

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Remote Online Meeting
July 23, 2020

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	
Mason Maronn	x	
Randy Krotowski	x	
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
Alec Bernstein	x	
Elizabeth Wroblicka	x	
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	

<i>Meeting Opened At:</i>	<i>By:</i>
5:34 p.m.	Kevin

<i>Minutes Approved:</i>	<i>Motion By:</i>	<i>Second By:</i>	<i>Unanimous:</i>
March 26, 2020	Mason	Alec	Yes, by roll call vote

Public Comment

None

5:30 PM – Request for Determination of Applicability to determine if resurfacing an existing parking area is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act or Northampton Wetlands Ordinance. Northampton Office of Planning & Sustainability, North Farms Road/Broad Brook Greenway - Fitzgerald Lake. Map ID 07-035

Sarah provided an overview of the project. The work be limited to existing disturbed areas that are part of the existing parking lot. Drainage will not change from existing patterns. The existing 100 linear feet of granite curbing along the road will be removed and reset as necessary, and a small area adjacent to North Farms Road will become a no parking area to increase safety without eliminating parking spaces. The tops of the berms comprised of scraped gravel at the northern and southern edges of the lot will be lowered, but will remain in place to prevent sheet flow from entering resource areas. The ADA parking area will be striped. Straw wattles will be installed around the perimeter of the lot during construction. Alec moved to issue negative determination by checking box 2, to indicate that the work is within an area subject to protection, and adding standard conditions. Seconded by Mason, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

5:45 PM – Amended Notice of Intent for dumping ground remediation within bordering vegetation wetland and riverfront to unnamed stream. Work to include landfill closure and capping, and restoration and stabilization of wetland resource areas. MassDOT. 155 Locust Street, Map ID 23B-013. DEP File 246-730

Doug Spink, MassDOT, and Alan Benvides, Woodard and Curran, provided an overview of the project changes. Soil conditions and additional contamination prevented completion of

the original plan and removal of all buried waste; capping the area is now proposed. Permitted plans proposed sifting all material, testing soil and reusing all materials meeting standards. More solid waste than anticipated was discovered; along with higher levels of contamination, material would have been required to be shipped to another landfill if not capped. Changes proposed include installation of monitoring wells, replacement of a degraded stormwater outlet, and stream bank restoration. A fence will be installed around the perimeter of the property with a 6" gap at the bottom for wildlife. The Commission discussed vegetative plantings along bank, instead of the rip rap shown in planset details. Jason moved to close the hearing. Seconded by Randy, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Elizabeth moved to issue an amended Order with the same conditions as the original order, and an additional condition that the two rip rap details be removed and replaced as discussed. Seconded by Randy, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

All other business not foreseen when agenda was published

Sarah provided an update on restoration planting at the former Pine Grove golf course, and will send a link to a public input meeting regarding the Rocky Hill Greenway and future plans to the Commission.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM