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**Meeting Date: 23-12-14**

**Meeting Location: Hybrid Teams / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room**

**Minutes Approved: 24-01-11**

**Members Present:** Carl Hommel, Bob Sweet, Lea Whiting, Mike Ammendolia, Peter Coffin, Susan Cahalan

**Members Absent:** Tim Aicardi

**Conservation Agent:** Isabella Genova

**Recording:** <https://youtu.be/s8Wm0e-v5cY?si=zPogld7kc2XJv6zC>

**Others:** Jared Wheelock, William Halsing from Land Planning, Abraham Jreij

Remote: Kurt Labutti

Quorum reached 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**

- Read MACC invoice for 2024 dues, due by August 30th.
- Heard report of possible violation at 19 Ashkins Dr, no action necessary.

#### **74 Northbridge Rd**

Discuss the request to extend Order of Conditions for DEP # 218-0803. Applicant William Halsing of Land Planning Inc. was present. No work has been started yet. Commissioners attended a site walk on Dec. 13th, to review the wetland flagging. Mike moved and Lea seconded a motion to extend the OOC. Passed unanimously.

7:05 Peter Coffin and Susan Cahalan arrived.

#### **Meadow Brook Woods**

Present is property abutter Jared Wheelock and stakeholder Kurt Labutti.

Discussion of the construction of a bog bridge by volunteers and the BVNEMBA (Blackstone Valley New England Mountain Bike Association). Isabella met with Mass DEP Circuit rider who concluded a Request for Determinability is not appropriate for this large of a bridge proposal. A Notice of Intent for the puncheon style bridge would be needed as the concrete pilings are considered fill in the wetlands. Since the site has begun to freeze for winter, there is time to work on filing a Notice of Intent. Lea will lead drafting a Notice of Intent for a plan to build a bridge on helical piles and will look for additional funding in the town budget for trail maintenance.

#### **23 Cape Rd**

Present was property owner Abraham Jreij and abutter Christine Buchhold (14 Talbott Farm Dr).

Abe described the conditions of the runoff from the storm event December 10<sup>th</sup> and provided video evidence of the siltation in the wetlands. Abe believes runoff is coming from upstream as the retention ponds and riff raff do not have evidence of silt runoff. Isabella will schedule a site walk for 23 Cape Rd for the week of December 18<sup>th</sup> and will reach out to the abutting solar farm to schedule a site visit there too.

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**42 Millville St**

DEP # 213-711.

Isabella reached out to Mass DEP regarding the procedure for filing an expired Order of Conditions. It was suggested to issue an Enforcement Order to complete the expired OOC. Isabella will reach out to Engineer Margaret Bacon to discuss a mutual deadline.

**58C Milford St**

Property owner Bob Sweet.

Bob voiced concerns about water backing up after the storm event on December 10<sup>th</sup> and of possible changes to stormwater pipes and catch basins in abutting properties. Chair Carl determined this site is not jurisdictional to the Conservation Commission as of now, and that Bob should follow up by talking to his neighbors and the Mendon Highway Department.

**43 Quissett (Pearson Farm) Conservation Restriction**

Isabella reports estimate from Guerriere and Halnon, the company that initially surveyed the area, for \$1800 to resurvey and install 5 new rebar markers flush in the ground on the perimeter of the Farmstead envelope. Discussion of which 5 markers are needed to be replaced.

Peter moved and Lea seconded a motion to approve the \$1800 estimate from G&H. Passes Unanimously.

**Gaskill Conservation Restriction**

Isabella has forwarded the approved CR draft to Town Counsel. Once reviewed it will appear in the next Select Board meeting, possibly January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Sylvan Springs**

Review site inspection report and Upton Enforcement order. Site walk is scheduled for 12/15 at 10am with engineer Desheng and Mary Overholt, the Upton Conservation Agent.

**Lake Nipmuc Task Force**

Report by Bob Sweet. He has reached out to Shea Engineering about installing a water level gauge and historic outflow from the lake, they have offered to help the Lake Task Force in the New Year. Chair Carl has reached out to MACC about possibly renting an 'expert' to help guide the ConCom on Chapter 91 and WPA regulations.

**National Grid Operational Plan review**

National Grid has submitted their 2024 Yearly Operational Plan as per 333 CMR 11.06. Lea will research the submitted plan and the proposed herbicides to determine if the Commission will take any action.

**Online Signing**

Isabella has sent the True Attest Copy to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds.

**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
  - Need a site plan on where the shed is, to determine if it is within the buffer zone

**Items not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting****45 Uxbridge Rd**

Discussion following the site walk at 45 Uxbridge Rd. The immediate action steps will be to repair the existing silt fence and increase the holding capacity of the retention pond. John Nenart (site manager) will need to submit a

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long-term remediation plan and an interim as built plan. Chair Carl reached out to Mass DEP to determine if they still have any jurisdiction on the site.

Additionally, Isabella was informed by text message from John Nenart that Lea and Peter are not allowed on Meehan's sites. This was again said verbally to Chair Carl by John at the site walk on 12/14. Carl has requested a written letter with evidence on why Lea and Peter are not allowed on the properties and if they must recuse themselves from voting on Meehan's properties.

**147 Uxbridge Rd**

Peter will investigate logging activity and if it is within the 100 ft buffer of the stream.

**127 Uxbridge Rd**

Bob is interested in the activity of granite, loam, and stone, within the 100 ft buffer of the wetland.

**Review and approve Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes from 23-11-30 by Peter, seconded by Lea. Mike recused as he wasn't present. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Peter seconded by Lea, passed unanimously, 9:10pm.