

Minutes of the Meeting for the Halifax Conservation Commission February 8, 2022

Present at the Meeting: Kathy Evans, Edward Lane, Chris Hadorn, Colleen Fiumara & Kimberley King-Cavicchi.

The Conservation Commission meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Chair Evans.

7:00pm: 416-434 Plymouth St.: Discussion on moving wells closer to wetlands: Ken Goddard

- Mr. Ken Goddard was present via Zoom. Mr. Goddard stated that an IRA report was submitted prior to this evening's discussion showing that the site demonstrated levels that were above the clean-up criteria from DEP. Five wells were put in about 1.5 - 2 years ago and they would like to put in two additional, deeper wells to be sure that all of the constituents of concern are making it into the wells. One of the deeper wells will be located closer to the wetland line than any of the others; approximately 12' off of the actual line (shown in the report as well 7D). The second well will be placed up closer to the buildings (shown in the report as well 8D). Chair Evans asked if it could be done by staying out of the 50' buffer. Mr. Goddard replied that there are already wells within the 50' buffer; they would like to try to put one down gradient to see if there is any issue with it going off site. King asked if it was an area with endangered or species of concern on that property. Mr. Goddard said the flagging was completed in June of 2019 and at that time, it didn't bring anything of concern up. The study is within three years, so it is still valid. Chair Evans is concerned about the 50' No Touch and is pretty sure this is an area that was already disturbed and cleared more than was allowed. Chair Evans asked that an RDA be submitted and get on the agenda for a meeting in the near future. The board would like 2 members to view the site before the RDA hearing. Member King-Cavicchi and Co-Chair Lane will visit the site on Monday 2/14 at 9:00am.
- Before moving to the 7:10 discussion, a resident was in attendance regarding a partial release for 301 Wood St. Chair Evans said that a partial COC was discussed at a previous meeting and just needed to be signed. All members in attendance signed the Partial COC for 301 Wood St. and a copy was given to the resident in attendance.

7:10pm: River St. Agricultural: Presentation on Solar Project

- Chair Evans asked Member King-Cavicchi if it was possible to take the 7:20pm Stormwater discussion prior to the 7:10 Solar Project presentation as it was already 7:30pm. King-Cavicchi agreed.
- After the Stormwater discussion concluded at 8:30p.m., Chair Evans asked Member King-Cavicchi if she would like to give the Solar Project presentation before or after Executive Session. Member King-Cavicchi said she is fine with doing it after as it will be at the most a 3-minute-long presentation.

7:20pm: Storm Water Management Discussion/Updates:

- Chair Evans opened the discussion at 7:30p.m. Cambria and Ms. Sara Melvin were in attendance via Zoom to discuss the updates to the Stormwater Bylaws. Cambria suggested having Chair Evans bring the bylaw updates to the Board of Selectmen if Health Agent Valery is not able to. Chair Evans agreed. Cambria will revise the public hearing date of 2/22 for the regulations changes and have it submitted to the newspaper to run on 2/18 for two weeks. A public hearing to change the regulations will take place on 3/8. Ms. Melvin said the changes to the regulations are minimal and reflect the changes in the Bylaw if it gets passed at the Town Meeting in May. At the public hearing, the regulations would need to be approved pending the actual bylaw approval in May.
 1. Section 4 – Applicability has been updated to include disturbed one acre or more, disturbed 50 sq ft or more of land in the Monponsett Pond Watershed or result in land application of biosolids.
 2. Section 6 - Permits and Procedures – Details added for Minor Stormwater Management Permits and Biosolids Permits.
 3. Fee Structure – added fees for Minor Stormwater Management Permits and Biosolids Permits. \$25 for Minor permits and \$25 for any Biosolids permits.
 4. Administration – Conservation Commission is the Stormwater Authority for the Town of Halifax. No delegation to an additional Agent for authority needed.
 5. Other Boards – Currently, submission is required to multiple boards by both an electronic and a hard copy to each. Change to (2) hard copies and (1) electronic copy to the Conservation Commission only, electronic copies only to all other boards listed. Remove BOS, ZBA, and Water Department from the existing distribution list.

Revised regulations will be sent by Cambria along with an updated public hearing notice for publication in the Halifax Reporter.

7:30pm: Executive Session:

A motion was made to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:30p.m.

Motion: Edward Lane

Second: Kim King-Cavicchi

ALL IN FAVOR

Discussions/Actions to be taken:

- None

Review Interoffice Mail: *(Looking for any comments, questions, or concerns the Conservation Commissions might have on this property/project)*

- None discussed.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- None to approve.

Bills:

- None to approve.

Permits:

- N/A

Mail received:

- N/A

Open Comments:

- None

8:30 p.m. – Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session and not return to regular session:

Motion: Kim King - Cavicchi

Second: Edward Lane

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Respectfully typed and submitted by:

Kendra Kelly for the
Conservation Commission

Approved Date: 5/9/23

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Kathy Evans

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Edward Lane

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Kimberley King-Cavicchi

Next Meeting: February 22, 2022.