



**SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021**

**Present:** Tom Friedlander (Chair), Dave Henkels (Vice Chair), Bruce Porter, Ken Holtz, Richard Morse, Kasey Rogers, Mark Sevier, 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 via roll call.

**Minutes:**

On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by R. Morse, the minutes of November 23, 2020 were approved via unanimously roll call vote.

On motion by R. Morse, seconded by D. Henkels, the minutes of December 14, 2020 were approved via unanimously roll call vote.

On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by B. Porter, the minutes of December 28, 2020 were approved via unanimously roll call vote.

**Continued Wetland Applications:**

**Notice of Intent: 72 Colonial Road, DEP #301-1318:**

Chair Friedlander opened the Notice of Intent hearing, continued from December 14, 2020, for the construction of a garage, replacement of the septic system and reconfiguration of the driveway within the 100-foot buffer zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw.

The Chair stated the Commissioners had been at the site, and asked for comments from the Commission or the Coordinator for Mr. Halporn. The Coordinator stated she visited the site with DPW to review the drainage. DPW felt that the current erosion problem would be resolved by the proposed design but agreed that they could install an asphalt berm along the old driveway if roadway drainage was still causing erosion. The Coordinator stated that the only outstanding issue was the Board of Health approving the septic design.

As there were no comments or questions from the Commission or public, on motion by R. Morse, seconded by D. Henkels, the hearing was unanimously closed via roll call vote. On motion by D. Henkels, seconded by B. Porter, the Commission voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to issue an Order of Conditions approving the project.

**Notice of Intent: Sudbury Water District, End of Saxony Drive, Parcel H07-0600, DEP #301-1317:**

Chair Friedlander opened the Notice of Intent hearing, continued from December 14, 2020, to remove a beaver dam within Hop Brook pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw.

Coordinator Capone informed the Commission that the pond has iced over and the beaver were no longer active so the applicant, Vincent Roy, requested a continued to March 22 to allow time to develop a management strategy to resolve the beaver concerns in this area.

On motion by K. Holtz, seconded by K. Rogers, the Commission voted unanimously, via roll call vote, to continue the hearing to March 22, 2021.

**New Wetland Applications:**

**Request for Determination of Applicability: Carding Mill Association, Carriage Way, Parcel K03-0401, RDA #21-1**

Mark Tatkow presented for Request to remove the existing tennis court from the 100-foot buffer zone and restore the area to its natural state pursuant to the Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw. Mr. Tatkow explained that this parcel is common open space for the Carding Mill Homeowners Association, which has an old defunct tennis court that they would like to remove and restore the area with a native meadow seed mix. There were several slides shown depicting the area of consideration. He explained the equipment would be brought in via a home near the entry way. The demolition company stated they would only need to disturb 5 feet around the existing tennis court. The Coordinator said the creation of a meadow was a benefit to the overall resource area and will be managed similarly to the adjacent conservation land.

There were some questions about area enhancements to the wetland, and bringing equipment in and out without causing impacts on resources. Mr. Tatkow stated erosion controls would be placed in the area that was sensitive, and vehicles would only be in the area to remove the courts and leave. This would be done in winter, so the land would be frozen. Mr. Tatkow said the surface of the tennis courts was about six inches and unknown materials under that. Materials would be brought in to replace soils removed.

With no further discussion and no public comments, on motion by M. Sevier, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted unanimously to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability, approving the work as proposed.

On motion by B. Porter, seconded by D. Henkels, the Commission voted unanimously via roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM.