

Conservation Commission Minutes

February 1, 2022

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

Conservation Agent, Merilee Kelly
Victoria D'antoni, Administrative Assistant

The meeting convened via Zoom video conference ID # 874 3167 4083. Chairman Gerrior called the meeting to order at 7:04 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.

Public Meetings

(Continued from January 18, 2021) A Request for Determination of Applicability filed by property owner Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William D. Clapp, for property located at 0 Clapp Road, Map 30, Lot 3A (ANR Lot 2-2). The applicant is requesting confirmation that the proposed work is outside of the resource areas.

Chairman Gerrior said that this project has been withdrawn and they are going to be submitting a NOI for the next time they submit.

Public Hearings

(Continued from January 18, 2021) A Notice of Intent filed by property owner Clapp Nominee Trust c/o William D. Clapp, for property located at 0 Clapp Road, Map 30, Lot 3B (ANR Lot 2-3). The applicant proposes a single-family dwelling with associated septic system, well, and utilities. The applicant's representative is Schneider, Davignon and Leone.

Mr. Thompson made a motion to continue to the next meeting on February 15th.

Maggie Payne seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 7.

Commission Business

For signatures

1. Permits – Signatures needed for permits issued

Board Members need to go over to the Annex Building to sign the permits.

Mr. Bailey made a motion for Victoria to include the Members names in the emails that have signatures remaining for the permits.

Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

Motion passes with a roll call vote of 6.

2. Minutes – January 18, 2022 (voting quorum: Maggie, Chris, Matt, Kevin, Dan)

3. Vouchers – Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, 443 Neck Road, Record OOC, \$107

Mr. Bailey said that the applicant should be paying this fee for the recording, that is our policy. Chairman Gerrior agrees with Mr. Bailey and he asked Victoria to let the applicant know that they need to pay the recording fee of \$107.00. That is the policy.

Old Business

Village at Plumb Corner – Vernal Pool

Conservation Agent Kelly said that there is a letter from Brian Wallace in their packet stating that the pipe doesn't need to be cut and there are a couple reasons there that it's creating so much disturbance. Chairman Gerrior said that he meant to write an email but he didn't get to it. He went to the site visit with Merilee, the Town Planner, Kenny Motta, and Jeff Eldridge and they looked at the situation and talked about it. From his understanding and from the calculations he sees, most of the storm water is going to be going in a different direction to a different outfall or storage tank. This pipe will be receiving a lot less water than it used to, so much so that the wetland created by this pipe might actually start to dry up. All of the vegetation around this area is well established and there is a big pine tree right next to the pipe and some rocks there. They believe that they can incorporate this pipe, which is only going to take about 25% of the water during a 10 year or above storm. From what Chairman Gerrior saw, this is a good reason not to disturb a whole bunch of area. He also asked Brian to give the Board his interpretation.

Dan Gagne asked to see the drawing of the pipe. He asked Brian Wallace about a picture of the existing pipe half full of sediment. Mr. Wallace said they will be cleaning it out. Mr. Gagne asked if there would be an increase in discharge. Mr. Wallace said he would have to take a look at it and get back to him. Mr. Gagne said that looking at another picture of the pipe with the date of September 21, 2021, there will be an increase in discharge. Mr. Gagne said he is not in favor of this at this time. Chairman Gerrior asked Mr. Gagne if he was ok with the calculations that were on the plan and Mr. Gagne said yes. Mr. Bailey asked Mr. Wallace if he was putting stones in the pipe or in front of the pipe. Mr. Wallace said that they were cutting the pipe back and they were adding the stones. Mr. Bailey asked about the original proposal and was it adding stones. Mr. Wallace said no stones were going in the pipe for the original proposal. The pipe is about 1/3 of the way full. Mr. Bailey asked if there is a change, would it reflect on the plans. Mr. Wallace said it is his understanding from Mr. Motta that it would just be a field change so it wouldn't reflect a change in the plan. Mr. Bailey said that it would make him happy if there was a plan that showed the change. Mr. Wallace said that they could update the plan if the Commission wants that. Mr. Bache asked if he is right in assuming that the pipe created the wetland. Mr. Wallace said that it's tough to say that it caused that years ago, he doesn't know for sure. Mr. Milka is wondering where the sediment is coming from and he wants to assume that there are catch basins that are feeding the system. Mr. Wallace said the existing catch basins at the plaza before they did all the work didn't provide any storage for sediment and went straight for the pipe over the past 30 years.

Mr. Gagne has a few comments. He said that the original design had enough velocity in the pipe that they needed rip rap at the end to dissipate the energy and that was part of their design. Putting a few stones in front of the existing pipe, he's not sure if that meets their needs or not. The other concern he has is the end of the existing pipe is in the wetlands so anything beyond the end of this pipe is in the BVW. They would be performing a wetland fill and everyone needs to remember that this is an illicit discharge which was not designed and needs to be brought in compliance with the stormwater standards and the Wetlands Protection Act. Mr. Gagne said that providing the anti-scour at the end of the pipe is a requirement of the stormwater hand book, the stormwater regulations, and the wetlands protection act. Mr. Bailey said we haven't heard from the applicant on the changes. Mr. Wallace said that they will have to do the work as it was originally approved.

Mr. Thompson said that we have an approved set of plans already so a motion is not needed.

New Business

Annual Town Report

Conservation Agent Kelly filled the Board in on what was new with the Commission in the last year. Chairman Gerrior said maybe next year we could put in big projects, solar, MBTA project.

Mr. Milka made a motion to approve.
Mr. Bailey seconded the motion.
Motion passes with a roll call vote of 7.

MBTA – Email

Conservation Agent Kelly said that they got a bill from Scott Turner and didn't have enough money for it in the escrow account. They went to the MBTA for it; they are concerned that they didn't have a chance to view additional scope so it's up in the air right now. Mr. Gagne said he is not sure how to handle this. Maggie Payne asked how much the Board voted to approve. Chairman Gerrior said that they are probably going to have to go back and look at the minutes to see what they voted. Mr. Bailey said that in the letter they agree to an amount of \$5,000 and up to an amount of \$8,000. He stated that the budget is already over \$8,000. He also said that the MBTA has to pay this bill. Mr. Bache said that the MBTA must pay this bill, they are responsible for it. An Itemized bill is needed.

Adjournment

Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.
Mr. Bache seconded the motion.

2/15/2022
Date

Lori Walsh
Lori Walsh, Recording Secretary

Christopher Gerrior
Christopher Gerrior, Chairman

