



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION Pelham, Massachusetts

Minutes for June 13, 2019

PRESENT: Dana MacDonald, Richard Seelig, Tilman Lukas, Conservation Agent Meredith Borenstein

Chair MacDonald brought the meeting to order at 7:10 PM

The Commission continued the Public Meeting for a Request for Determination of Applicability jointly submitted by the Kestrel Trust and the Town of Pelham for a proposed parking area and trails located at Well-Away Farm Conservation Area on South Valley Road (Map 2 Parcel 56A), Pelham, MA. Conservation Agent Borenstein stated that the meeting was properly advertised in the Daily Hampshire Gazette and posted by the Town Clerk. Commission members discussed the proposed limited activity and possible impact on adjacent wetland buffer zones. Commission member Richard Seelig made motion to include the following conditions as part of the Determination of Applicability:

- All grading and construction to be done during the dry summer season
- Parking area on the east side of the road to be covered with river stone
- Small wetland area on west side of road that has accumulated siltation to be excavated to the depth of the original site and grade.
- Excavated soil to be stockpiled outside of the buffer zone
- All spoils from excavation that are not needed to be removed from site

Motion seconded by Dana MacDonald. Approved unanimously.

Commission Chair made motion to issue a WPA Form 2 under the WPA and town of Pelham Wetlands Protection Bylaw under Section B. Negative Determination, Number 3, The work described in the Request is within a Buffer Zone, as defined in the regulations, but will not alter an Area subject to the protection under the Act. Therefore, said work does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent, subject to the conditions previously approved. Seconded by member Tilman Lukas, approved unanimously. Agent Borenstein will hand deliver the Determination.

Chair MacDonald made a motion to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement for the McClung property on Buffam Road. Pelham Select Board previously signed the Agreement. Member Lukas seconded the motion. Member Seelig agreed to sign the Agreement but with reservations.

Commission members agreed to issue Advisory assessments for 51 Amherst Road and 10 Arnold Road since the work was outside any buffer zone.

Agent Borenstein stated that the Request for Determination submitted for 13 South Valley Road under the Bylaw did not include the required fee so the application is incomplete. Agent Borenstein will notify the applicant.

The next meeting is 6/27/19 at 7PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

Minutes submitted by
Tilman Lukas