

Meeting Date: July 20, 2021 Tuesday

Meeting came to order: 6:00 P.M.

Conservation Commission Attendance: Becca Solomon (Chair, Dave Guglielmi, Marcia Matthews (absent)

-Commission Deferred on approving June 15, 2021 meeting minutes

-Determination of Applicability

Continuation of a previous public hearing. The commission had previous concerns about applicant's (Grafton-Upton Rail Road) proposal to use herbicides in certain areas adjacent to the resource areas and wetlands along their track right of way.

The commission was specifically concerned about a small pond located within the Parklands near the Freedom Street entrance.

Tom Lewis, Consulting Engineer for the applicant explained that although this area is near the tracks it is beyond the ten foot spraying limit of the equipment. A subsequent discussion involved the "Yearly Operational Plan" and the missed opportunity for public comment.

Mr. Lewis informed the Commission that this area and the locations within the "Zone 2" restricted area are treated every other year. It is apparent from Mr. Lewis' information that the areas of concern will be proposed next year and not this current year. The Commission voiced a significant interest in these areas and will renew the discussion next year.

The Commission unanimously voted to issue a positive determination for item 2 on the request and a negative determination on items 3 & 5). Request for Applicability concerning the proposed work.

- Certificate of Compliance, 4 Country Club Lane

The Commission reviewed the work completed by the homeowner and has informed the property owner that the public hearing regarding the a Request for a Certificate of Compliance be continued until such time as the work, specified by the Commission be completed in its entirety.

Commission voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

- Certificate of Compliance, 9 Haven Way

The Commission determined (upon a site visit) that the observed work has occurred outside the extent of the wetlands and its buffer zone. As the work, although not included within the original Order of Conditions is not within the buffer-zone. The Commission unanimously voted to issue a Certificate of Compliance upon receipt of the required "As-Built Plan"

-Notice of Intent, 2 Condon Way

Continuation of a previous public hearing. The Commission continues to have concern of the lack of a signed approval for the septic system. The Commission discussed the importance of maintaining the sixty feet buffer area in between Plain Street and the replicated wetland area.

The Commission has concerns regarding the required (Cannabis Control Commission) security fence and the proximity to the "Conservation Restriction" the established buffer zone, and the established "Drainage Easement". Updated plans have not (as of this meeting date) been received by the Commission. The Commission reiterated the importance of a Board & the Zoning Board of Appeals to close their hearing prior to the closing of this hearing.

The Commission voted unanimously to continue this public hearing (with the consent of the applicant).

-Restoration of Conservation Lane, 6 Patrick Road

This matter is a continuation of previous discussions. The home Owner was not present at this meeting. The Commission unanimously voted to continue this matter for a latter discussion at a date and time when all involved parties can be present.

- Committee Business

Continued discussion concerning the request for a Conservation Commission member to join the Ad Hoc Committee. The Commission is requiring more information in order for an informed decision to be made. The Commission unanimously voted to continue this matter to a date to be determined

-Non Agenda Items

-Robert Duff (Guerriere & Hanlon) requested to speak regarding 4 Forrest Path. He suggested to the Commission that a Request for a Determination of Applicability be filed on the property, and that the Commission issue a negative determination. The Commission during a subsequent discussion believed that the filing of a Request for Determination of Applicability was not advisable. The Commission was concerned about setting precedent for future requests for Certificates of Compliances. The Commission also noted that the matter was voted and denied at a past meeting.

-The Commission announced that due to religious considerations the regular September meeting has been rescheduled to September 28, 2021.

- The Commission unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 P.M.