



SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2020

Present via Roll Call: Thomas Friedlander, Chair; David Henkels, Vice Chair; Bruce Porter; Richard Morse; Mark Sevier; Kenneth Holtz; Kasey Rogers; Jeremy Cook, Associate Member, and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator

Chair Friedlander opened the meeting under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw at 6:45 PM.

Minutes

On motion by B. Porter, second K. Rogers, the minutes of October 19, 2020 were approved via unanimous roll call vote.

Certificate of Compliance:

Town of Sudbury Department of Public Works, 503 Concord Road, DEP File #301-1264:

Coordinator Capone reported this Order was issued to DPW in response to Enforcement Order that was issued for the dumping of brush in a wetland behind Featherlands Park. The area had been used as a dump by the prior owner. DPW removed all historic fill from the wetland, removed all the metal debris, including a fuel drum and revegetated the area. With all work being completed and the site stable, Coordinator Capone recommended the issuance of a Certificate of Compliance.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by K. Rogers, the Commission voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Town of Sudbury Department of Public Works, Stearns Mill Pond Dam, DEP File #301-1253:

Coordinator Capone reported that she has reviewed the site and recommended the issuance of the Certificate of Compliance and recognized Dave Caouette of Pare Corporation, Project Manager, who stated the project had gone very well. The Chair stated he felt this project was very well done. He asked for any questions, and as there were none, on motion by R. Morse, second B. Porter, via roll call vote, it was a unanimous vote to issue the Certificate of Compliance.

New Wetland Applications:

Request for Determination Deck: 193 Peakham Road, RDA #20-18:

Chair Friedlander recognized James Lesko to present his request to expand the existing deck within the 100-foot Buffer Zone pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw.

Mr. Lesko presented his plan to expand his deck but requested additional time to meet with his architect to confirm the footprint. The Coordinator reported that the lot was developed prior to the Wetlands Bylaw and a little less than half the property is protected by a Conservation Restriction. The deck is proposed 46 feet from the wetland. A deck greater than 50 feet from wetlands in an existing landscaped area would be exempt from filing. Coordinator Capone recommended the project be issued a Negative Determination of Applicability once the footprint is confirmed.

With no further comments, on motion by M. Sevier, second K. Rogers, the Commission voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to continue this matter to November 30, 2020.

Continued Wetland Applications:

Notice of Intent: 36 Wright Road, DEP File #301-:

Chair Friedlander opened the hearing for after-the-fact tree removal, restoration, and construction of an addition, within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and the 200-foot Riverfront Area pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw, continued from November 2, 2020. The Coordinator stated the only issue was there was no DEP number. She stated the hearing could be closed, and an Order could be issued at the next meeting or the matter could be continued to the next meeting. The Chair asked for a motion to close the hearing.

On motion by K. Holtz, seconded by M. Sevier, the Commission voted unanimously, by roll call vote to close the hearing.

Notice of Intent: 199 Goodman's Hill Road, DEP #301-: Jarrett Rennie, Applicant.

Chair Friedlander opened the hearing for after-the-fact vegetation removal and restoration within the 100-foot Buffer Zone pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetland Administration Bylaw, last continued from November 2, 2020. The Chair said that this item had the same issue, no DEP number as of yet. Coordinator Capone recommended closing the hearing and issuing an Order at the next meeting.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded M. Sevier, the Commission voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to close the hearing.

Other Business:

Appointment to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Task Force: One-year Appointment

The Chair stated that is newly formed Committee requires a member of the Conservation Commission to serve one year terms. He recognized Richard Morse who was interested in serving as the Conservation Commission appointee on this task force. He asked if there were any other interested parties wanting to serve, and as there were no others, on motion by B. Porter, seconded by K. Holtz to appoint Richard Morse to the Task Force for a One-Year Appointment, the Commission so voted unanimously, by roll call vote.

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. On motion by B. Porter, seconded by K. Holtz, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.