

Chelmsford Conservation Commission
Town of Chelmsford
50 Billerica Rd. Chelmsford, Ma 01824
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2019
Approved May 7, 2019

Meeting Location: 50 Billerica Rd., Room 205, Chelmsford, Ma 01824

Members Present: David McLachlan-Chairman, Jack Souza, Chris Garrahan, Chris Tymula, Marc Gibbs, William Vines

Members Absent: April Mendez

Others Present: Katharine Guertin-Conservation Agent

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Chairman McLachlan.

All documents referenced in these minutes are available for review at the Community Development Office, 50 Billerica Rd., Chelmsford Town Offices Building. This meeting was audio recorded and hand recorded via the Recording Secretary.

Open Session / Citizen Concerns

No one came forward at this time.

Regulatory

Request for Minor Change-new

13 East Putnam, previously approved Determination of Applicability

The request is to bring in some additional fill and for additional land clearing. The applicant was not present yet.

Motion: by Mr. Gibbs to table the discussion for a Request for Minor Change for 13 East Putnam. Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Notice of Intent-continued

53 Parkhurst Road, new building construction

Brian Milicsi with Whitman and Bingham Associates advised that a clean letter of approval was received from the Town Engineer and revised plans were submitted. Minor calculation differences were clarified. Fence and dumpster locations were clarified, and the swale at the back of the property has more detail. There will be no snow storage in the wetland.

DEP had no comments.

No comments were received from the audience.

Motion: by Mr. Garrahan to issue a Standard Order of Conditions for 53 Parkhurst Rd. with one Special Condition that snow is not plowed from the access driveway into the wetland. Seconded by Mr. Souza. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Notice of Intent-new

Off Richardson Road, Bomil Well replacement

Legal notice was read. The applicant is the North Chelmsford Water District.

Mike Kuzouka of Tata and Howard provided site background and history. There are 6 wells in this area; five are located at 55 Richardson Rd., and one is on an abutting lot. Well No.3 is the one being replaced, and is the lone one. The existing well is not pumping at its approved rate, has lived its useful life after 60 years in service, and needs to be replaced.

The first phase is to install the replacement pump and test it. Phase 2 is to connect the new pump and the associated equipment to the well house and associated equipment. In addition, some fencing enhancements will be done.

A majority of the project is in the 100-foot buffer, a minor part is in the 50-foot buffer, and no work is proposed in the 25-foot buffer. Drilling and excavation will be done for pipes and electrical line. There will be 25 feet of new pipe; the rest will be tied in to existing equipment. The existing well is in the pump house; the new well will be 25 feet away, outside the pump house.

During the pump test, there will be silt fence and hay bales installed. Water will be pumped into a sedimentation basin 400 feet away.

Mr. Vines indicated that he went to the site, and saw no issues. The wetland lines are well defined, and were flagged in October, 2018 by Ecotech Company.

An existing fence will be extended 30 feet to accommodate the new well. Excess material will be taken offsite, there will not be much.

The Project will take about 6 months to complete. They would like to start work as soon as possible; DEP permits are still pending. The drill rig and dump truck will not be stored in the wetland.

No comments were received from the audience.

The Agent's report is on file. No special conditions will be needed.

Motion: by Mr. Vines to issue a Standard Order of Conditions for the Bomil Well Replacement off Richardson Rd., as presented. Seconded by Mr. Garrahan. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Discussion

Conservation practices on Town land

Mrs. Guertin reported that Animal Control Officer Erik Merrill indicated there have been 22 deer strikes reported on Rt. 40 by Swain Rd. in 2017. During 2016, there were 40 deer strikes in the same area.

The Commission agreed to continue monitoring the deer situation in Chelmsford.

Cranberry bog dam

There are no updates to report at this time.

Continual Business

Work on the Merrimack River bank restoration by Williamsburg Condominiums is beginning; trees are being removed. Mr. McLachlan requested that a copy of the monitoring agreement be provided at the next meeting. Geotech material is being placed on the riverbank work area.

Land Management update

Mr. McLachlan advised the State may require ADA spaces at all reservations.

Agent's Report

Mrs. Guertin reported that Sam Poulten has advised that Leah Basbane is not doing the work for 36 Turnpike Rd. Norse Environmental will be doing the work, and will provide an application for a hearing on April 16, 2019.

Mr. McLachlan advised he drove by 10 Sunrise Ave.; there is a trailer on the site, and it appears work is still being done on the property

The new stormwater regulations will impact applicants, not the decisions made by the Commission.

Commissioners signed paperwork as required.

Mr. McLachlan asked whether electronic documents could be used for future meetings. Mrs. Guertin advised that she can send documents that she receives.

Approve Minutes

There were no minutes to approve this evening.

Adjourn

Motion: by Mr. Tymula to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 PM. **Motion carries, unanimous.**

Date of next meetings: March 19th no-April 2nd (election), April 16

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian W. Merrill
Recording Secretary

Supporting Documents:

-Applications related to Notices of Intent and Request for Minor Change as indicated above.