



MILLBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

A Better World Through Conservation

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 2, 2020 | Time: 7:00 P.M. | via Zoom Meeting

Present: Ronald Stead, Anthony Cameron, Sarah Hoecker

Absent: Paul DiCicco

7:00 P.M.

Chairman Stead opened the meeting at 7:00 PM [times of public hearings are advertised times]

Mr. Stead reviewed the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting. Mr. Cameron motioned to approved the minutes, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Stead reviewed the minutes of the July 29, 2020 special meeting. Mr. Cameron motioned to approved the minutes, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.

Mr. Stead reviewed the minutes of the August 19, 2020 meeting. Ms. Hoecker motioned to approved the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cameron. All in favor, motion approved.

Certificate of Compliance for Cross Street DEP File #224-0801

Mr. Stead explained that he conducted the site visit and everything looked good. Mr. Cameron made a motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.

Forest Management Plan – Brierly Pond Conservation Area

Mr. McCormack explained that the current forest management plan was done in 2012 and expires in ten years. The plan calls for selective cutting and harvesting in specific stands in the forest and that the Commission can hire a timber harvester to conduct the cutting. He suggested the Commission allow the Planning department to work to implement the plan by soliciting quotes to hire a timber harvester. The Commission would get paid by the harvester and could then use that money to create forest management plants for additional conservation lands, install signage, conduct trail maintenance, etc. Mr. Cameron made a motion to authorize the Planning Department to pursue quotes for timber harvesters with the goal of hiring a firm to enacting the forest management plan for Brierly Pond Conservation Area, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.

7:05 P.M.

Ramshorn Pond Association – Continued

Notice of Intent

Ramshorn Pond – Proposed Aquatic Management Program

Mr. Stead recalled that the Commission was only waiting on a DEP number from last meeting to approve project, which has been received. Mr. Cameron motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.

Between agenda items, Mr. McCormack noted that the DEP has been in communication with the applicant of 67 Elmwood St., whom the Commission granted a negative DOA at last meeting, reviewing the project and potentially looking to require a NOI. Mr. McCormack will keep the Commission appraised of any developments.

7:10 P.M.

Debra Kuczka

Request for Determination of Applicability

7 Warren Street – Replacement of deck

Ms. Kuczka introduced the project, explaining that she is planning to replace her current 3-level deck with a smaller 1-level deck. Asked by Mr. Stead, Ms. Kuczka explained that the deck is about 25 feet from the waterline and they will try to reuse existing posts if possible. Mr. Cameron suggested using Techno-Posts if possible to reduce soil disturbance. Mr. Cameron made a motion for a negative determination with the condition that an erosion control barrier be install between deck area and the pond, seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved. Mr. Stead noted that the Commission may visit the project and that Ms. Kuczka should let the office know when the erosion control is in place.

7:15 P.M.

CoGrow Massachusetts, LLC

Request for Determination of Applicability

12 Latti Farm Road – Site Plan Modification

Mr. McClure spoke on behalf of CoGrow Massachusetts. He explained that the project was originally approved through a Special Permit with the Planning Board for their co-generation plan. A site plan modification has since come up that will move a small section of the footprint of the new CO2 tank pad into the 100' buffer. The area within the buffer is currently already a paved impervious parking lot and would be replaced with a another impervious surface. Ms. Hoecker noted wetlands areas that are closest to the development, flag numbers A8 and A31. Mr. Cameron made a motion to issue a negative determination with the condition of installing wetland flags at stations A8 and A31. All in favor, motion approved.

Other Business:

Ms. Hoecker told the Commission that she will be moving out of town next month and will have to resign from the Commission. Mr. Stead and Mr. Cameron congratulated her on the move and thanked her for dedication to the Commission. Mr. McCormack will work with the Board of Selectmen to advertise for her replacement, as well as the other vacant seat. Ms. Hoecker noted she will be able to serve until she makes the move.

Mr. Cameron made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:31p.m., seconded by Ms. Hoecker. All in favor, motion approved.


Respectfully submitted,

Conor McCormack
Assistant Planner

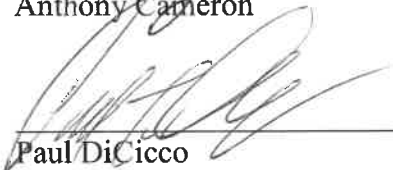


Ronald Stead, Chair

Sarah Hoecker



Anthony Cameron



Paul DiCicco

