



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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Paul Byrne, Chair

Joseph Rodrigues

Emilie Wilder

David Mercer, Vice Chair

Brandon Parker

Jason Weksner

Heidi Graf

Meeting Minutes December 5, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by chair Paul Byrne

Roll Call: Paul Byrne, David Mercer, Joe Rodrigues, Brandon Parker, Emilie Wilder, Jason Weksner, Heidi Graf, Jimmy Martin (Asst Commissioner), Paul Osborne (Asst Commissioner)

Staff: Pam Helinek (Conservation Agent)

Public Hearings

77 Cherry Street, continued NOI, 190-0635

Present: Adam Hopkins, Hudson Light & Power

Documents:

- Stormwater Report In Support of Permit Site Plan for 77 Cherry Street, Hudson, MA; prepared by Hancock Associates; dated 11/14/19; revised pages 11 and 12, Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan

The applicant submitted a revised Stormwater Report with updated Stormwater Operation and Maintenance Plan. Paul Byrne noted that the plan cites PLM Electric Power Engineering as property owner and responsible party where it should be Hudson Light and Power. Brandon noted that the Stormwater Management Compliance Documentation, Standard 10 is missing a required signature. Adam Hopkins agreed to correct the document, provide a new date or revision number, and sign Standard 10 in the new document.

Joe Rodrigues asked if there was a leak detection alarm on the tanks. Adam Hopkins said there were alarms for both walls of the double walled tanks and that the facility was manned 24-7.

Paul Byrne moved to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions, contingent upon the revised Stormwater Report being received and approved by the Conservation Agent. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 6-0-1.

Pheasant Road and Kattail Road: River View Estates, continued NOI, 190-06xx

The applicant has withdrawn the application without having submitted to DEP, due to turnover in the Commission. They will resubmit for 1/16/2020.

Administrative Business

Minutes: Paul Byrne moved to approve the minutes from November 21, 2019. Second by Emilie Wilder, vote 7-0-0

COC Request – 425 Main Street, 190-0602

Pam Helinek performed a site inspection and found the project in compliance. Paul Byrne moved to issue a full COC, second by Joe Rodrigues, vote 7-0-0.

Discussion – Boutwell Field Drainage project

Pam Helinek and Recreation Director Steven Santos are submitting an application to CPC for 25% required matching funds for an MVP grant application. The proposed project is to hire a consultant to study the drainage issues at Boutwell Fields and design solutions, using Green Infrastructure where possible. Currently stormwater is pumped to the parking lot, where it flows into the stream and eventually to the Assabet River. Emilie Wilder moved to support the proposed project, second by Jason Weksner, vote 6-0-1.

Discussion – Highland Commons COC, 190-0481

Gene Crouch from VHB is starting the process of obtaining COCs from Hudson and Berlin for the Highland Commons project. The original property owners, engineers and architects are all gone and there are no as-built plans. The new owners would like to have an engineer inspect all construction and only provide plans where there are differences from the approved plans.

Pam Helinek has checked with the Berlin Conservation Commission, and there are still outstanding restoration issues in Berlin. They will have a site visit after the snow melts to determine what work still needs to be done.

Paul Byrne said he wanted particular attention paid to the forebay which failed during construction. Joe Rodrigues asked about a galvanized culvert that should have been removed. Paul Byrne asked about the functioning of the septic system. Pam Helinek will specify that these components must be included in the engineers report, and talk to the Health Department about the septic. Brandon Parker said that the Commission should only accept the reduced as-built plan set if there was less than 10% deviation from the approved plans, to be determined by the Commission. Otherwise a full set of as-built plans would be required. The Commission agreed to this stipulation.

Conservation Commission applicants

Present: Joseph Mullen

The applicant introduced himself to the Commission and answered questions.

Adjournment

Paul Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, second by Brandon Parker, vote 7-0-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.