



**The Rochester Conservation Commission & Town Forest Committee
met remotely and in person at Old Colony, 476 North Ave,
Rochester, MA 02770, on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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The meeting convened via Zoom video conference ID #852 3420 7092. Chairman Gerrior called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and took attendance of Members, staff, applicants, and representatives. Chairman Gerrior read a message about remote participation and ground rules for the meeting. He stated the meeting was being recorded. Each presentation was limited to 10 minutes and 3 minutes were allowed for public comment. Chairman Gerrior stated that votes would be taken by roll call.

Present: Christopher Gerrior, Chairman
Kevin Thompson
Maggie Payne
Bendrix Bailey
William Milka
Matthew Bache

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Dawn DeMaggio, Administrative Assistant
Lori Walsh, Recording Clerk

Public Meetings

DEP SE272-0429 A Request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Joseph and Diane Delowery for property located at 68 Bowens Lane, Map 31, Lot 8. The applicant proposed construction of a 12' x 14' sunroom within the buffer zone to a bordering vegetated wetland.

Ms. Diane Delowery was on zoom for any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to issue a Certificate of Compliance.

Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

DEP SE272-0568 A Request for a Certificate of Compliance was filed by Liam Delowery for property located at 68 Bowens Lane, Map 31, Lot 8. The applicant proposed to restore approximately 2735 sq. ft. of altered/filled bordering vegetated wetland. The 25-ft. No Disturb Zone adjacent to the BVW and intermittent stream were restored/stabilized. The existing trailer and block storage have been relocated outside the 25-ft. No Disturb Zone.

Diane Delowery was on zoom for any questions the Board may have. She would like advice on how to follow through with this.

Conservation Agent Kelly said the vegetation is stabilized and the plantings are there.

Mr. Bailey said that he doesn't see all the plantings in the photos or the 5- or 6-foot trees in the photos.

Conservation Agent Kelly said that they are there but she probably wasn't close enough to get them in the pictures. Chairman Gerrior directed a question to Ms. Delowery regarding a rock barrier placed next to the 25

foot no touch zone. Ms. Delowery said that it was a request from Conservation that was complied with.

Chairman Gerrior said that on the other side of the 25 foot no touch zone, it should start to look pretty bushy and pretty weedy if it hasn't been mowed yet. Ms. Delowery said yes and it hasn't been mowed but they have an abundance of deer. They are welcome to go out there and see the plantings; she said as far as something being 5 or 6 feet tall, it will be 3 years in May when the order will end, and she doesn't see how anything can grow that fast. Mr. Bailey said that he wanted to add that when the trees were put in, in 2019 they were supposed to be 5 to 6 feet high at that time.

Mr. Bailey said that he doesn't see evidence of the plantings and he doesn't feel comfortable signing off on this. Ms. Delowery said that she has no problem with Mr. Bailey going out to the property to inspect. Conservation Agent Kelly said she would go back and take more pictures. Mr. Bailey said he will go back with her.

Mr. Bailey made a motion to continue this hearing until May 3rd.

Maggie Payne seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

ORDERS

Plumb Corner Restoration

Severe Erosion Problems

Conservation Agent Kelly said that they had some severe erosion problems at Plumb Corner Village after the storm a couple weeks ago. Right away they got to work and put in a new silt fence and new hay bales. Brian Wallace is present on zoom to discuss this. There was quite a lot of run off - it overwhelmed the erosion control barrier. They have completely replaced the silt fence and the hay bales. They installed a small temporary basin that will help with a lot of the runoff and prevent it from spilling into the wetland.

Mr. Bailey said that they have done a good job from the last problem to this problem. Chairman Gerrior said that they have spent a lot of time with the erosion control issues and is there anything that could have been done differently to avoid this. Mr. Wallace said yes there are some things that could have been done; he said a lot of the site grading hadn't been done yet. They took care of that immediately but nothing was stabilized.

Chairman Gerrior asked Mr. Wallace what was the status of the vernal pool and the pipe that they talked about a couple of meetings ago that was there from the previous project. Mr. Wallace said the main concern was cleaning out that pipe and creating a situation where the water is going to flow through at a faster velocity because the pipe has been cleaned out. Mr. Wallace said that he feels that not doing this work is more beneficial to the area, especially since we've seen how sensitive the wetland is to work going on around there. Would the Board be open to re-considering not conducting that work so as to not disturb the area again which could cause other problems?

Mr. Bailey said that he looked at that area specifically after the big rain event and with the temporary things there, the vernal pool and silt fence, he didn't see any infiltration out there even after that big storm. He said his personal opinion is placing the stone there is better than tearing up the area again. Mr. Wallace was just hand placing some stone at the end of the pipe and placing it about 5 or 6 feet out to try to mitigate. The difference in velocity would be quite minimal given the oversize nature of the pipe being 27 inches in size. Mr. Wallace said he's happy to remove the silt fence and replace it with stone in front of the pipe. Mr. Thompson asked if the rain event helped clean out the pipe at all. Mr. Wallace said he's not sure but he doesn't think that the pipe drains out too much anymore. The work will be done this Spring or around June at the latest. Flushing the lines and doing the last bit of work. Mr. Bailey suggested that they should have a plan and a narrative to submit to the Conservation and the Planning Boards about what they are planning to do. Mr. Wallace said he can do that. Mr. Bailey said water was unable to drain through the catch basins because of the orange filters so they replaced

them with silt fencing filters. He said they could put that into a memo for the Board and they could put it with their erosion control files to suggest to others.

89 BOX TURTLE DRIVE – ORDER

Chairman Gerrior made a motion to send a letter to Mr. Rose to come to the next meeting to address the notice of intent.

Mr. Bache second the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

Opening for Conservation Board Member and the Vice Chairman spot is open

Chairman Gerrior mentioned that Dan Gagne has stepped down, so there is an opening on the Board. He asked that the members mention it to anyone who may be interested.

Chairman Gerrior made a motion for Ben Bailey to be Vice Chairman.

Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

Commission Business

For Signature

- Permits – Signatures needed for permits issued
- Minutes – April 5, 2022

Mr. Bailey made a motion to approve the minutes for April 5, 2022.

Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

- Vouchers –

Old Business

New Business

Next meeting is May 3rd

Adjournment

Mr. Bailey made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

Date: 5/3/2022



Christopher Gerrior, Chairman



Lori Walsh, Recording Secretary