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Meeting Date: 24-01-11

Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2nd Floor Meeting Room

Minutes Approved: 24-01-25

Members Present: Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Susan Cahalan, Tim Aicardi (Remote)

Conservation Agent: Isabella Genova

Recording: <https://youtu.be/FDPNaeJuwi4?si=JQMOkVHzH49-5L6Y>

Others: Aline Guillarducci, Julya Caldeira, Angelo Guillarducci, Diane Howell, Jerrya and Pat Bullock, Owen Kramer (Goddard Consulting), Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting), John Nenart (Rt. 85 Realty)

Remote: AJ Charbonneau & Christine Buchhold, Charles Drengberg, Phil Ciephly, Maria Fachner

Quorum met at 7:00 and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

Correspondence

- Lake Nipmuc 2024 Milfoil Management Quote
 - Approve quote for \$4990 for Management, motion by Peter, seconded by Mike, passed unanimously.
- 74 Northbridge Rd OOC extension remaining signatures
- 42 Millville St DEP #213-711 Enforcement Order update
- 75B Mowry St Voicemail – inquiry for tree removal, possibly within riverfront area
- Anne Mazar forwarded correspondence for FY25 Inland Dredging Pilot Round of the Massachusetts Dredging Program

13 Bellingham St

Present were homeowners Angelo Guillarducci, Aline Guillarducci, and Julya Caldeira

The Commission received reports of possible unpermitted work within the 25 ft buffer zone from Mendon residents, visible from the right of way. There was a site walk on January 9th with the homeowner, Conservation Agent Isabella Genova, and Commissioners Bob Sweet, Peter Coffin, and Lea Whiting. Issues observed during the walk were: fill within the 25 ft buffer zone, loss of tree line, a new stone wall, a steep riprap slope, and sedimentation in the wetlands. Immediate recommendations from the Commission included covering the bare soil with straw and filling the erosion gulleys with hay or straw to reduce further erosion. By the end of February, the property owner will hire an engineer to submit retroactive plans to restore the steep Riprap slope.

45 Uxbridge Rd

Present was John Nenart (site manager Rt. 85 Realty), Owen Kramer and Tom Schutz (Goddard Consulting).

In December the multiple layers of silt fences and straw wattles failed in heavy rainstorms, leading to sedimentation in the neighboring wetlands. John Nenart provided the Commission with an interim as-built, a Stormwater Impact and Analysis report, and Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) for 23-12-21 and 23-

12-29. John provided a walkthrough of the erosion control measures taken. They include additional work on the temporary detention basin, and the creation beside the haul road a series of check dams made of layers of ¾ in stone wrapped in filter fabric with plunge pools. Goddard Consulting additionally recommended the installation of flocculant blocks to assist in the settling of sedimentation, which are estimated to last about 6 months. This action has successfully led to clean water running out of the site. Discussion on the intermittent streams current flow path and the status of rerouting the stream.

Goddard Consulting recommends waiting until the drier season to discuss remediation for the sedimentation in the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and downstream impact in Lake Nipmuc. John Nenart said the underground basin will begin construction next week and the stream channel will be reconstructed in the following week.

Chair Carl requested that Kevin Meeham's request to have Commissioners Peter Coffin and Lea Whiting be recused from discussions and votes on his projects be put in writing and sent to the Commission.

39 Cape Rd and 23 Cape Rd sitewalks

Present was property owner Abraham Jreij, abutters Christine & AJ Buchhold (14 Talbott Farm Dr), Diane Howell & Pat Ciephly (13 Edward Rd), Jerrya & Pat Bulock (Edward Rd).

Chair Carl summarized the site walk conducted on the morning of January 11th with AES representative Robert Lagrande for the solar field at 39 Cape Rd. The swale at the southern edge of the Solar Farm had evidence of high volumes of runoff, but there was no evidence of any sedimentation. The Commission requested an update from the solar farm's stormwater contact regarding the velocity of water exiting the swale and suggested the check dams be updated with smaller stones. Additionally, the silt fence and straw waddles along the border of work should be maintained or removed.

The site walk continued at 23 Cape Rd with owner Abe and engineer Mike Dean. The retention basin had little evidence of sedimentation. The site owner's engineer is preparing a stormwater report regarding the amount of runoff coming on site from abutters. The Commission requests a remediation plan for the sediment accumulated in the wetland.

AJ & Christine Bucchold expressed concern for the silt in the wetlands on the western edge of 23 Cape Rd. They are worried about the environmental impacts of the historic sediment in the wetland.

Abutters Diane Howell and Jerrya & Pat Bulock expressed concerns for runoff from the soccer field and the solar field onto their properties. They are concerned over the change from pervious to impervious pavement at the soccer field and the management of snow removal. Chair Carl recommended that they express their concerns to Planning Board, as these areas are outside of the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Meadowbrook Bog Bridge

Lea Whiting worked with Anne Mazar, who will supply two new private property signs for Jared Wheelock's property. The urgent issue of hikers encroaching on private property has been remediated by the DEP recommended solution of installing locally sourced flagstones onto the path. Lea and Isabella will work on the permitting process for building the bog bridge later this year.

43 Quissett (Pearson Farm) Conservation Restriction

Isabella reports an estimate breakdown from Guerriere and Halnon, for \$1800 to resurvey and install 5 new rebar markers flush in the ground on the perimeter of the Farmstead envelope. Isabella will work with the Finance department to determine which budget line should be used.

Gaskill Conservation Restriction

Isabella has forwarded the approved CR draft to Town Counsel. Once reviewed it will appear in the next Select Board meeting.

Sylvan Springs

Review site inspection report and Upton Enforcement order from 12/15. The next site walk is scheduled for 01/12 at 10am with engineer Desheng Wang. Isabella expressed concern for the Bordering Vegetated Wetland downstream of the construction for basin 4. She will be looking for updated wetland flagging and the removal of sediment in the BVW from the last storms. Peter makes a motion to authorize Isabella to issue an enforcement order if needed, Lea seconds, passes unanimously.

Lake Nipmuc Task Force

Update from Bob Sweet, the next meeting will be on 1/30 at 7pm and the Task Force will discuss installing a water gauge and Ch. 91 regulations.

National Grid Operational Plan review

National Grid had submitted their 2024 Yearly Operational Plan as per 333 CMR 11.06. Lea reached out to the Principal Vegetation Specialist at National Grid and concluded that there is no immediate action the Commission can take to limit the herbicides sprayed in areas of concern.

Online Signing

The True Attest Copy of the Certificate of Vote has been recorded with the Worcester Registry of Deeds. Bk. 70035 pg. 263.

Building Permits

- COM-23-12 149 Uxbridge Rd – install fence between Royal Fireside and Lew’s Lawnmower, still on hold
 - Fence is under 6 ft, not jurisdictional
- RES-23-338 17 Thayer Rd – build greenhouse/shed, on hold as may be jurisdictional
 - Awaiting more information

Annual Report and Budget Review

Isabella presented the draft of the annual report and provided an update for Fiscal year 2025 budget request.

Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting

3 Morrison Dr

Present is Charles Drengberg (12 Applewood Ln)

Abutter Charles expressed concern on excavating occurring at 3 or 5 Morrison Dr. They are concerned that without tree cover there will be more runoff into their backyard. Isabella will work with the Junior Town Planner to determine the work occurring.

132 North Ave

Concern for unpermitted building activity occurring on the Westen side of the lot, within the 100ft buffer zone of the wetland.

Review and approve Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from 23-11-09 by Mike, seconded by Bob, passed unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from 23-12-14 by Bob, seconded by Peter, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Mike seconded by Lea, passed unanimously, 9:43pm.