

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for Meeting: 9/12/2022

Town Hall, Second Floor Large Conference Room

East Bridgewater on Monday September 12th, 2022, at 6:30PM.

Members Present: Claire Yocum (CY), Paul Gallant (PG), Steven Sears (SS), Sam Malafronte (SM), Craig Winsor (CW), Elliot Jacobs (EJ)

Also Present: Alex Welch, Conservation Agent (AW)

Open Meeting:

Hearings:

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

Applicant's wetland line review was completed by the consultant LEC Environmental working on behalf of the Commission. BLSF is on-site, but that boundary is not confirmed without the Base Flood Elevation determined and approved by FEMA/. ILSF may be present and a determination should be made prior to any future permit applications for development within this portion of the site.

**CW/SS motioned to close the hearing and issue accurate Order of Resource Area Delineation.
In Favor – Unanimous**

- **0/84 Bridge St.– Eighty-Four Bridge, LLC - Subdivision – NOI – MA DEP# 148-1610**

Applicant's project is under review by Planning Board. The Commission wishes for the review being held under Planning Board by the Town consultant, Environmental Partners, be completed prior to issuance of a decision in the event the engineering design changes.

SM/PG motioned to continue the hearing to the 9/26/2022 meeting. In Favor – Unanimous

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

Engineer is still working on completing revisions/ reviews under NHESP.

PG/SS motioned to continue the hearing to the 9/26/2022 meeting. In Favor - Unanimous

- **848-906 N. Bedford St. – JSC Holdings – ANRAD – MA DEP# 148-1614**

Wetland line review is underway with LEC Environmental working on behalf of the Conservation Commission in reviewing the proposed wetland line for acceptance.

SS/EJ motioned to continue the hearing to the 9/26/2022 meeting. In Favor - Unanimous

- **West/South 906 N. Bedford St. – Town of East Bridgewater (DPW) – ANRAD – MA DEP# 148-1613**

Wetland line review is underway with LEC Environmental working on behalf of the Conservation Commission in reviewing the proposed wetland line for acceptance.

PG/EJ motioned to continue the hearing to the 9/26/2022 meeting. In Favor – Unanimous

- **490 Plymouth St. – Wetland Violation Discussion**

Homeowner Danielle Capello attended the hearing with her partner to discuss the existing shed that was built in a wetland directly behind the existing home. The Commission inquired about the plans to remove the shed and restore the area. The homeowner stated that she was looking to move off the property and would like to take the shed with them if able. The other option discussed was moving the shed elsewhere on the property out of the wetlands. Discussion was had about the possibility of moving the shed forward towards the home or to move it to the right of the property in a spot where currently there is grass, and a trampoline located. It was also discussed how conservation markers which were installed by the last owner were no longer in existence other than in a few locations along the property. The homeowner understands that they will need to put those markers back in place. They stated they were not in existence when they moved to the property. The Commission tasked the agent with flagging the locations of the missing conservation markers for the homeowners so they know where to reinstall the markers, to mark an area where the shed should be moved to and to inquire with the building department about the feasibility of moving the shed forward towards the house and if that would create any issues pertaining to zoning/building. The Commission discussed that setting a final deadline for removal/restoration would be determined after the options were researched by the agent.

SS/EJ motioned to continue the hearing to the 9/26/2022 meeting. In Favor – Unanimous

- **Harvard St. – Culvert/Beaver Discussion**

Brian Kendrew of 504 Harvard St. submitted an inquiry to the Conservation Commission about the state of the abutting swamp and culvert. The culvert has device which allows beaver the ability to partially dam the area in front of the culvert, but not the culvert itself. Mr. Kendrew is concerned that the flooding the area is seeing is inappropriate, and he believes the device may be too high, causing the flooding of the area. Alternatives discussed were trapping the Beavers, which would be at the discretion of the Board of Health or, having Beaver Solutions (the company that installed the device) inspect the device at their next inspection to determine if it is working as expected and determine if the device could/should be lowered, and if so, would the culvert be negatively impacted. Rob Kenn from DPW offered to contact Beaver Solutions about setting up a date to inspect the structure. Mr. Kendrew appreciated that and asked to be included in updates regarding his inquiry.

- **4 Lilac Place – Wetland Violation Discussion**

The homeowners of 4 Lilac Place were sent a certified letter from the Commission outlining complete restoration of the filled wetlands on the property. The homeowners contacted the Conservation Agent, and after a discussion asked if the Commission would hold a special meeting to speak about the violation and present their revised plan. Upon review of the plan by the agent, it appeared that the restoration to the filled area proposed did not increase based off the original plan. The Commission stated that they did not want to hold a special meeting as they have taken the time to speak with the homeowners on a handful of occasions with little movement in terms of greater restoration being proposed after such discussions. The Commission was adamant in keeping to the terms set forth in the most recent certified letter.

Action Items:

- **7/25/2022 Minutes Approval – PG/EJ motioned to approve. SS/CY abstained. In Favor – Majority**
- **8/8/2022 Minutes Approval – PG/EJ motioned to approve. SM abstained. In Favor – Majority**
- **8/22/2022 Minutes Approval – SS/SM motioned to approve. EJ/CW abstained. In Favor – Majority**
- **Happy Frog Invoice – Name plate for Clerk – PG/SS motioned to approve the invoice in the amount of \$39.00. In Favor – Unanimous**
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Adjournment: EJ/SS motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. In Favor - Unanimous