



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 30th, 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 30th day of May 2024.”

Present: Oliver Aguilo (OA), Evan Barman (EB), Lisa DeMeo (LD), Jen Rubera (JR), Clerk Tom Wylie Ed. D. (TW). TW served as Chair. JR served as Clerk.
Absent: Chairperson Fred Clark (FC) and Vice-Chair 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

Action: JR made a motion to move up agenda items 6.5 and 6.6. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

6.5. Greenbelt Presentation of Conservation Restriction for 117 Corliss Hill Road

Summary: TW read comments from RM. Vanessa Johnson-Hall (VJH) said the Conservation Restriction is ready to be signed. VJH showed the area on a map and explained the layout.

Action: LD motioned to send the CR to the Mayor and City Council with its support for acceptance. Seconded by EB. JR called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

6.6. Greenbelt Presentation of Conservation Restriction for Crystal St LAND Grant location

Summary: TW read comments from RM. VJH gave a project summary and said the City is in the process of acquiring the 35-acre Crystal Street property. Greenbelt has agreed to hold the CR for this property. There will be a parking area off Crystal Street that will hold 2-3 cars. TW read recommendation from RM.

Action: EB motioned that the Commission endorse the CR. Seconded by LD. JR called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

None scheduled.

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.1. #33-1569 Bohler Engineering for Farrwood Dr (Parcel ID: 770-779-74) Verification of the validity of delineated wetland resource area boundaries

Plans and Documents

- ANRAD Application Materials, dated 4.4.24 (LEC)
- Peer Review Report, 4.17.24 (Kuriger)
- ANRAD Exhibit, Site Plan, dated 3.28.24, revised 5.15.24 (Bohler)

Summary: Nicole Ferrara spoke from LEC Environmental. They are filling an ANRAD application for 0 Farrwood Drive. They conducted delineations in November 2023, and she explained the findings. EB asked what the goal is for this property. Tim Hayes said they are trying to understand the constraints for future development. TW read comments from RM.

Action: LD made a motion to issue an ORAD approving the delineations as Modified on the revised plan to include all comments read into the record from RM. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-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

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

Summary: TW read comments/recommendations from RM. LD asked if she can vote on this because this was discussed before she was on the board. RM said yes and summarized the topic. Daniel Powers said there is nothing major to note.

Action: LD made a motion to issue a Complete Certification with the inclusion of the Ongoing Conditions listed in the order. Seconded by OA. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

4.2. Certificate: #33-1345 Scotland Heights Realty Trust for 94 Snow Road

Summary: TW read recommendations from RM. RM gave a summary of this project.

Action: EB made a motion to issue a partial certification identifying this address, with the inclusion of the Ongoing Conditions listed in the order. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

5. ENFORCEMENT

None scheduled

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. Open Space and Recreation Plan Update

Summary: TW read comments from RM.

6.2. Conservation Calendar Update

Summary: JR attended the Haverhill summer resource fair. They passed out the conservation calendar and made nature journals. They had a copy of the Lorax, and some families took pictures with the Lorax. JR plans to hand out the calendar with the summer reading list.

6.3. Discussion, First Refusal Option to Purchase, Lovers Ln, Parcel IDs: 428-626-16, 428-628-12, 19± ac

6.4. Discussion, First Refusal Option to Purchase, Lovers Ln, Parcel ID: 463-206-6, 37± acres

Summary: TW read comments from RM. RM summarized the property and his thoughts on it. RW read recommendations from RM. JR and LD are in support of the three recommendations read into the record from RM. EB asked if the solar array is a done deal –RM said yes.

Action: LD moved to send a letter to the Mayor with a recommendation that the city consider the three opportunities, in lieu of acquisition. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Summary: TW read comments from

Action: RM. EB moved to accept the meeting minutes from 05.09.24. Seconded by LD. Clerk called role: OA-yes, EB-yes, LD-yes, JR-yes, TW-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

LD said next Saturday is the Art Walk and city councilor has a table and her art piece is stenciling the catch basins that say do not put anything down there to educate the public.

8. ADJOURN

Action: EB made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by LD.