

Town of Stoughton Conservation Commission

Meeting

7-19-2023

The meeting was in a hybrid format using Google Meets, in compliance with MA legislation.

Present: Gerald McDonald, Chair; Michael Horan; William Francis; Lionel Lucian; David Asack. John Malley and John Morton by google.

Also present: James Conlon, Environmental Affairs Officer

Motion made by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Asack to open the meeting 7:12PM , Motion passed with a roll call vote.

Public Hearings:

DEP 298-0891: TRADEBE, 441 Canton St –

Motion by Mr Asack, 2nd by Mr. Francis to open hearing. Passed Unanimously

Mr .McDonald read the hearing notice into the record.

Arthur Allen from EcoTech for the applicant. provided info on the project. Making repairs and then restoring the temporarily disturbed wetlands.

Contractor provided some details on the construction project, including electrical work being done.

Mr. Conlon provided some information and photos of the sight. Advised it needs to be acted on as they are already working under an emergency order.

Motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr Asack to close the hearing. Passed unanimously

Motion by Mr. Francis and seconded by Mr. Horan to approve with standard conditions. Passed unanimously.

RDA – 23-05; 888 Sumner St – Septic upgrade

Mr Francis motion to open the hearing, seconded by Mr. Horan. Passed unanimously

Mr. McDonald read the hearing notice into the record.

The applicants representative reviewed the project.

Mr. Conlon – advised it he would suggest silt fence, rather than just straw waddle. Generally routine repair.

Mr. Morton asked if we should add wetland markers to be consistent with our past practice.

Motion to close the hearing by Mr. Francis, Seconded by Mr. Asack, passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Asack for a negative 3 with conditions to including wetland markers 2 feet on south side and 3 feet on north side, seconded by Mr. Horan, passed unanimously.

Dep 298-0892 – NOI Sewer Connection Chateau Restaurant

Brian Dunning for applicant provided update. Noted he has a letter from Jim and is in the process of responding to Jim’s letter. Requested a continuance until August meeting.

Motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Horan to continue to next meeting – passed unanimously.

Fine Hearing 1515 West St –

Ken Thompson for the applicant – provided update. All seeded and planted. Instead of fence provided large logs and rocks. Provided photos.

Mr. McDonald OK with what they have done.

Mr. Morton has a reservation about the logs and that their ability to let small animals pass. And was advised there are small openings between logs from 2-4 feet.

Mr. Conlon also advised the logs provide a habitat.

Mr. Asack noted they spent a lot of money to get to the property restored. Recommends against a fine. As does Mr. Francis.

Motion by Mr. Asack to acknowledge compliance and release the enforcement order, seconded by Mr. Francis. Passed unanimously.

Mr. Asack recommended a fine in the amount of \$250, seconded by Mr. Morton.

Mr. Lucien commented he feels it is too low.

Motion passed 6-1

Discussion

Motion by Mr Francis, seconded by Mr. Asack to take Stoughton Self Storage out of order. Passed unanimously.

Nicole Langley for the applicant provided details of the project, involving 34 Movable Self Storage units. Will be placed on the parking lot. Advised that they reviewed the zoning, bylaws and State regs. and basically they can install without approval.

Mr. McDonald asked whether there are any structures. Was advised there would basically be awnings attached to the boxes

Mr. Francis asked about the parking. Was advised that the planning board needs to approve reduction of the parking lot.

Mr. McDonald asked about the 1984 grant and if it is true that we have no authority over this project. Mr. Conlon confirmed that.

Mr. Morton asked about effect on snow storage on site. And was advised that they did not use this area for storage.

Fine Hearing 53 Spallus –

Property owner not present

DEP 298-0876 – Town of Stoughton Public Works 950 Central St (Con't)

Continued to a future meeting

Correspondence – Discussion

DEP 298-0812 20 Smyth St Req for cert of compliance

Motion by Mr. Francis to approve certificate of compliance including erosion control, seconded by Mr. Horan, passed unanimously

Enforcement Order 275 Plain St

Mr. Conlon advised he is satisfied with work done.

Motion by Mr. Francis, seconded by Mr. Asack to close enforcement order. Passed unanimously

MASS Trail Grants

Mr Conlon advised work to begin 1st week of August. 3rd and 4th of August.

August Meeting Wednesday the 30th

Mr. Francis would like to have a Stoughton Clean-up Day in Spring

Fine Hearing Britton Ave – Continued

DEP 298-0554 – 1150 Turnpike – Continued

Branden Mahase – Enforcement ordered - continued

Old Business

RE: CW Welch Culvert Replacement –

Eric Dias advised DEP issued an intercession letter. DEP went to sight and requested 3 items which Eric reviewed with us.

Mr. Conlon advised he has not objection to the culvert plan as revised due to the DEP intercession.

Mr. McDonald – went to sight and sees no reason not to approve the draft provided.

Mr. Dias advised that once he has that, file with DEP and if agreeable he can get a revised order of conditions request to the commission for approval and DEP can drop their intercession.

Motion by Mr Morton that we find the changes acceptable. Passed with 6 votes with 1 abstention by Mr. Francis.

Motion by Mr Francis, second by Mr Lucien to approve minutes of June 15th. Passed unanimously.

Motion to Adjourn Mr Francis, second by Mr. Asack to adjourn. Passed unanimously – 9:05 PM.

Minutes submitted by John Malley

APPROVED: 8-30-23 (5-0)