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**Meeting Date: 23-04-13**

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

**Minutes Approved: 24-03-14**

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

**Members Remote:** Tim Aicardi

**Members Absent:**

**Recording:** [https://youtu.be/kP5sl3Kolv8?si=Zc-H3i\\_UNu-XzaG8](https://youtu.be/kP5sl3Kolv8?si=Zc-H3i_UNu-XzaG8)

**Others Present:**

**Others Remote:**

Quorum met at 7:17pm and the recording started. The meeting is called to order by Chairman Carl Hommel and the Conservation Commission members introduce themselves.

#### **Correspondence**

- John Nenart, The Meehan Group contacted the Conservation Committee via email for 35-37 Hastings. They will submit paperwork after the Town Meeting.
- An email was received from GBLLaw regarding 6 Daniels Road, not pursuing a CoC at this time.
- A phone call was received from Lauren McDonald from HNTB Engineering about MassDOT road work and the impact on 6 and 20 Milford St. Paperwork will be submitted in future months.
- An email was received from the homeowner of 51 George Street asking wetland questions. Committee Chairperson Carl responded to his email.
- Fred Latham will be submitting paperwork, a NOI, at the next meeting on April 27, regarding 26 Rawson Farm Drive.
- Meet with Chris Nudd, 11 Applewood Lane, to discuss plans for french drain.

#### **Public Hearings begin at 7:17pm**

**23 Cape Road** – An email from the applicant for Blue Water was received asking for a continuation to the next meeting on April 27. Blue Water is finishing up their work with the Planning Board. A maintenance plan for the storm water was received and will be distributed at the next meeting and any outstanding issues and questions will be addressed at the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

A motion to continue was made for April 27 which was approved and passed unanimously.

**106 Millville Road** – An update to discuss the work done after the location of the dirt piles were altered and get a hydroseeding status. Online neighbors were in attendance and one stated that the hydroseeding has not been done yet, but it is a huge improvement on what was there before. It was discussed by the committee that the

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hydroseeding will happen around April 15<sup>th</sup>. A neighbor stated that the slope is much better, grass is there and the erosion much improved however, vegetation is needed on it before it washes away. A motion to continue was made for April 27<sup>th</sup> which was approved and passed unanimously.

**101 Blackstone Street** – Mark Allen and John Scanlon of Allen Engineering, presenting a NOI for Mark and Kelly Laplante to build a single-family home on 101 Blackstone Street. Mark showed the site design plan and questions from the Committee were asked and answered. Mark said that Mass DEP has not issued a number yet, but this is an introductory meeting. A site walk is planned for Saturday, April 22. Updates to the plan were discussed, and Mark stated that he would have the updated plan for the next meeting. A motion to continue was made for April 27 which was approved and passed unanimously.

### **Closed Public Hearings**

**23 Cape Road** – The discussion continued regarding the storm water runoff and update on plans to make mediation work to ensure that storm water from future events does not silk the adjacent wetlands. Mike Deane of D&L Design Group representing Gold Metal Property and Abreham Jriej owner of 23 Cape Road were in attendance. Plans of the property were handed out and shown on screen and discussed. Questions were asked by the Committee and answered by Mike and Abe. Mike said that the plans shown will solve the immediate problem and will be a temporary fix. Abe will contact someone to execute the proposed plan. The expectation is that this will solve the immediate problem with silt runoff into the wetlands that is impacting the abutters. Abe will continue with the work for the proposed plan presented.

Karen Friedman asked if anyone will be monitoring the current owner to make sure the remediation project goes forward. The Conservation Committee said that the expectation is that the owner is calling someone tomorrow to begin the excavation work. The excavation work is outside of the buffer zone. As the work is completed according to the plans, there should be no further storm water running into the wetlands. The Committee will monitor the work to ensure the fix will work. Karen asked if there was going to be any attempt at restoration of the wetlands. The Committee answered that once the immediate problem is solved by the excavation work discussed tonight, and there are no further siltation or stormwater events, it will be determined if it would be beneficial for future work to restore the wetlands. Karen asked if there is any further thought of a peer review by a wetland scientist on the impact of the entire project on these resource areas? The Committee said that now that we have a presentation from Abe about what is going to be done, the Committee will reach out to Connor Downey from Blue Water and ask him to meet in 2 weeks to make sure he is able to have a discussion about this temporary fix and how it will be incorporated into Blue Waters long term fix. At that time, we will see if people on the commission want to have a peer review on what their final proposal is.

AJ Charboneau from 14 Talbot Drive discussed how the wetlands area has shifted. The discussion included if the Conservation commission should engage with upstream property owners.

**80 Uxbridge Road** – Property owner Mr. Shea, attended online, regarding a retaining wall replacement. The wall is at the lake's edge but not in the water. The retaining wall is failing and falling over. The work would be to replace the existing retaining wall, put new blocks in and take old ones out. The property owner is hiring Shawns Landscaping to do the work. Committee said that he should file a Notice of Intent, which property owner will do. The work may be scheduled for some time in May or June.

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**85 Millville Road** – Anne Mazar discussed Meadowbrook Uplands and that the homeowners are encroaching on the open space. In the past, the Conservation Commission sent two letters and spoke with the homeowner in person regarding this matter. There was a previous letter sent, dated 12/10/2020, which was shown at the meeting. Peter will write a new letter. The Conservation Commission will review the letter, add their signatures and send it out to the homeowners.

**106 Nipmuc Road** – Discussion about work being done on the property.

**2 Nipmuc Road** – Opportunity for status update to ensure OOC is being followed.

**31 Hartford Ave W** – Continue with Kathryn Hackenson to generate appropriate paperwork needed to clear title.

ConCom finances were discussed. Chair Carl asked if a locked filing drawer in the other building was opened as there may be live checks in it. At this time, it is not open.

The status of the new clerk was discussed. Chair Carl will attend the next Board of Selectman meeting to discuss the Lake Nipmuc Task Force and will reach out to HR personnel.

A suggestion from a Committee member was made to get keys to the buildings.

Motion to adjourn made by Peter seconded by Susan, passed unanimously, 8:35pm.