

Hopedale Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 16, 2022

Call to Order: 6 pm by Becca Solomon

Meeting held hybrid in person and virtual via Zoom. A quorum was present at Town Hall.

Attendees:

Becca Solomon, Dave Guglielmi, Marcia Matthews.

Michael Milanoski, Grafton Upton Railroad.

Attendees on Zoom:

Bruce Haskell, Langdon Environmental.

**Announcements**

Our region is in a Critical Drought Status Level 3.

Clarification regarding 364 West Street. Becca and Dave expressed concern about lead contamination from old, deteriorating shotgun shells in the clearing observed on Sept 16, 2021.

**Request for Amended Order of Conditions**

**228 South Main Street.** Bruce Haskell requested amended OOC for Landfill Closure Cap Design. Grass path and stormwater basins approved for permits by Mass. DEP. Langdon wanted to change the grass cap to synthetic Closure Turf (nonpermeable) so the plan would have added a third stormwater basin. They decided to forego due to delays, and returned to grass cap. He estimates two months till completion in late September-October. The grass cap will be conventional, like most landfills in Massachusetts: 6" subgrade fill topped by 12" topsoil. The seed mix will be mostly native. Conditional approval pending by section chief at Mass. DEP. If anything changes the Commission could have another meeting. The Commission stipulated as a special condition any riverfront planting will be native grass. The amended OOC passed unanimously.

**Emergency Certification for a Well**

**208 Freedom Street.** The well belonging to Michael and Patricia Hill has gone dry. Plans have been provided. The motion passed unanimously.

**General Business**

Regarding the 364 West Street Litigation, Becca reported the railroad has taken no action on the enforcement order.

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Michael Milanoski said they had an oil spill from a hydraulic line near the glass recycling plant. They will clean it up.

An Eagle Scout has volunteered to plant trees near Hopedale Pond. The limited project will include willow, red maple, and river birch.

Dave said health agent Bill Fisher is leaving the service of Hopedale. The Commission honored his years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm. Next regular meeting is September 20, 2022 at 6 pm.

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