

Acton Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 2nd, 2024
7:15 PM
Hybrid Meeting (Room 204 & Zoom)

Present: Terry Maitland (Chair), Peter Hocknell, Jillian Peters, Kate Warwick

Absent: Zywia Chadzynska, James Colman (Vice-Chair), Amy Green

Conservation Agent: Olivia Barksdale

7:18 The Chair, Terry Maitland opened the meeting at 7:18pm.

Public Concerns and Regular Business

7:19 Public Concerns

Michael Coates, President of the Acton Hydro Company raised concerns about 308 Old High Street trail project. Mr. Coates read the letter detailing his concerns. He highlighted issues such as lack of notification, the Commissions' authority to order construction on a public road and potential business impacts. The Commission acknowledged his concerns, discussed the trails potential location, and that the trail was key to the waiver approval. The Commission requested that the Agent talk with Town Counsel about this matter.

7:35 Notice of Intent – Public Hearing –416 Great Road

Aiden Schlotman from Stamski and McNary represented the landowner and gave an overview of the project. The driveway will be repaved and the asphalt will be removed off site. The culvert will be replaced 1 to 1, diameter 36-inches. There is a dam right before the culvert that controls the flow into the culvert. Waiting on DEP number, hearing continued to Oct 16th at 7:15pm.

7:43 Notice of Intent –Continued Public Hearing – Prospect Street and Main Street

Project has a DEP number 85-1373. Hearing no questions or concerns the Chair closed the hearing and asked for a motion. Peter Hocknell moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions with no specials, waving 18 and 19 and Jillian Peters seconded. All voted yes.

7:45 Notice of Intent – Continued Public Hearing –25 Grasshopper Lane

Eugene (Fred) and Amy Leffler, landowners, gave an update. They will plant a native garden closer to the walls edge, species list was provided. The time to buy the plants is in June. Waiting on DEP number, hearing continued to Oct 16th at 7:25pm.

7:53 Notice of Intent – Public Hearing – 127 Concord Road

Andrew Gorman from Beals and Thomas represented the landowner. He addressed DEP's comments, hearing no questions or comments the Chair asked for a motion. Peter Hocknell moved to issue the Order of Conditions with two specials, waving 18 and 19 and Jillian Peters seconded. The special conditions: Notify the Conservation Agent a week prior to work starting. Have an environmental monitor on site. The environmental monitor is a person dedicated on site for monitoring with the capability to stop the work if soil slumps. The environmental monitor has to have at least five years' experience, submit their qualifications ahead of time, and have to be available for a phone call 24/7 in case there is an issue over the weekend. All voted yes.

Administrative Updates

8:02 Review and Approve Meetings Minutes

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the 9.18.24 minutes Jillian Peters moved and Peter Hocknell seconded, all voted yes.

Kinsley Road Enforcement Request

Ms. Barksdale gave an update on the Enforcement Order. She met with the landowner on site and took pictures of the materials stored. She is waiting for the landowner to provide a list of materials stored on the property and a restoration plan for the soil stored on site. The landowner was made aware that he has to appear at the October 16th meeting.

8:20 The meeting closed at 8:20PM

Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:

10-02-2024 Meeting Information

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<input type="checkbox"/>	PPTX	sign history presentation.pptx	obarksdale	10/01/24	16 MB	📄 ☆ ...
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All Documents can be found at:

<https://doc.actonma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-18526>