



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MARCH 28th, 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 20668). Members of the public attending this meeting 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 28th day of March 2024.”

Present: Jen Rubera (JR), Harmony Wilson (HW), Clerk Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW), and Chairperson Fred Clark (FC)

Partially Present: Phil LaCroix (PL)

Absent: Oliver Aguilo (OA) and Neil Frasca (NF)

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. #33-1565 City of Haverhill for Rosemont Street Bridge (ROW) Removal and replacement of bridge

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: HW moved that this item be continued to the April 18th meeting. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 4:0:3. Approved.

4.1. Certificate: #33-1554 Morin-Cameron Group, Inc. for 547 West Lowell Ave

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: HW moved this item to the May 9th meeting. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 4:0:3. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

1.1. Mary and Michael Woods for 206 Golden Hill Av (Parcel ID: 411-185-7) Filling and landscaping of backyard

Plans and Documents:

- RDA Application Materials, received 3.18.24 (Woods)
- Report from Norse Environment, dated 3.26.24

Summary: Mike and Mary Woods from 206 Golden Hill Ave. gave a summary of the proposed project. FC read comments/recommendations from RM. HW said she would like to see signage – the Commission agreed.

Action: HW moved that they issue a Negative Determination Option 3 to include all comments from RM and to include signage behind the wall. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 4:0:3. Approved.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.2. #33-1566 GR Development LLC for 1186 Main St (Parcel ID: 637-2-31) Redevelopment of commercial property with a new car wash

Plans and Documents:

- Notice of Intent application materials, dated 3.12.2024 (Norse)
- Site Development Plans, dated 2.16.2024 (GPI)
- O&M Plan, 2.16.2024 (GPI)
- Stormwater Management Report, 2.16.2024 (GPI)

Summary: PL joined discussion at start of item 2.2. Maureen Herald from Norse Environmental Services and Chris York (The Design Engineer) spoke on this project. They have a DEP file number, and no comments were posted. TW asked to explain the neighbors – they explained. HW asked if there were alternatives for the dumpster pad due to proximity of wetland area. There was discussion that concluded the dumpster could potentially be moved to the opposite corner. FC asked if it would be possible to extend that fence around that corner. FC read comments from RM. RM is going to see if he has any as-built information on this project. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: HW moved that they have an abbreviated stormwater management review done and move this item to the next meeting. Seconded by PL. Clerk called role: PL-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

2.3. #33-1567 Russell Corr for 35 Lincolnshire Drive (Parcel ID: 785-2-87) Construction of an attached garage

Plans and Documents:

- Notice of Intent application materials, dated 3.13.2024 (WCS)

Summary: Russell Corr from 35 Lincolnshire Drive explained project scope. Bob Prokop presented from Wetland Consulting Services located at 15 Bisson Lane in Merrimac, MA. He flagged the wetlands. There is a stream along the southern edge of the property. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: HW moved the issuance of an OOC to include all comments from RM. Seconded by PL. Clerk called role: PL-yes, JR-yes, HW-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 other scheduled

5. ENFORCEMENT

5.1. Enforcement Order: Jeffery Lang and Madison Libby for 7 Kali Way

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: HW made a motion to issue a new enforcement order to include all comments from RM. Seconded by PL. Clerk called role: PL-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

5.2. Enforcement Order: James and Rebecca Ryan for 471 East Broadway – Restoration Update

Summary: John Dick said they have a revised plan. He has no problems with RM's comments, and they agree.

Action: HW made a motion to issue a new enforcement order to include all comments from RM. Seconded by PL. Clerk called role: PL-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5:0:2. Approved.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. Open Space and Recreation Plan update

The municipal departments continue to work on their areas of specialty. They have 650 completed surveys so far. Meeting with the volunteers next week and they are interested to see some early conclusions and how this will be broken down. Last week's meeting they reviewed the last plans, goals, and objectives.

6.2. Update on Conservation Commission and Conservation Partner Appointments

PL and NF will no longer be part of the Commission. RM thanked PL for his many years of service, he will be greatly missed. There are two new members that are slated: Evan Barmen and Lisa Demeyo.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

HW approved draft minutes for 02.15.24 and 03.07.24.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.