



TOWN OF PELHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION Pelham, Massachusetts

Minutes for October 10, 2019

Present: Dana MacDonald, David Gross, Tilman Lukas, Meredith Borenstein, Richard Seelig

Also present: Janice Gifford, Gene Tansey, Michael Barone

The public meeting was brought to order by Chair MacDonald at 7:01 PM.

Public Meeting for a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)

There was discussion of an RDA for a proposed septic system in the buffer zone of an adjacent wetland at 364 Daniel Shays Highway (Map 16 lot 26). The RDA was received on August 6, 2019. The filing fee of \$50 was received. The applicant is Kelvin Kindahl. Cold Spring Environmental (Alan Weiss) did the design and submitted the RDA. The public notice for this meeting was published on Oct. 2, 2019 in the Daily Hampshire Gazette and mailed to abutters.

As no issues were seen based on a site visit taken by several Commission members on September 20 and the one abutter who was present had no concerns with the plan, the Commission determined that the work to be done within the buffer zone posed minimal threat to the wetland. The Commission suggested to the new homeowner, Mr. Barone, that yard waste that was noted to be present at the edge of the wetland should be removed.

It was moved that the Commission issue a negative 3 recommendation on the RDA. Seconded and approved unanimously.

Review previous meeting minutes

The draft minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting were discussed. There was a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously with one abstention (Commissioner Seelig).

RDA received from Fuss and O'Neill representing Eversource

Agent Borenstein reported that she received an RDA for the replacement of a wooden structure by a steel structure within the buffer zone of a wetland in an Eversource power line right of way. Agent Borenstein noted that SWCA Environmental Consultants is involved with other projects for Eversource and Agent Borenstein still has a professional association with SWCA. After some discussion, the Commission agreed that Agent Borenstein should complete a conflict of interest statement due to the potential appearance of a conflict of interest.

This RDA references a structure replacement project within a wetland buffer zone. There was discussion as to whether or not Eversource needs to file an RDA with the Commission. The Commission concluded that it needs to review the application to understand what the project

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entails. The Commission plans to hold the public meeting for this RDA at its November 14, 2019 meeting should it determine that it has jurisdiction over this RDA.

Name change from Moose Tracks (Robinson Road Conservation Area) to Clifford E. Lippincott Conservation area

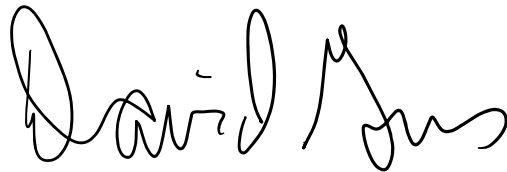
Chair MacDonald noted that signage at the former Moose Tracks Conservation Area (also called the Robinson Road Conservation Area) has been installed with the new name of the conservation area. There was a motion to send letters announcing the name change to the "Clifford E. Lippincott Conservation Area" to various Conservation Commission partners (such as the Kestrel Land Trust, the Pelham Select Board, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, the Pelham Department of Public Works, etc.). The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

MACC annual membership fees

There was a motion that the Commission pay the \$287 MACC dues assessment for the annual membership for all Commissioners out of Commission funds. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Agent Borenstein will set up the bill for payment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by David Gross

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Gross", written in a cursive style.