

Hopedale Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 19, 2021

Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Becca Solomon
Meeting held virtually via Zoom.

Attendees on Zoom:

Becca Solomon, Dave Guglielmi.

Walter Swift, Swift Creative Landscaping; Kevin; Doug Hartnett, Highpoint Engineering; Andrea Kendall, LLC, Langdon Environmental.

Meeting Minutes Approval. Minutes of 20 July, 17 August, 28 September pending.

Notice of Intent

75 Plain Street, former Rosenfeld property. NOI received, waiting on Zoning approval and peer review on stormwater. Applicant needs Order of Conditions. Redevelopment of Rosenfeld Concrete site into a warehouse facility. Received DEP file number. Per Kevin (?), client couldn't attend due to a schedule conflict. They have a meeting scheduled regarding special permit from ZBA. Expecting peer review early November, will distribute to Planning and Conservation. Three release areas on the property. Interviewing Rosenfeld regarding their field work and if there is any run-off of hazardous materials. They will submit a memorandum regarding management plans and strategies Plan for wildflower restoration areas and robust planting schedule being reviewed. Meeting with Tim Watson following day. Requested a continuance. Dave asked if contamination issue settled per DEP. Kevin said there may be another area to be disclosed once they get all data. Hearing continued until ZBA and W&S report back to the Conservation Commission. Applicant will give an update at November meeting.

Restoration Plan

6 Patrick Road, in response to cease-and-desist order after cutting of 14 trees in conservation land. Walter Swift recommended replanting the land with 14 two-inch caliper *acer rubrum* red maples, and/or oak, birch, and white pine, and have a monitoring program. Existing plants of invasive species such as Norway maple, Japanese barberry, and burning bush are grandfathered-in but need to be monitored. Walter Swift recommended bare-root planting this Fall so they establish better. Dave moved that they come to an agreement tonight. Becca asked for specific conditions. Dave said they should put a clause into the agreement, 14 for 14, survivability of five years. Walter Swift expressed concern over disease or insect infestation. Dave said the guarantee would be on the homeowner. Walter Swift said they will need some watering until the ground freezes. Becca said five years seems too long for all 14 to survive. After one year, if any trees don't survive, they will be replaced. In Order of Conditions, three quarters (ten) should survive to the fifth growing season, or further trees may be requested. Homeowner will be responsible for watering twice a week for four weeks after initial planting. He and Walter Swift will be responsible for following up with a report at end of first growing season and fifth growing season. Dave said additional status reports can be requested at our discretion. Restoration plan accepted in Order of Conditions.

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Committee Business

ADA assessment of conservation plan. Conservation Commission will have to walk the conservation land since they are listed as public access. Open space survey is on-line. Recreation Ad Hoc committee continued. Dave said we need administrative help and Becca said she would follow up.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m. The Commission's next meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 6 p.m.

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