



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1st, 2024

“Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023 this meeting of the Haverhill Conservation Commission, including the list of public hearings, will be conducted via remote participation. No in person attendance of members of the public will be permitted but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings as provided for in the order. A reminder that persons who would like to virtually attend this meeting while in progress can properly do so by joining the meeting at the following URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84291820471> (Passcode 206268). Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so during a portion of the hearing designated for public comment by using the raise hand button and waiting for the chair. I hereby call this meeting of the Haverhill Conservation Commission to order under MGL Chapter 131 Section 40 under the City of Haverhill municipal ordinance Chapter 253 on this 1st day of August 2024.”

Present: Oliver Aguilo (OA), Jen Rubera (JR), Clerk Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW), and Chairperson Fred Clark (FC)

Partially Present: Lisa DeMeo (LD)

Absent: Evan Barman (EB) and Harmony Wilson (HW)

Also Present: Robert E. Moore Jr., Environmental Health Technician (RM)

“At this time the Commission wishes to inform you that should an item of business be acted upon on this meeting and you wish to be notified in writing that an appeal has been filed, you must give your name and address to the Conservation Dept staff immediately following the action of that item of business so that you may follow the appeal process. You may submit your name and address via email to conservation@cityofhaverhill.com. Please identify your items of interest in the subject line. Thank you for your cooperation in implementing this policy. Please note that this meeting is being recorded. As always, the Conservation Dept. staff is available to answer any questions pertaining to all the Commission's actions.”

CONTINUANCES & WITHDRAWALS

2.1. #33-ANRAD Ransom Cook for 1160 Boston Rd (Parcel ID: 771-779-66) Verification of the validity of delineated wetland resource area boundaries.

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: TW moved to continue this item to the August 22nd meeting. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: OA yes, JR=yes, TW=yes, FC=yes. Motion passed 4:0:3. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1. David Smith for 27 River Road (Parcel ID: 471-4-5) Move existing pier and install additional seasonal float
Plans and Documents

- RDA Application Materials, 07.18.24, DS

Summary: LD joined the meeting at this time. David Smith, owner of 27 River Road, explained the project scope. TW asked if the supports are going to be rebuilt or stay where they are. SM said the outer supports will be removed, and there will be two new ones installed. TW asked if there will be vegetation disturbance and DS said no, he wants to do it in the Fall or early Spring. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: LD moved to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with the additional comments made from RM. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: OA=yes, LD=yes, JR=yes, TW=yes, FC=yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.2. #33-1573 Dennis Suslavich for 0 Stanley Drive (Parcel ID: 640-600-8) Construction of a single-family home Plans and Documents

- NOI Application Materials, 07.18.24, J. Serwatka
- Permit Plan, 04.04.24, J. Serwatka

Summary: Joe Serwatka represented the applicant, Dennis Suslavich. JS reviewed the project scope. LD asked if the rain guard is going to be the responsibility of the property owner. JS said he is sure the property owner will maintain that. LD said they want to maintain it to public works standards. TW asked RM if there are any comments from abutters. RM said no. RM said he will reference the stormwater requirements. TW asked what is required in regards to maintenance of it, RM explained. RM said this condition would be an ongoing condition so it would carry with the property. In addition to state standards, they should also follow the OEM plans and add in annual reporting if necessary. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: TW moved to issue an Order of Conditions to include all notes read into the record from RM, in addition to the comments made by LD to maintain the rain guard to DPW specs to include an annual reporting procedure per the meeting notes. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

3. REQUEST TO AMEND A FINAL ORDER OF CONDITIONS

None Scheduled

OTHER BUSINESS (NON-HEARING ITEMS)

4. EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES

None Scheduled

5. ENFORCEMENT

None Scheduled

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. CONSERVATION CALENDAR UPDATE – JEN RUBERA

JR said the team was able to collaborate, and there is a layout in place for the August Conservation sheet. They will be handing this out at the national night out night. This will be shared on the website and through social media. RM said an Instagram account will be launched soon too.

6.2. CONSERVATION PARTNER UPDATE – ROB MOORE

They are meeting on Mondays and are currently exploring HC Media. They are planning on doing a video shoot with Greenbelt representatives, to outline recreational areas around Haverhill. TW asked RM if he knew where the potential grant money would be allocated, RM said there are various outlets that they are looking into.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: LD moved to accept the 07-11-24 minutes. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: OA-yes, LD-yes, JR yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

TM moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by LD.