



## SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2025

**Present:** David Henkels, Chair; Jeremy Cook; Bruce Porter; Mark Sevier; and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator

**Absent:** Ken Holtz, Vice Chair; Luke Faust; Kasey Rogers; Harry Hoffman, Associate Member

The meeting was called to Order by Chair Henkels at 7:00 PM via roll call.

### Minutes

Chair Henkels noted that the minutes from the January 27, 2025, meeting could not be approved due to the absence of Comm. Porter and Comm. Faust, resulting in a lack of quorum. He stated that the approval of these minutes would be postponed until the next hearing.

### Wetland Applications:

#### **Notice of Intent: 20 Tavern Circle, DEP #301-TBD**

Chair Henkels resumed the Hearing for the project to remove trees within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 200-foot Riverfront Area, pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw. Matthew Drew was the applicant. This Hearing was continued from January 27, 2025.

Coordinator Capone noted that the DEP File Number has yet to be issued for this application. Additionally, she noted that Mr. Drew would not be available for the February 24, 2025 meeting, and had requested a continuance until March 10, 2025.

On motion by Comm. Sevier to continue the Hearing to March 10, 2025, seconded by Comm. Porter, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

#### **Notice of Intent: 71 Chanticleer Road, DEP #301-1430**

Chair Henkels resumed the Hearing for the project to remove trees after-the-fact, renovate a patio, and install plantings within the 100-foot Buffer Zone, pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw. Aycha White was the applicant. This Hearing was continued from November 4, 2024 and January 27, 2025. The continuation was to allow time for the preparation of an Order of Conditions.

Chair Henkels confirmed there were no outstanding matters aside from reviewing the prepared Order of Conditions. Chair Henkels asked if Thomas White had any additional comments before proceeding. Mr. White stated he had nothing further to add.

On motion by Comm. Porter to close the Hearing, seconded by Comm. Cook, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

Coordinator Capone provided an overview of the Order of Conditions. She emphasized that she would like to meet with Mr. White's landscaper before work commenced to ensure alignment with the requirements. She noted that the Order specified the size of the required plantings for restoration and included a two-year monitoring period for their survival. Additionally, based on discussions from the previous meeting, the area would be allowed to naturalize following planting. The Order also contained provisions for invasive species management to prevent unwanted vegetation from overtaking the restoration area. Mr. White acknowledged and understood these conditions.

On motion by Comm. Sevier to issue the Order of Conditions, seconded by Comm. Cook, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **Notice of Intent: 331 Hudson Road, DEP #301-1428**

Chair Henkels resumed the Hearing for the project to construct an addition, remove outbuildings, modify the driveway, and install plantings within the 100-foot Buffer Zone and 200-foot Riverfront Area, pursuant to the Wetlands Protection Act and Sudbury Wetlands Administration Bylaw. Frederick Hanna was the applicant. This Hearing was continued from October 21, 2024 and January 27, 2025.

Coordinator Capone informed the Commission that a revised plan and updated Notice of Intent had been received earlier today. She noted that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the Variance for the proposed addition. The applicant intended to present the full project, including both Phase One and Phase Two, at the February 24, 2025, meeting.

On motion by Comm. Cook to continue the Hearing to February 24, 2025, seconded by Comm. Porter, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Agricultural License: Mark Kolonoski, Barton Farm**

Chair Henkels began the discussion for the Agricultural License renewal for Mark Kolonoski at Barton Farm for sap harvesting.

Coordinator Capone explained that this would be the fourth year that Mr. Kolonoski had requested a License to tap five sugar maple trees near the parking lot at Barton Farm. In lieu of a monetary payment for the License, he assisted with managing buckthorn at the site. The request was for a License renewal extending through April 1, 2025.

Chair Henkels asked if there were any questions from the Commission. Hearing none, he requested a motion to approve the License renewal.

On motion by Comm. Sevier to issue the License renewal, seconded by Comm. Cook, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

#### **Prescribed Burn: Sudbury Valley Trustees**

Coordinator Capone informed the Commission that the Sudbury Valley Trustees (SVT) planned to conduct a prescribed burn this year, contingent on drought conditions in the spring. She noted that SVT would hold an informational session on Tuesday, February 25, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Goodnow Library. Additionally, site visits would be available for those interested in walking the affected areas.

Chair Henkels acknowledged the update and then asked the Commission if there were any further matters to address.

### **Adjourn Meeting**

On motion by Comm. Porter to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 PM, seconded by Comm. Cook, via roll call the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.