



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION Pelham, Massachusetts

Minutes for January 10, 2019

PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, Tilman Lukas, David Gross, Meredith Borenstein

ALSO PRESENT: Rick Adamcek, Joe Bianchi

The meeting was brought to order by Chair MacDonald at 7:07 PM.

Joe Bianchi from JDB Consulting Engineers, Inc. discussion of proposed culvert rehabilitation on North Valley Road and the associated draft Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

Mr. Joe Bianchi read a statement describing the planned repair of the culvert on the upper section of North Valley Road. DPW Chief Adamcek was present to supply additional information. A detailed site plan was shown by Mr. Bianchi. The repair aims to replace faulty cracked cap stones in the road crossing substructure with new precast beams. This will be accomplished by removing the road surface and subsurface gravel down to the cracked beams. The new reinforced top slab will be the main bearing member, transferring the load to the side walls. All work will be above the stream bed, down to a level approximately two inches below the current top of the culvert.

There are contingency plans for repair of the wall footings should they prove to be faulty or undermined. Since such work would directly impact the stream bed, a Notice of Intent (NOI) will need to be submitted and approved before the contingency plans can be implemented.

The Commission requested that the two contingency drawings (one on P. 2 and one on P. 5) be extracted from the submitted draft RDA documents and copied onto separate sheets should an NOI be necessary.

Mr. Bianchi was directed to submit three paper copies of the revised RDA to Agent Borenstein and one to the Department of Environmental Protection with the copies reflecting the changes described above. An electronic copy also should be sent to Agent Borenstein. The Commission will hold a public meeting on the revised RDA on the 28th of February. This should provide Agent Borenstein enough time to notify the abutters.

Finance Budget Committee meeting report from Commissioner Lukas

Commissioner Lukas noted that the Finance Committee is putting together the budget for Town Meeting. Chair MacDonald proposed that the Commission request level funding for this year's budget request.

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Review Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from Nov. 29, 2018 were reviewed and discussed. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Gross.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent than the last name "Gross".