

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**September 28, 2016  
(approved 10/12/2016)**

**Present:**                   **J. Wiley, Chairman**  
  **A. Goetz, Vice Chairman, K. Watson, and B. Dyer.**

**Also Present:**           **L. Hershey, Conservation Agent**

**Absent:**                   **J. Finnigan, E. DiVirgilio, and R. Turner**

Conservation Agent report given to members

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**General Business**

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm at which time the following general business was conducted:

The Commission reviewed the Minutes of September 14, 2016.

**B.Dyer made the motion to approve 9/14/2016 Minutes**  
**K. Watson seconded the motion; Vote: 3-0-1 (K. Watson abstained)**

A Certificate of Compliance was granted for DEP #315-1080 for the construction of a single family dwelling, 15 Lacivita Lane;

**A.Goetz made the motion. B.Dyer Seconded. Vote:4-0-0**

The Commission discussed and approved an extension of one year starting September 19, 2016 for DEP #315-994 Order of Conditions for Northridge Farm Subdivision.

**A.Goetz made the motion. B.Dyer seconded. Vote: 4-0-0**

The enforcement order issued under DEP #315-994 to revise basin #1 at Northridge Farms was vacated: **A.Goetz made the motion. B.Dyer Seconded. Vote 4-0-0**

## **Public Meetings**

### **Public Meeting for a Request for Determination of Applicability of the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act and the Walpole Wetland Protection Bylaw by Algonquin Gas Transmission, LLC (Spectra Energy) to conduct exploratory geotechnical borings for planning and permitting purposes.**

The Public scheduled for 7pm, commenced at 7:08pm.

Chairman Wiley read a unanimous statement from the Board of Health opposing any new gas pipelines.

Wiley also read a statement of “no comment” from the Town Engineer

John Bonsall of Spectra Energy, Mike Stoltzfuss and Zach Lissard both of TRC Environmental presented parts of a power point on the Access Northeast Plan to the Commission. They were asked to keep the topic on the subject of the Request for Determination application. The discussion then centered on the two geotechnical boreholes near the MBTA commuter rail that are jurisdictional. Two additional boreholes on Rte 1A are not jurisdictional and were not discussed.

John Boswell and Mike Stoltzfuss explained the erosion controls and method of boring. The borings will be made with a tracked drill rig with borings approx. 2-3 inches in diameter made no deeper than down to 50 feet. The borings will be dry until ledge is encountered and then a wet boring will be made. The water used to lubricate the drill will be contained in an open basin and all residuals will be removed from site. Access to the sites will be made from existing gravel roadways along the ROW. There is no impact to the wetlands.

L.Hershey, Walpole Conservation Agent stated that the activity is exempt under 10.02(2)b(2g) occurring in the buffer zone only, minor, and for planning purposes. Lhershey recommended a Negative #5 Determination under 310 CMR 10.00.

L.Hershey, Conservation Agent, recommended a negative determination under the bylaws because activity is within the buffer zone but will not impact the resource areas. L.Hershey stipulated erosion control to be kept in place until everything was stabilized at the drill sites.

Chair, Jack Wiley asked if there was anyone in the audience with any questions or comments.

Phil Czachorowsky, a resident, asked if the borings were vertical.

Mike Stoltzfuss of TRC: yes a tracked drill rig will be used.

Phil Czachorowsky: how deep the pipe would go beneath the tracks.

Mike Stoltzfuss of TRC: It will be done according to MBTA requirements, which apparently are not known yet. Drilling can occur up to 50-feet.

**A.Goetz motioned the vote to issue a Negative 5 under 310 CMR 10.00. K.Watson seconded. The vote: 4-0-0.**

**A.Goetz motioned the vote to issue a Negative Determination under the Walpole Wetlands Protection Bylaw. K.Watson seconded. The vote: 4-0-0.**

#### **Business Meeting (continued)**

**Zoning Board of Appeals** requested comments on 1641 Washington Street:

L.Hershey stated that there was no jurisdiction. No other comments were made concerning 1641 Washington St.

**Zoning Board of Appeals requested comments on a special permit for assessors map 53, lot 31:** L.Hershey stated that there was no jurisdiction. There were no comments on the special permit for a billboard at the Preserve.

**1900 Main Street, Enforcement Order** was discussed: Previously we had emailed the owners of 1900 Main Street to ask for a date by which we would receive plans. The response was that they have no plans yet.

Correspondences were reviewed.

A letter from John Glossa concerning some changes to the Roscommon subdivision plan was reviewed as required under the order of Conditions

B.Dyer moved to close the meeting at 7:45pm and K.Watson Seconded. Vote: 4-0-0

/B.D and LH