



COHASSET CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 TIME: 6:30 PM
PRESENTED ON A ZOOM PLATFORM

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chris MacFarlane (CM), Chair
Maryanne Wetherald (MW), Vice Chair
Kathy Berigan (KB), Secretary
Justin Pimpare (JP), Member
Eric Eisenhauer (EE), Member
Trish Grady (TG), Member

STAFF:

Steve Ivas (SI), Interim Conservation Agent

ABSENT:

Angela Geso, Conservation Admin/Recording Sec't

Tom Bell (TB), Associate Member
Heather Sites (HS), Associate Member

6:30 PM: Call to Order * Meeting started late due to technical difficulty with ZOOM.**
Roll Call Attendance: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye;
E. Eisenhauer – Aye; T. Grady – Aye; C. Macfarlane – Aye; T. Bell – Aye; H.
Sites – Aye

6:35PM: RDA 21-06 - SWP 21-17 - 208 Sohier St – Town of Cohasset - Deer Hill Parking

In attendance to represent agenda item: John Cavanaro/Cavanaro Consulting; Glenn Pratt/
Director of Emergency Management, Town of Cohasset

Documents presented to support agenda item: RDA Application, Site Plan

The applicant proposes to extend the pavement of the existing paved driving lane on the south side of Deer Hill Elementary School and to the north of the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW). No work will be done within the 50-ft. buffer zone to the BVW. Runoff will be captured in catch basins at the bottom of the driveway.

MOTION: By Member Pimpare close the public hearing for RDA 21-06 and issue a Negative 2 Determination of Applicability for proposed work at 208 Sohier Street, Deer Hill Elementary School.

SECOND: Member Grady

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye; E. Eisenhauer – Aye; T. Grady – Aye; C. Macfarlane – Aye;

MOTION PASSES: 6-0 Unanimous

MOTION: By Member Pimpare to issue Stormwater Permit 21-17 for proposed work at 208 Sohier Street, Deer Hill Elementary School.

SECOND: Member Grady

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye; E. Eisenhauer – Aye; T. Grady – Aye; C. Macfarlane – Aye;

MOTION PASSES: 6-0 Unanimous

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6:50PM: NOI 21-20, SWP 21-18 - 147 South Main St - Site Reconstruction

In attendance to represent agenda item: John Schiavo/Schiavo Family Trust; Jeff Hassett//Morse Engineering; Adam Brodsky / Environmental Attorney

Documents presented to support agenda item: NOI Application; Revised Site Plan; Revised Stormwater Report;

The applicant proposes to reconstruct the site at 147 South Main Street, a property that was recently destroyed by fire, with a mixed-use structure. Interim Agent Ivas requested more details on the plan regarding four (4) test pits and site elevations. The commission requested a third-party peer review on the site.

HEARING CONTINUED TO 05/20/2021

7:15PM: NOI 21-19 - 7 Marion Way - Septic Upgrade

In attendance to represent agenda item: Jeff Hassett / Morse Engineering Co.

Documents presented to support agenda item: NOI Application; Septic System Design Plan

The applicant proposes to replace a failing septic system that is partially within the 100-foot buffer zone. Mr. Ivas saw cat tails and pooling in an area east of the septic system that could be a possible wetland. Member Pimpare requested a wetlands delineation be done on the site and Mr. Hassett agreed to have it done. Mr. Ivas recommended the commissioners visit the site prior to the next hearing.

HEARING CONTINUED TO 05/20/2021

7:30PM: NOI 21-10 - 183 Atlantic Ave - Boardwalk, Restoration *(con't from 4/8/21)*

(Member MacFarlane recused himself.)

In attendance to represent agenda item: Jeff Hassett /Morse Engineering Co.; Sanjeeva L & Michelle Fernando / applicant

Documents presented to support agenda item: NOI Application; Revised Restoration Plan; ECR Boardwalk Support Letter

The applicant proposes to construct an elevated boardwalk across a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and proposes wetland restoration and replication areas.

MOTION: By Member Pimpare to close the public hearing for Notice of Intent 21-10 and issue a variance for work proposed in the 50-ft. buffer zone at 183 Atlantic Avenue.

SECOND: Member Berigan

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye; E. Eisenhauer – Nay; T. Grady – Aye;

MOTION PASSES: 4 - 1 - 1 (*Eisenhauer in the minority; Macfarlane abstains*)

MOTION: By Member Pimpare to close the public hearing for Notice of Intent 21-10 and issue an Order of Conditions for work proposed at 183 Atlantic Avenue with the following seven (7) conditions:

- The phragmites will be cut once every 1-2 weeks as needed during the growing season.
- All debris and trash will be cleaned up from the site before any work begins.
- All dead wood that has fallen or is standing will be left as is and will not be removed unless it needs to be removed to construct the boardwalk.
- The replication and mitigation planting at the south side of the boardwalk must be the first step in the construction process. The planting must be performed in order to comply with the outstanding Enforcement Order previously issued to the applicant.

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- No chemicals will be used in the removal of phragmites. They are to be removed only by hand or by weed whacker.
- A Certificate of Compliance for the project (COC) shall not be issued until there are three (3) growing seasons showing at least a 75% minimum survival rate of shrubs, trees, and herbaceous species.
- There needs to be an Environmental Report

SECOND: Member Berigan

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye; E. Eisenhauer – Nay; T. Grady – Aye;

MOTION PASSES: 4 - 1 - 1 (*Eisenhauer in the minority; Macfarlane abstains*)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUSINESS

Conservation Chair Update :

- Lot #32 Windy Hill Road continued to 05/20/21
- Conservation Agents are in the process of being selected. Chris Senior, Town Manager, would like input from the Conservation Commission.
- Chair MacFarlane will invite all Conservation Commission members to help select the new agent.

Interim Conservation Agent Update :

- Mr. Ivas suggested posting site visit times.
- Member Pimpare asked if Mr. Ivas will be able to review projects and perform site visits prior to the hearings and Mr. Ivas said he will be available as needed and as appropriate. He also asked Mr. Ivas to complete the 'Inspection Spread Sheet' form on OneDrive for each site visit he makes

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours:

- Vice Chair Wetherald reminded the commission that she is looking for volunteer members to help design the new Conservation website.

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Member Pimpare, 2nd by Member Grady, and approved 6-0 unanimous.

ROLL CALL VOTE: M. Wetherald – Aye; K. Berigan – Aye; J. Pimpare – Aye; E. Eisenhauer – Aye; T. Grady – Aye;

MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:12 PM.