



Medfield Conservation Commission

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PUBLIC MEETING

Zoom

Minutes of Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 7:00pm

Members Present: Chair Michael Perloff, Deborah Bero, Mary McCarthy, Kirsten Poler, George Darrell, Bobby Kennedy

Members Absent: Cat Scott

Staff Present: Conservation Agent, Dave Henkels; Town Planner, Sarah Raposa

Others Present: Christine McCue Potts, Devin Herrick, Ray Richards, John Thompson, Jen Richards, Oleg Kotov, Heather Miller, Josh Hasenfus, MarieC, Alec Stevens, Susan Ruch, Lori Anderson, Kenneth Sanderson, Mike Francis, Rebecca Mauser-Hoye, sue, D.A. Hayden, Bill Massaro

At approximately 7:00pm, Chair Deb Bero called the Conservation Commission meeting to order and performed a roll call for attendance.

Notice of Intent/Applicant Joanne Delapa/Address 26-30 Millbrook Road/Project construction of a singlefamily dwelling. This filing is made pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. Continued from January 20, 2022. DEP # 214-0690

McCarthy made a motion to continue at the applicant's request to March 3, 2022. Seconded by Darrell. Roll Call Vote: Michael Perloff = aye, Mary McCarthy = aye, Kirsten Poler = aye, George Darrell = aye, Bobby Kennedy = aye, Deborah Bero = aye, Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

Notice of Intent/Applicant Scott Colwell/Address Elm Street Parcel 33-087 (between house # 40 and # 46 on Elm St.) Project construction of a single-family home. This filing is made under the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Medfield Wetlands Bylaw. Continued from January 20, 2022. DEP # 214-0691

McCarthy made a motion to continue at the applicant's request to March 17, 2022. Seconded by Darrell. Roll Call Vote: Michael Perloff = aye, Mary McCarthy = aye, Kirsten Poler = aye, George Darrell = aye, Bobby Kennedy = aye, Deborah Bero = aye, Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

Poler is recused from the following hearing as she is on the Board of TTOR

Request for Determination of Applicability/Applicant John Hasenfus/Address 38 Hartford Street Parcel 001 Project is the installation of water line. This filing is made pursuant to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act and the Medfield Wetlands Bylaw.

John Hasenfus, D.A. Hayden, and Mike Francis were present representing the Trustees of Reservations. Hasenfus presented the application to install a municipal water line in detail using the application as a guide. Commissioners discussed the site, site walk, wetlands area, groundwater mitigation/use of clay dams, replanting plan (composition and survival rate and climate resilience plantings), dewatering detail, erosion control (salt hay), project engineer is OHI Engineering in Mansfield. Henkels summarized his review of the project. Bero summarized potential conditions.

McCarthy made a motion to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with conditions.

Seconded by Kennedy. Roll Call Vote: Michael Perloff = aye, Mary McCarthy = aye, George Darrell = aye, Bobby Kennedy = aye, Deborah Bero = aye, Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 5-0. (*Kirsten Poler = recused*)
Poler returned to the Commission

Kennedy reminded the TTOR folks that it is time to check their beaver deceivers.

Amended Order of Conditions/Applicant James A. Stevens/Address 86 Philip Street, Medfield, MA. Parcel 010/ Request to remove trees and minor repairs on existing structures. DEP #214-0671

Applicant “Alec” Stevens summarized and history of the property: 2019 NOI for removal of trees (removed in 2020 and additional trees as needed ie Norway Maple, additional maple, two ash trees) for dam safety), nuisance weed pond treatment (treatment in 2021and ongoing), and structural repairs as needed to the two mill outbuildings over the dam (no repairs yet, but anticipates roof and side shingle, sheathing, brickwork, and repointing stonework on the dam). He further summarized the process of the Dam Safety Assessment process (to be completed by Pare in Spring 2020) and anticipated work to be performed. Commissioners commended Stevens’ commitment to the ecology of the site. Perloff noted the placement of equipment and storage of materials. McCarthy queried the original OOC re structure repairs. Bero indicated this application is covered by the original NOI as the OOC didn’t specify particular trees so these proposed trees are covered. Henkels noted the current OOC expires Feb 2023. Discussion of extension (to be made for additional extensions; Henkels to verify requirements (in writing, length of extension(s), cap of extensions, bylaw issues). Additional amendments may be required by the Pare report. No action is necessary by the Commission at this time.

Administration

Presentation: Medfield State Hospital Invasive Species Management Plan/ Weston and Sampson (W&S) Devin Herrick (Wetland Scientist, W&S), Susan Ruch (Director of Environmental Services, DCAMM), Rebecca Mauser-Hoye (Project Manager, W&S) Herrick provide background on the project and noted the invasive species observations (purple loosestrife, phragmites, reed canary grass and described the proposed management plan for each species. She described hand pulling, cut and wipe treatment, herbicide chemical treatments. Seeking approval under condition #82 of the current OOC (perpetuity). She discussed organic herbicides as not suitable for killing these plants. Commission discussion. Herrick confirmed they are only managing invasives within the two specified 10x10’ plots, except a patch of phragmites nearing the monitoring plots. Perloff asked about the purple loosestrife beetle control. Herrick indicated that the purple loosestrife is only individual stems not stands. No potential invasives have been observed. Perloff proposed the monitoring condition. Herrick further described the science of the chemical breakdown and removal processes.

Bero notes that the two main issues are 1) science and 2) procedural. McCarthy requested clarification from Herrick on the monitoring plots. The monitoring condition for a peer review consultant was further discussed and recommended by Bero. She also noted that the OOC is expired and no one had requested an extension, the monitoring that was required by the order conditions was not performed in timely fashion, and the goal of achieving a Certificate of Compliance is also untimely.

Mauser-Hoye spoke to CEI’s involvement in 2014-2015 for construction and a period of monitoring. It was unclear to her what happened to CEI and the rest of the monitoring, other than substantial DCAMM staff turnover. Ruch confirmed the personnel changes and noted DCAMM seeks to be a good partner going forward. Bero read the language of Condition #37 into the record

and noted the turnover was about the time of the lapse in monitoring reports. She reiterated that CEI's expertise is necessary to evaluate the science of the herbicide because the original OOC was explicit that no herbicides were to be used.

Ruch proposed that they come back for another meeting more prepared to discuss the issue with DCAMM and CEI if the Commission consents. Commission agrees. Henkels noted that his concerns are better addressed.

John Thompson, Chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee, summarized his concerns about the site, monitoring and maintenance plan, chemicals, well #6, migratory bird pattern, dog walking area, surface water concerns, generally sensitive environmental which lead to the original conditions. He believes a new NOI should be submitted.

Ruch will return with more information and noted the movie production might have contributed to the confusion. Thompson agreed that there was a break in maintenance during that summer for a particular movie scene and noted that was also when John O'Donnell left DCAMM. Bero suggested that if decisions are being made that affect the Commission's decisions that they be consulted. No Commission action required at this time.

Question	Asker Name
For now I would just point out that the area is within the zone 2 of the main town well and potentially productive aquifer--- consultant input would seem to me to be of significant importance	Bill Massaro
No questions from me, but just appreciation to ConComm members for their own input, and especially Deb Bero's remarks. Thank you. Chris Potts, 7 Curve St.	Christine McCue Potts
Thank you, I available to answer any question or provide background	Bill Massaro

Noon Hill Flags New England Orienteering Club – Scheduled for April 14th – 26th. Henkels to facilitate the Town Use Permitting Form, licensing, insurance, management/trash, and public safety issues. To come back before the Commission when the form is ready. Bero confirmed from the Commission is amenable to the concept of orienteering and it seems more organized this year.

Commission Protocols and Procedures – Special Meeting on February 24, 2022 with Cerel:

- Mullin Rule / attendance at continued hearings
- Signing of documents.
- Distribution of documents prior to them being signed
- Procedures for re-opening long-continued hearings
- Minutes tabled from this meeting:
 - October 21, 2021
 - January 6, 2022
 - January 20, 2022
 - January 18, 2018
 - February 1, 2018
 - February 15, 2018
 - March 15, 2018

Commission Updates – Commissioners should sign-up for MACC a submit receipts for reimbursement for registrations &/or manuals.

Adjournment – At approximately 9:30 pm, Kennedy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Poler seconded. Roll Call Vote: Michael Perloff = aye, Mary McCarthy = aye, Kirsten Poler = aye, George Darrell = aye, Bobby Kennedy = aye, Deborah Bero = aye, Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Raposa, Town Planner