



# CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



**MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 25th, 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 25th day of January 2024.”

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

Absent: Neil Frasca (NF) and Phil LaCroix (PL),

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](mailto: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.”

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

### 1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

#### 1.1. City of Haverhill for 685 Washington St, Consentino - Silver Hill School (Parcel ID: 566-1-1)

Regrading of field and installation of retaining wall

##### Plans and Documents:

- RDA Application, received 1/11 (Nitsch)
- Site Plan, dated 1/11 (Nitsch)
- Wetland Report, 1/17 (LEC)
- Presentation Plans for 1/25 Meeting (Nitsch & Dore + Whittier)

Summary: Marissa Valentino from Nitsch Engineering and Michele Rogers from Dore Whittier Architects outlined the project. TW asked for clarity on the retaining wall. MR explained the design. JR asked if she can vote on this or if she should abstain. RM said she can. HW asked to show where the current outfall is. MV explained the existing swale and outfall setup. HW asked if they would be able to accommodate moving that

outfall to the other corner from west to the south. This has been revised. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: HW moved that they issue a Negative Determination to include all notes from RM read into the record tonight. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: AO-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed: 5-0-2. Approved.

## **2. NOTICE OF INTENT**

None scheduled.

## **3. REQUEST TO AMEND A FINAL ORDER OF CONDITIONS**

None scheduled.

### **OTHER BUSINESS (NON-HEARING ITEMS)**

## **4. EXTENSIONS AND CERTIFICATES**

### **4.1. Certificate #33-1502 Heather McMann for 34 Wharf Lane**

Summary: FC read comments/recommendations from RM. Heather McMann said she has the filing fee check, and she will get it out in the mail tomorrow.

Action: HW moved to issue a Complete Certification with the inclusion of Conditions #69-82 as Ongoing Conditions. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: AO-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed: 5-0-2. Approved.

## **5. ENFORCEMENT**

None scheduled.

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **6.1. Robert Johnson from Johnson Construction Corp to present redevelopment concept for 880 Boston Rd**

Summary: Robert Johnson presented from 14 Lexington Street in Stoneham, MA. HW asked to clarify where the perennial stream is. RJ showed its location and explained that they would be removing the asphalt in the river. AO asked how many trees are going to be removed. RJ said most likely 12-15 and the majority will be on the Boston Road side. They also plan on planting some additional trees. TW asked what a pet wash is. RJ explained. FC asked to clarify if there is a way to extend the 15' buffer off the vegetated wetland. RJ said they cannot move it anymore, if that area became a problem, they would probably look at recreating some wetlands. HW asked about parking and RJ said all parking would be on site. HW asked about snow storage, RJ said they are thinking of the permeable area up top. RJ said there would be a third-party review for stormwater if this goes forward. TW asked if they have conducted a site visit, RM said it is a terrific win for that brook. TW asked about flooding and RJ said if the asphalt is removed in that stream, it would benefit the area.

## **7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

HW made a motion to move to this line item before line item 6. Seconded by JR. FC read comments from RM. HW moved their acceptance. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: AO-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed: 5-0-2. Approved.

## **8. ADJOURN**

HW moved meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.