



## Acton Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022

7:15 PM

Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Terry Maitland, Jim Colman, , Zywia Chadzynska, Amy Green, Jillian Peters  
Natural Resources Director and recording secretary: Tom Tidman  
Zoom Host: Kim Clark

### **Regular Business**

7:20 Chairman Terry Maitland opened the meeting and read the Virtual Meeting guidelines. Chairman announced that the 7:20 PM Request for Determination meeting for 110-112 Central Street has been continued to March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:20pm.

8 Grassy Pond Road has been continued to February 16th at 7:45 PM.

12 Spring Hill Road has been continued to February 16th at 8pm.

7:25 **Notice of Intent:** 48 Carlisle Road DEP 85-13xx

Presenting the trail project were Carlisle Trails Committee members Steve Hinton and Steve Tobin.

Steve Hinton outlined the trail layout, with two wetlands crossings (i) a 30' long boardwalk over an intermittent stream and a 150' long boardwalk through a red maple swamp.

Steve Tobin noted work will be done under low water conditions, typically in the fall.

Chairman noted that we have not received a DEP file number for the project, thus cannot be closed this evening. The hearing has been continued to February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 PM.

7:55 **Notice of Intent:** Kelley's Corner DEP 85-1313 (continued from January 19, 2022)

Presenting for the town of Acton were Civil Engineer - Sam Campbell with GPI and Wetlands Expert - Laura Krause with Beta Group.

Sam mentioned that all DEP comments and questions along with peer review comments from GCG had been addressed and sent to the Commission as an addendum.

Amy read through a list of observations and questions she had generated: (1) observed plants selected for the replication area were primarily wetlands plants, had any consideration been given to add species preferring slightly drier conditions in the wetlands edge buffer area to be developed? Please try to use native species in the planting plan. Was consideration given to including conifers in the buffer zone planting to provide winter cover for wildlife? Do the spec's include over excavation to install suitable replication soils?

Sam, yes spec's include language to over excavation and replacement with suitable soils in the replication area.



Amy, sheet 217 shows how close to the toe work will occur with the introduction of slope stabilization rock. Laura noted that both silt fence and hay bales will be installed at the base of slope. Wetlands seed mix will be planted at the base of slope in disturbed soils. Commissioners discussed an appropriate amount of notification time for the Conservation agent from the contractor in advance of de-watering operations. Commission agreed that one week lead time for notification would be ideal.

Amy asked about secondary containment for pumps to be used during construction in buffer zones. Sam said that secondary containment could be added as a special condition. Amy asked if calc's for land subject to flooding impacted areas had been reviewed by GCG. Sam mentioned that with the replication area excavation, there will be a significant increase in flood storage area. Amy asked that the number be quantified.

Laura noted that because of the sequence of construction and the buffer zone areas impacted, it makes sense for the contractor to excavate and establish the replication area and compensatory storage area, early in the construction sequence and not have to go back into the area once pavement and guardrails are installed later in the construction period.

## **Hearing closed at 8:15PM**

### **Decision**

Amy moved to issue a standard Order of Conditions, waiving bylaw setback conditions 18 & 19, with the following Special Conditions:

- (1) For all areas to be planted, including - buffer zone, replication area and compensatory storage area, planting plans shall be submitted reviewed and approved by the Conservation Agent, no later than one month prior to the commencement of construction activities.
- (2) The General Contractor shall notify the Conservation Agent one week in advance of de-watering operations, allowing time for site inspection and approval.
- (3) Secondary containment for pumps in operation within 100' of wetlands, shall be reviewed and approved by the Conservation Agent.
- (4) All resource area impacts both temporary and permanent shall be tallied and included in a report to the Commission.

Jim seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

### **Commission Business:**

**8:20 PM** – Dayle Chayes mentioned he will be on the next Conservation Commission agenda to discuss the possibility of installing a permanent orienteering course on conservation land.

Chairman has scheduled Dayle to present his orienteering ideas at 7:30 PM on February 16<sup>th</sup>.



**Consent items:**

**Minutes of January 19, 2022** reviewed by TM, ZC, TMc, AG

Amy moves to approve the minutes of January 5, Zywia seconded and the roll call was unanimous.

**Documents and exhibits used at this meeting:**

Notice of Intent filing for 48 Carlisle Road DEP 85-13xx

Notice of Intent filing for Kelly's Corner DEP 85-1313

Minutes of January 19, 2022

**All documents can be found at <http://doc.acton-ma.gov/dsweb/View/Collection-14459>**

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

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*Terrence Maitland, Chair*