



SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of January 13, 2020

Present: Thomas Friedlander, Chair; David Henkels, Vice Chair; Bruce Porter; Mark Sevier; Richard Morse; Charlie Russo (6:50 PM); and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator

Absent: Kasey Rogers and Ken Holtz, Association Member

T. Friedlander opened the meeting under the State Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administrative Bylaw at 6:45 PM.

Minutes:

On motion made by R. Morse, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 30, 2019 meeting.

Wetland Applications:

Notice of Intent – Buddy Dog Humane Society, 151/183 Boston Post Road, DEP File #301-1261:

Construction of a new animal shelter building and parking lot with associated grading and drainage within the 100-foot Buffer Zone, pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administrative Bylaw.

T. Friedlander reported that the applicant has received support from the Planning Board on Plan A that was presented to the Commission at the last meeting. The applicant has requested a continuance to the January 27th meeting to finalize this design and develop appropriate wetlands mitigation.

On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by R. Morse, the Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing to January 27, 2020.

Notice of Intent – Sudbury Department of Public Works, Concord Road Culvert, DEP File #301-1280

Proposed repair to the existing culvert conveying Cold Brook under Concord Road, including reconstruction a both headwalls and removal of sediment within the streambed, pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administrative Bylaw.

T. Friedlander stated that this hearing was continued from January 13th for the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) to review the project. NHESP has determined that proposed work will not adversely affect the habitat and will not constitute a prohibited take of state-listed rare species.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing. On motion by B. Porter, seconded by M. Sevier, the Commission voted unanimously to issue an Order of Conditions approving the project.

Certificates of Compliance Continued:

Zero Washington Drive – DEP File #301-623, 301-1093 and 301-1117

On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by B. Porter, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a Certificates of Compliance for DEP File #301-623, 301-1093 and 301-1117.

On motion by B. Porter, seconded by M. Sevier, the Commission voted unanimously to rescind any and all Enforcement Actions issued against Zero Washington.

Other Business:

Emergency Certification - 273 Lincoln Road:

Coordinator Capone reported that an LSP has been hired to conduct the soil remediation associated with the oil spill that occurred at the end of December. The favorable weather conditions have allowed the soil remediation to commence instead of waiting till the Spring. Coordinator Capone issued an Emergency Certification to allow tree removal, installation and removal of a temporary road, excavation of contaminated soil, and stabilization of disturbed areas. A Notice of Intent will be filed for restoration of the wetland and roadway area, to be completed in the spring.

On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by M. Sevier, the Commission voted unanimously to ratify the Emergency Certification.

Native Plant Trust: Plant Conservation Volunteer Program:

Coordinator Capone reported that she was contacted by the Native Plant Trust seeking volunteers with botanical knowledge to participate in rare plant monitoring, seed collection, and habitat management projects. Applications are due by February 14th for the 2020 season.

Carding Mill Access:

Coordinator Capone informed the Commission that she has received a request for access over the Carding Mill Conservation Land to access 67 Carriage Way to conduct additional tree clearing. Coordinator Capone reported that the Commission had allowed access over the summer to improve the forest structure. This request is to provide views of Carding Mill Pond. Work is located outside wetland jurisdiction but the work area is not accessible from 67 Carriage Way due to steep slopes.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted 5-1 to allow access over Carding Mill Conservation Land for tree removal at 67 Carriage Way. (C. Russo opposed)

MACC Conference:

Coordinator Capone asked Commissioners to inform the office if they will be attending the Spring MACC Conference so that we can register them for this Conference.

Discussion of Carding Mill Conservation Land:

Chris Hagger, Chair of the Historical Commission, attended tonight's meeting to discuss with the Commission opportunities to make Carding Mill accessible to the public. The Historical Commission would like to work with the Commission on a short and long term preservation plan for the carding mill building and grounds including repairs to the dam and public access to the pond. D. Henkels suggested building community interest in the property by leading a bird walk in the spring. The Commission discussed parking and access considerations but was overall supportive of working with the Historical Commission, and other interested parties, to develop a plan for this property.

On motion by M. Sevier, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.