



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 9th, 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 9th day of May 2024.”

Present: Evan Barman (EB), Lisa DeMeo (LD), Jen Rubera (JR), Clerk Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW), and Chairperson Fred Clark (FC)

Absent: Harmony Wilson (HW) and Oliver Aguilo (OA)

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

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

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: TW moved to continue this item to the May 30th meeting. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes, and JR-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

None scheduled.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.1. #33-1565 City of Haverhill for Rosemont Street Bridge (ROW) Removal and replacement of bridge Plans and Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application Materials, 02.22.24 (BETA)
- Site Plan Set, dated February 2024, revised April 2024 (BETA)
- Presentation Slide Deck, 3.7.2024 Meeting (BETA)
- MassDEP File Number Comment Letter, 3.22.2024
- NHESP Conditional Approval Letter, 3.22.2024
- Response to Local Comments Letter, 4.25.24, BETA
- Response to DEP Comments Letter, 5.7.24, BETA

Summary: Christopher Jones presented from BETA Group located at 315 North Park South in Norwood. CJ gave an overview of the project, and reviewed bank stabilization changes/stormwater improvements. Elyse from BETA Group reviewed the resource areas, buffer zones, habitat protection plans, and mitigation measures. TW asked to clarify that they will replace the catch basin if it is not working. CJ said yes. TW brought up the effect this will have on the public and make sure they are notified well in advance to be able to plan. FC read comments/recommendations from RM. CJ agreed to all conditions addressed.

Action: TW moved that they approve the issuance of an OOC per the meeting notes described with appropriate follow-up. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

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, revised 4.16.24 (GPI)
- O&M Plan, 2.16.2024 (GPI)
- Stormwater Management Report, 2.16.2024 (GPI)
- Stormwater Peer Review, dated 4.15.2024 (CEI)
- Response to Peer Review Comments, dated 4.17.2024 (GPI)
- Response to March 28th Meeting Notes Comments, dated 4.17.2024 (GPI)
- Supplemental Stormwater Management Calculations, received 4.18.2024 (GPI)
- Operation & Maintenance Plan and Long-Term Pollution Prevention Plan, revised 4.16.2024 (GPI)

Summary: Chris York from Green Peterson was present. FC read comments/recommendations from RM. Chris agreed with all recommendations.

Action: LD moved to approve issuance of an OOC to include RM's recommended additions. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

2.3. #33-1570 Robert Lavallee for 119 Hyatt Av (Parcel ID: 736-9-1A) Construction of a single-family house

Plans and Documents:

- Notice of Intent Application Materials, dated 4.11.2024 (Meisner Brem)
- Site Plan, dated 4.11.2024 (Meisner Brem)
- Preliminary Site / Landscape Sketch, dated 3.13.2024 (Mountain Top)

Summary: Ian Ainslie presented from 142 Wilton Road in Westford. IA provided a project overview. The closest point of work is 60' from the wetland. TW asked about the driveway and HFD requirements. There was discussion regarding fire hydrant locations and necessary access. RM said the HFD looks at all of this

during the development review. Rob Lavallee said there are two hydrants close by, and he will be putting in a fire suppression system as well. No comments from the public. FC read comments from RM. IA agreed to all comment requirements. FC read recommendations from RM.

Action: LD moved to accept issuance of an OOC incorporating RM's recommendations. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

3.REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

None Scheduled

OTHER BUSINESS (NON-HEARING ITEMS)

4. EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES

None Scheduled

5. ENFORCEMENT

None Scheduled

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Summary: RM provided an update regarding the survey. They had over 800 responses, and RM thanked McKayla and partners who did a great job. The goal is to have a draft plan submitted in mid-June, with the ultimate goal to be eligible for grant funding.

6.2. Conservation Calendar Update

Summary: JR gave an update on the calendar for June. JR is going to have it translated (English, Spanish, and Portuguese) so it can go through Haverhill Public Schools. JR is going to be working on July and August. There was discussion regarding future events they could share this information at, as well as how they plan to spread the word on social media.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Summary: FC read comments from RM.

Action: LD moved to accept the 04-18-24 minutes. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned.