

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for Meeting: 8/22/2022

Town Hall, Second Floor Large Conference Room

East Bridgewater on Monday August 22nd, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Members Present: Claire Yocum (CY), Paul Gallant (PG), Steven Sears (SS), Amanda Freda (AF), Sam Malafronte (SM)

Also Present: Alex Welch, Conservation Agent (AW)

Open Meeting:

- **5 Sully's Lane – Joe Kulle – Discussion**

- Discussion was had about the nature of the usage of bond funds for the work still needing to be completed. The Commission stated that the funds were to be released in the appropriate amounts upon work completed and receipts provided to the new homeowner/whoever performed the work/pays for it to cover the costs associated with the removal the erosion control measures in the swale (stakes, plastic barrier, and haybales), as they are not permanent stabilization and are considered trash, and the abutter-side of the swale would need some level of landscaping/reconstruction as the haybales that constituted that side of the swale are decomposing and were not to be permanent. The Commission stated that who would perform the work is a civil matter to be worked out between Mr. Kulle and the homeowners.

Hearings:

112 Winter St. – David Offutt – Collins Eng. – Septic Upgrade – NOI – MA DEP# 148-1615

Commission had ground water concerns as the tanks were in the water table. The tanks are to be sealed and meet Board of Health requirements. There was also some discussion about the site being a filled wetland. It was determined it more than likely is, but it likely occurred in the 1950s or 1960s. The Commission added a special condition that the dumping on site in the wetland area be marked by the agent for removal prior to any construction starting and that these areas are to have ECBs located around them to prevent further damage to the wetland area.

SM/PG motioned to close the hearing and issue an OOC for 112 Winter St. In Favor – Unanimous

318/358 W. Union St. Gregg Heger – Subdivision – NOI – MA DEP# 148-1605

Applicant's project is under review by planning board and the town's engineering consultant. The Commission would like those reviews to be completed prior to closing the NOI hearing in the event designs change per the reviews.

AF/SM motioned to continue the meeting to the 9/12/2022 meeting. In Favor – Unanimous

0 Pond St. – Town of East Bridgewater/DPW – Culvert Fix – NOI – MA DEP# 148-1608

The engineer for this project is working on providing more information to the Commission regarding bank delineation, mean annual high water table delineation, and additional impacts such as MESA, Army Corp, and 401 Water Quality reviews.

PG/SS motioned to continue the meeting to the 9/12/2022 meeting. In Favor – Unanimous

Action Items

- **515 N. Central St – COC Request**

The site was done in compliance to the approved plan except for the installation of conservation markers. It appears upon inspection no markers were installed as required in the approved plan.

SS/PG motioned to deny the COC request until markers are installed, inspected by the agent and pictures shown to the commission at a later hearing. In Favor – Unanimous.

- **Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission Yearly Dues – Payment \$563.00**

SS/PG motioned to approve payment of MACC Yearly Dues. In Favor – Unanimous

- **369 W. Union St. – MA DEP# 148-1485**

SM/PG motioned to re-sign OOC and uphold the original motion taken as original copy was lost. In Favor - Unanimous

- **126 Summer St. – MA DEP# 148-1540**

SS/PG motioned to issue a COC for the construction of a single-family home at 126 Summer St. In Favor – Unanimous

Discussions:

- **Abutter to Harvard St. Culvert/ Beaver Concern**
 - The Commission stated that Beavers are a pest, and therefore under the purview of Board of Health and at this time do not have any issue with the area and its condition.
- **Emery Lane work**
 - Homeowner (Kenneth Allen) at 8 Emery Lane would like to perform some light debris removal from area around old man-made irrigation pond, fence the area to prevent access from trespassers and plant some area around it with some native blueberry species. The Commission stated that a simple letter should be signed by Mr. Allen to allow commissioners or agent(s) to enter the property for review.
- **4 Lilac Place – Ongoing wetland violation**
 - The Conservation Commission discussed and determined that a full restoration of the original wetland line found in previous as built documentation for the home is necessary and to send a final letter with the assistance of town legal counsel giving the homeowner 45 days of the receipt of the letter to file a restoration plan showing a complete restoration of the filled area. The Commission restated that the level of restoration found in previously provided plans in August of 2021 was not adequate, as only a small percentage of the area was being proposed by the owner to be restored. It was noted that the homeowner also signed a covenant with the town when permitting occurred for the home to protect the wetlands. The Commission and the agent(s) had conducted conversations and/or site visits on multiple occasions resulting in no movement on greater restoration being proposed by the homeowner.

SS/PG motioned to issue a letter to the owner(s) of 4 Lilac Place requesting full restoration of the original wetland line found in original as built filing documentation regarding the construction of the home. In Favor – Unanimous

Adjournment: SS/AF motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15PM. In Favor - Unanimous