

Meeting Minutes March 27, 2024

Members Present: Joseph Venezia – Co-Chair
Roger deBruyn – Co-Chair
Jerry Knouse
Carol Platenik

Members Absent: Steve Phifer

Public Present: Mark Morisi, Daniel Wilder

Joseph Venezia opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Payables:

MOTION: Carol Platenik made a motion to approve payroll for the Clerk in the amount of \$322.00 for the period of 03/07/2024-03/20/2024.

SECOND: Jerry Knouse

VOTE: All

Minutes:

The minutes from the March 13, 2024, meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

Chair, Member & Clerk Reports/emails:

48 Palmer Road – MassDOT work

Joe Venezia said he and Jerry Knouse visited the site at 48 Palmer Road. He stated they told the crew the history of what happened there. He said they (the crew) are going to update the water calculation so they will have statistics to show how much water will be added to the stream. Joe said the water was above the culvert and was seeping through. Jerry said there was water on top of the pipe as well. He and Joe stated the water was pushed around the culvert and it looked like it was pulling everything from under the road. They went on to say the height of the brook was above the inlet. Joe said a Notice of Intent (NOI) will be filed with Conservation for this work.

Forest Cutting Plan

The Conservation members reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan for Old Sturbridge Road. There were no questions or comments.

RDA – Brookfield Road – Parcel 3C-7 – moved to April 10, 2024

Joe Venezia said that an RDA (Request for Determination of Applicability) is subject to Conservation, and it is up to their (Conservation Commission) discretion to require a Notice of Intent (NOI) depending on the project. Joe stated he spoke with Mark Stinson to ask if this should be an NOI or not. He said if the Commission thinks it is too complicated, they can request an NOI be submitted. Roger deBruyn said if the septic system has been approved by the Board of Health, then the Conservation Commission can just look at the building plans. The Clerk will follow up with the Board of Health to see if a

septic system has been approved.

Old Business

NOI – 117-0404 - 78 First Street

Mark Morisi (owner of property presented his plan with the updates which included the footing drains. He said there is a dry well, and silt fences were extended to go to the road as requested at the last meeting. He showed where the silt barriers were moved back further from the water while keeping the wattles by the water. Joe Venezia asked that orange ribbons be added to the silt fence or some other way to help the machine operators see the fences to keep them inside the area where should be working. Mark Morisi pointed out the position of the slurry pit and the swale on the plans.

Joe Venezia asked if Mark Farrell (Engineer for the plan) was concerned about the new water calculations. Mark Morisi said the swale would prevent water going on to the neighbor's property.

MOTION: Roger deBruyn made a motion to close the hearing and to issue an Order of Condition.

SECOND: Jerry Knouse

VOTE: All

The Conservation Commission members discussed the role of an Associate Member and what the process is to become an Associate member.

MOTION: Roger deBruyn made a motion to appoint Daniel Wilder as an Associate Member to the Conservation Commission.

SECOND: Jerry Knouse

VOTE: All

Joe Venezia gave an update on the Pedestrian Bridge for the Trail Committee. He stated the bridge would be delivered next week and then work would begin. He said the bridge was going to be delivered in two pieces.

MOTION: Jerry Knouse made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Roger deBruyn

VOTE: All

The meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Plasse

APPROVED