

Town of Stoughton Conservation Commission

Meeting

APPROVED 3-16-2023 (6-0)

2-16-2023

The meeting was held using Google Meets webinar format, in compliance with MA legislation.

Present: Gerald McDonald, Chair; John Malley; Michael Horan; William Francis; Mr. John Morton

Also present: James Conlon, Environmental Affairs Officer

Motion made by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Morton to open the meeting 7:09 PM, Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to take 275 Plain St under old business Passed unanimously

***Public Hearings:***

**23-01 RFD 669 Summer St**

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Horan to open public hearing – Passed unanimously

Public Notice read into the record by Mr. McDonald

Mr. Conlon advised he has inspected the site and it will be an overall improvement to the site and he would recommend approval.

Mr. Gotwald engineer for the applicant provide description of the project

Mr. Morton asked who is paying for roadwork.

Mr. Gotwald advised Homeowner pays

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morton to close the hearing. Passed unanimously

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morton to approve with stipulations noted by Mr Conlon. Passed unanimously

**Dep 298-0881 – NOI 562 Canton St**

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Horan to open public hearing – Passed unanimously

Public Notice read into the record by Mr. McDonald

Mr. Conlon advised he inspected site. Advised there is a perennial stream that needs to be corrected on the as built plan. Recommends approval with conditions on decommissioning and erosion control.

Mr. Peter Lyons reviewed the project.

Mr. Morton asked about how the pump system works when there is a power failure. What is the surplus capacity in the even there is a multiday power failure.

Mr. Lyons advised there is a 3 day chamber. So about 3 feet of storage or about 2 days.

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to close the hearing. Passed unanimously

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Morton to approve with stipulations noted by Mr Conlon.  
Passed unanimously

**DEP 298 -0876 Town of Stoughton – (Con’t)**

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Morton to continue -

**Dep 298-0869 – NOI 563 Highland St (con’t to 3-15-2023)**

**DEP 298-867 – NOI Stoughton Logistics (Con’t)**

Mr. Conlon advised this was reviewed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and there was an isolated wetland that will be recreated 2 to 1. Also noted a list of additional conditions to be added. This was provided in a letter from the 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant and positive response from the applicant.

RL Lyman for the applicant – advised he can have their engineer review.

Mr. Morton noted that this is a complex project and relying on the input from the experts hired to review.

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to close the hearing. Passed unanimously

Motion by Mr. Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Francis including the items on the letter dated Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 2023.  
Passed unanimously.

**DEP 292-0861 – NOI 1823 Washington (con’t)**

**Fine Hearing 1515 West St – Awaiting inspection**

**Fine Hearing 53 Spallus – Awaiting inspection**

**Correspondence – Discussion**

**Certificate of compliance 60 Lakewood**

Mr. Conlon advised he inspected site and is satisfied. Recommends approval of final certificate of compliance.

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Morton to issue final certificate – passed unanimously

**Norfolk County Registry of Deeds letter Noted in the packet for review**

**DEP 298-0819 – 144 Britton Ave**

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Morton to continue. Passed Unanimously.

**Enforcement Order International Metals – 150 Page St –**

Modified enforcement order discussed at prior meeting that was agreed to by applicant.

Francis Crimmins for the property owner is in agreement with the revision.

Motion by Mr. Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Francis – Passed Unanimously

**Enforcement Order 275 Plain St**

Mr. Conlon advised that Ms. Karen Hughes was not able to attend meeting. Mr. Conlon advised that he had advised the engineer that the area was a no touch zone. Ms. Hughes advised she was not made aware of the situation by the engineer.

Karen Hughes – property owner – states she was advised to take down trees and was not aware of the wetlands issue. Advised by engineer marking the wetlands that she would not meet the wetlands regulation for installing a pool. She apologized for being unaware.

Mr. Morton – noted that professional tree companies are should be aware of regulations regarding wetlands.

Mr. McDonald noted we already ratified the enforcement order. Advised we can decide what we want to do with the enforcement order.

Mr. Morton Suggested wetland markers and 2 trees be installed and was advised by Mr. Conlon that the house is surrounded by a stream so wetland markers would be difficult.

Mr McDonald suggested that Jim determine where markers could go.

Mr. Conlon advised not do markers at this time.

Motion by Mr. Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to keep enforcement order open with the note that compliance would require the planting of 2 replacement maple trees. Motion passed unanimously.

**MA Division of Fish and Wildlife Bio Map –**

Jim suggested board review

**DEP 298-0554 – Merrill Engineers 1150 Turnpike (Con't)**

**Enforcement Order Branden Mahese Sumner St – Awaiting inspection**

**MACC Spring Conference – virtual meeting**

***New Business***

**Motion by Mr Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Horan to add McNamara Farm Letter request to use field on conservation land to park cars.**

Mr. McDonald reviewed the letter.

Mr. Francis noted that Charles McNamara is a friend of the commission and recommends we ok it.

Mr. Morton agrees and asks if any fences need to come down to accomplish this.

Mr. McDonald advised there is access is available and as long as it is dry weather there should be no issues. Noted that Eddie McNamara maintains the field for us.

Motion by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to approve use of field for spring auction. Passed Unanimously.

**Mr. Francis noted we received 88 acres of conservation land from the Goulston family and we agreed to name it after Paul Goulston.**

Mr. Francis requested that we look into the cost for putting a temporary sign on the road noting the ***Future home of the Paul Goulston Conservation area.***

Mr. McDonald noted that there was a requirement to add parking, entrance, monument etc. Noted that we were able to find a 5-acre site off Atkinson Ave extension purchased to put parking and trailhead. This parcel will tie the 88 Acre parcel with 100 acres already owned by the town. Everything needs to go through town meeting so will take some time.

Motion by Mr. Morton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan to look into the cost of a sign.

**Mr. Francis noted that people are cutting trails and making bridges on conservation land. Thinks there should be a policy in place if someone wants to do anything on conservation land.**

Mr. Morton noted we should add signage.

Mr. Francis wants to work with the board to make a policy for conservation land.

Motion by Mr Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr Morton to put a trail committee together. Passed Unanimously

**Minutes: January 12<sup>th</sup>**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Horan to approve – passed unanimously

Motion to Adjourn 8:35 PM by Mr. Malley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Horan – passed unanimously

*Minutes submitted by John Malley*