

**Minutes of the BOXFORD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM #1
February 6, 2020 7:30 PM**

Present: Peter Delaney, Natasha Grigg, Kerri Lummus, Alan Fowler

Absent: Frank Di Luna, David Smallman, Mark Mitsch

Others Present: Minutes Secretary Judi Stickney, Deb Wescott, Caitlin Wrobel, Jessica Grigg, Richard Tomczyk, Jim Scanlan, Jeff Hixon, Joan Regan, Alan Therrien, Theresa Portante, and others

7:32 PM With a quorum present, Chair Peter Delaney called the meeting to order.

7:32 PM SCHEDULED HEARINGS AND DISCUSSIONS:

Discussion: Masconomet Life Sciences Outdoor Classroom and Trail

Deb Wescott and Caitlin Wrobel, Life Sciences teachers from Masconomet, met with the Conservation Commission to discuss their proposal to build two outdoor classrooms and trail they'd like to clear on Masconomet property. They'd like a whiteboard area, picnic tables and chairs, and clear a trail to get there. One area is closer to the Ipswich River and the other is closer to Fish Brook. By mid-April, they would like to start on clearing the trail, possibly using high school students to earn community service. After the teachers' brief presentation, the Chair advised they would schedule a site walk for 9AM on Saturday, April 4th, and invited them back to the April 9th meeting to discuss further. He encouraged them to discuss their proposal with the Conservation Director

Continued Discussion: Conservation Restriction proposed for the Haynes Subdivision, Main Street

Supporting Docs

- **Concept Plan:** *Conservation Plan in Boxford, Massachusetts; prepared by The Morin-Cameron Group, prepared for Elmlea Partnership Trust, drafted by WAS, dated 1/7/2020*

No one from the Elmlea Partnership Trust was in attendance to address the subdivision. Jessica Grigg, of BTA/BOLT, advised the Chair that they had not yet met with Scott Smyers, Oxbow Associates, but he did send an e-mail which she sent along to the Director. Commissioner Natasha Grigg reiterated her concerns that the Conservation Restriction (CR) proposed would be one CR to cover the entire backland, including the back yards of the homeowners. She added that the provision for the Homeowners Association to have a fund, should be generous enough – at least \$50,000 -- to cover the realistic issues that will inevitably arise.

DNI 2020-1: 5 Lantern Lane, 28-2-5, Regan

Supporting Docs

- **3 Photos**

Joan Regan, 5 Lantern Lane, met with the Conservation Commission with a request for a Determination of Negligible Impact to remove three trees from the property. After her brief presentation, the Chair advised the Administrator had some issues with the trees in the wetland, so they would like to take a site walk on the property to take a look at the trees, as the tree work may require a Request for Determination of Applicability. The site walk will take place on Saturday, February 8th, at 9AM. Regan agreed and will return on February 20th.

RDA 2020-2: 15 Lantern Lane, 28-2-6, Baldassare
Supporting Docs

- **Notice of Public Hearing:** *Request for Determination of Applicability by applicants, Brian & Holly Baldassare for the property located at: 15 Lantern Lane, Assessor's Map 28, Block 2, Lot 6; to rehabilitate an existing dwelling within the same footprint, including replacing windows, conversion of an existing porch to living space, re-siding, and construction of a front door porch.*
- **Plans Submitted:**
 - *Single Family Residence (Sheets A1-A5), prepared by Golden Designs, for Baldassare Residence, stamped by Scott J. Golden, dated 1/20/20*
 - *Site Plan, prepared by Scanlan Engineering LLC, for Holly Baldassare, drawn by JBS, dated 1/22/20*
- **Letter and accompanying material from Scanlan Engineering LLC to Conservation Director, Re: Request for Determination of Applicability, Baldassare, 15 Lantern Lane, Boxford, MA, 1/22/20**
 - *WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability*
- **2 Photos**

Jim Scanlan, Scanlan Engineering, met with the Conservation Commission with a Request for Determination of Applicability to rehabilitate an existing dwelling within the same footprint, including replacing windows, conversion of an existing porch to living space, re-siding, and construction of a front door porch. Scanlan advised there will be a trailer on site to hold the construction debris that will be removed daily. They will be filing a Notice of Intent for the septic system and a new walkway at a later date. After a brief discussion, the Conservation Commission took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to close the hearing for RDA 2020-2: 15 Lantern Lane, 28-2-6, Baldassare, under the Act and the Bylaw.

On a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to issue a Negative Determination, checking box 3, for RDA 2020-2: 15 Lantern Lane, 28-2-6, Baldassare, under the Act and the Bylaw.

COC 114-1202: 15 Lantern Lane, 28-2-6, Baldassare

Jim Scanlan advised no work was done on the Order of Conditions for this file number and they would like to close out the file and get a Certificate of Compliance. After a brief discussion, the Conservation Commission took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Fowler**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to issue the Certificate of Compliance for file #114-1202: 15 Lantern Lane, 28-2-6, Baldassare, under the Act and the Bylaw.

RDA 2020-1: 57 Moonpenny Drive, 40-2-21, Therrien

Supporting Docs

- **Notice of Public Hearing:** *Request for Determination of Applicability for applicant, Alan Therrien, for the property located at: 57 Moonpenny Drive, Assessor's Map 40, Block 2, Lot 21; to remove nine trees within 100-feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland.*
- **FAX Transmittal from Conservation Director to Community Newspaper Company, Re: Hearing/Meeting Legal Notice**
- **WPA Form 1 – Request for Determination of Applicability**
- **Proposal for Tree Work from Iron Tree Service, 1/14/20**

Alan Therrien met with the Conservation Commission with a Request for Determination of Applicability to remove 9 trees. Therrien described the issues with the trees they'd like to remove, noting that Iron Tree would be using a large crane to get to the trees. The crane would not leave the driveway. At the end of his brief presentation, the Chair advised they would schedule a site walk for Saturday, February 8th, at 9:30AM, to take a look at the trees. Therrien requested to continue the hearing to February 20th and the Commission took the following action:

At the request of the applicant and on a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to continue the hearing for RDA 2020-1: 57 Moonpenny Drive, 40-2-21, Therrien, to February 20th under the Act and the Bylaw.

NOI 114- : 397 Transmission Line, Map 36, National Grid

Supporting Docs

- **Notice of Public Hearing:** *Notice of Intent by Applicant, Andrew Cole c/o National Grid, for the property located at: 397 Transmission Line ROW, Assessor's Map 36; to conduct exploratory soil borings for planning and design purposes associated with future utility work of the 397 Transmission Line within Bordering Vegetated Wetland.*
- **Notice of Intent Package:** *Submitted by New England Power Company, 394-397 Lines Geotechnical Soil Borings Project, January 2020:*
 - *WPA Form 3 – Notice of Intent*
 - *Boxford NOI Checklist*
 - *Project Narrative*
 - *USGS Site Locus Map*
 - *Environmental Resources Map*
 - *Wetland Data Forms*
 - *Site Photographs*

- *Certified List of Abutters*
- *National Grid's Best Management Practices*

Theresa Portante, BSC Group, representing New England Power Company, met with the Conservation Commission with a Notice of Intent to conduct exploratory soil borings for planning and design purposes associated with future utility work of the 397 Transmission Line within Bordering Vegetated Wetland. After a brief discussion, where it was not determined when the wetland flags were last reviewed, and, due to the black out on wetland flagging until April, the Chair felt they could not issue an Order of Conditions at this time. Portante felt that the Conservation Commission could issue a waiver for the wetland flagging, but the Chair disagreed and advised Portante to talk to the Director about her suggestion for a Condition to be included in the Order of Conditions. In the meantime, the hearing will be continued to the February 20th meeting.

At the request of the applicant and on a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to continue the hearing for NOI 114- : 397 Transmission Line, Map 36, National Grid, to February 20th, under the Act and the Bylaw.

Continued ORAD Extension 114-1235: Willow Road & Pine Plain Road, 6-6-2.2, Price

- **Letter and accompanying material from LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc., to Conservation Commission, Re: DEP File #114-1235 [LEC File #TBI\18-044.02] Request to Extend Order of Resource Area Delineation: Willow Road and Pine Plain Road, Boxford, Massachusetts, 1/7/2020**

Ann Marton of LEC Environmental, representing the applicant, met with the Conservation Commission to discuss the recent site walk and to request an extension of their Order of Resource Area Delineation. After a brief discussion, the Commission took the following action:

On a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to extend the ORAD for file #114-1235: Willow Road & Pine Plain Road, 6-6-2.2, Price, to February 21st, 2021, under the Act and the Bylaw.

8:21 PM ROUTINES:

- **Minutes Review/Approval:** After a brief review of the minutes of January 16, 2020, the Commissioners took the following action:
On a **MOTION** made by **Grigg**, second by **Lummus**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to accept the minutes of January 16, 2020, as revised.

8:22 PM ADJOURN

With no further business, on a **MOTION** made by **Lummus**, second by **Grigg**, the Conservation Commission **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Judith A. Stickney', written in a cursive style.

Judith A. Stickney
Minutes Secretary