



CITY OF HAVERHILL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



MEETING DATE: THURSDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2025

“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/84810851688> (Passcode 759304). 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 2nd day of January 2025.”

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

Absent: Oliver Aguilo (OA) and Lisa DeMeo (LD),

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

2.2 #33-ANRAD Hecate Energy Ward Hill Energy Center, LLC for 1160 Boston Rd (Parcel ID: 771-779-66 and 770-779-63) Verification of the validity of delineated wetland resource area boundaries.

Summary: FC read comments/recommendations from RM. RM received a text from the applicant asking to continue this to the next meeting.

Action: HW made a motion to move this item to the January 23rd meeting. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Approved. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY

None Scheduled

2. NOTICE OF INTENT

2.1. #33-1577 Boston Gas Company for 284 Winter St (Parcel ID: 307-2-1) Proposed site remediation associated with past manufactured gas facility

Summary: Billy-Jo Gauley (BG) from Anchor QEA spoke on behalf of Boston Gas Company from West Newbury. She provided a project summary. TW asked if there is another site review from now to the January 23rd meeting? Matthew Kissane from Fuss and O'Neil (1550 Main Suite 400 Street Springfield, MA) performed the third part review and explained the status. TW asked how long it will take to install the temporary cap if they get the NOI next meeting? BG said about 4 weeks. TW asked about timeframe and BG answered. RM said there will not be any work occurring until the cap is in place and Phase 1 is working. The damn work won't happen until the summer of 2025. EB asked BG if there was any breakthrough modeling and what is the level of safety factor there. BG said this cap is temporary to augment the system that is out there. EB summarized and said if the DNAPL starts going into the river at a significant amount, maintenance would need to be done. They discussed back and forth regarding this. TW asked if they will be required to come back for permission regarding the permanent replacement if the temp. cap is successful. RM said yes this is just Phase 1. FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: HW made a motion to issue an OOC approving the project with conditions consistent with those applied to the Little River Damn removal project excluding those related to river restoration. This OOC also includes all recommendations made by Fuss and O'Neill in their December 30th comment letter. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Approved. 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 #33-1555: WBS King of Construction for 32-34 Willow Street

Summary: FC read comments/recommendations from RM.

Action: HW made a motion to issue a complete certification with inclusion of conditions 62 through 74, inclusive, as ongoing conditions. Condition #35 should require submittal of a buyer's affidavit and should also be continued as unit #32 as not yet under agreement. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Approved. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

5. ENFORCEMENT

None Scheduled.

6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.1. Election of Officers

FC made a motion to make HW President. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved. HW nominated FC as Vice Chair. Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved. HW made a motion to nominate TW as Clerk. Seconded by JR. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-no comment, FC-yes. Motion passed 4-1-2. Approved.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

FC read comments from RM. TW moved to accept the Dec 5th meeting minutes Seconded by EB. Clerk called role: EB-yes, JR-yes, HW-yes, TW-yes, FC-yes. Motion passed 5-0-2. Approved.

8. ADJOURN

Signed, Fred Clark, Chairperson