of the project. It is limited to buffer zone to wetlands and intermittent stream, for a small stream with a 22 acre watershed. Summer construction is planned; the work will need to go out to bid. A confirmation of exact resource area boundaries is not requested at this time. Randy moved to issue a negative determination by checking box 3, with standard conditions, with a note that wetland boundaries are not confirmed by the Determination. The dumpster must be located on the existing disturbed area. Seconded by Jen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5:45 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if sewer upgrade work within buffer zone to wetlands will alter resource areas. Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 421 N Main St, Leeds Parcel 11-001.

Don Maggioli provided an overview of the project; a sewer replacement outside resource areas. A portion of the limit of work will be located just inside the 100' buffer zone. Mason moved to issue a negative determination by checking box 3, with a note that boundaries are not confirmed. These were previously confirmed via a Notice of Intent but should not be extended. As a federal agency, the VAMC is not subject to the Wetlands Ordinance. Seconded by Jen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

6:00 PM Notice of Intent for drainage improvements; disconnecting storm drains from the sewer system and installation of a gravel stormwater spreader. Northampton DPW, Winter St right-of-way.

Jason moved to continue the hearing until May 26 at 5:30. Seconded by Alec, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Review and Approve Administrative Rules of Procedure

Jason moved to approve the rules of procedure. Seconded by Jen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Review and Approve Proposed Open Space Acquisitions

Sarah provided an overview of a planned acquisition of 230 acres in the Saw Mill Hills on Sylvester Road. Currently owned by the Pomeroy Family, the City has an agreement for \$690,000, and will be pursuing a LAND grant and CPA funding. Kestrel Land Trust is planned to hold the Conservation Restriction. Randy moved to approve the restriction and CR. Seconded by Jen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Sarah provided an overview of the Dorcal/Andros acquisition in the Broad Brook Greenway. This is 15 to 20 acres for \$50,000, using on-hand CPA funds and a Broad Brook Coalition contribution. Kestrel Land Trust is planned to hold the CR.

Mason moved to approve the restriction and CR. Seconded by Jen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Correspondence

Sarah provided an overview if a third party review scope of services for review of the Notice of Intent submitted for the Cutlery site remediation, to be paid by the applicant. The consultant, O'Reilly Talbot Okun, will evaluate the alternative proposed to help determine whether there are any practicable alternatives to the response action being proposed that are consistent with the provisions of 310 CMR 40.0000: Massachusetts Contingency Plan and that would be less damaging to resource areas. Kevin moved to approve the scope. Seconded by Randy, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM