

Hopedale Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2022

Call to Order: 1:15 pm by Becca Solomon
Special Meeting held virtually via Zoom.

Attendees on Zoom:

Becca Solomon, Dave Guglielmi, Marcia Matthews.

Debora Anderson, Wetlands Scientist; Will Siskowitz, MACA Industries; Ron Tiberi, P.E.

Notice of Intent

2 Condon Way is an industrial park off Plain Street, a vegetated wetland bordering a sand and gravel pit where applicant intends to build a 32,000 square foot cultivation facility. They have agreed to perform wetland replication. There is a drainage easement and conservation restriction on a corner of the property near the Mill River. A digital as-built plan was received. Planning and Zoning have approved. A zoning vote to change the bylaw passed at Town Meeting May 22, 2021, greenlighting this facility.

Regarding wetland replication, Dave asked them to specify survivability. Debbie Anderson said two years, 75%, with a monitoring report after the first and second growing season. Dave noted to mention that in the Order of Conditions.

Other conditions will specify that the conservation restriction and drainage easement cannot be impeded by construction. A permanent underground stormwater treatment device must be installed.

Will Siskowitz said they have an operation and maintenance plan. Ron Tiberi reiterated that they will include a long-term plan.

Dave said that on the site visit, Conservation members talked about preserving a 60-foot deep tree buffer in its present, natural condition.

Will Siskowitz agreed that there would be no construction in there.

Ron Tiberi said the frontage is 152 feet long.

Becca specified that in their erosion control, no straw or hay could be used. Mulch, compost, or coconut husks could be used in socks.

Dave said as long as they adhere to standards in the stormwater report and clearly mark the areas to be avoided. Will Siskowitz agreed to mark those areas. Becca said the CR, Conservation Restriction, will be flagged. The applicant agreed that the restrictions are reasonable and fair.

Becca said the OOC will be written in the next two weeks and sent to their attorney.

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The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

The Commission's next meeting will be January 18, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Agenda will be posted per standard posting requirements. Agenda will include call-in/Zoom meeting information.