

TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 21st, 2020 – 6:30 PM

LOCATION: Town Administrative Building Meeting Room

Donald Blais, Chair
Dorothy Lawrence, Vice Chair
David Cotter
Peter Izyk
Nicholas Zeo
Brenda Cole
Mike Swiatek

Angela Panaccione, Agent
Sarah Fortune, Assistant

Members Present: Donald Blais, Jr.
Dorothy Lawrence
Peter Izyk
David Cotter
Nicholas Zeo
Brenda Cole

Members Absent: Mike Swiatek

Also Present: Angela Panaccione, Conservation Agent
Sarah Fortune, Conservation Assistant
Robert Natario, MassDOT; 811 North King Street, Northampton, MA
Jackie Firsty; BWC Dumplin Brook, LLC
Dave Golden, Wetlands Scientist; Thunderchase Environmental, LLC

1. Call to Order: 6:30 PM – Donald Blais, Jr. (Chair)

- a. Roll call attendance:
- i. **Donald Blais, Jr. – present**
 - ii. **Dorothy Lawrence – present**
 - iii. **Peter Izyk – present**
 - iv. **David Cotter – present**
 - v. **Nicholas Zeo – present**
 - vi. **Brenda Cole – present**

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. 6/2/2020

Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence to table the approval of the meeting minutes from 6/2/2020 until 8/18/2020 at 6:30 PM

Motion seconded by Dave Cotter

No further discussion

Role call vote: Donald Blais, Jr. – aye; Dorothy Lawrence – aye; Peter Izyk – aye; David Cotter – aye; Nicholas Zeo – aye; Brenda Cole – aye

Vote was Unanimous – Motion carries

- b. 7/7/2020

Motion made by Peter Izyk to approve the meeting minutes from 6/16/2020 as written

Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence

No further discussion

Role call vote: Donald Blais, Jr. – aye; Dorothy Lawrence – abstain; Peter Izyk – aye; David Cotter – aye; Nicholas Zeo – aye; Brenda Cole – aye

Motion carries – 5-0-1 (Dorothy Lawrence abstained)

3. Project Monitoring

a. MassDOT Route 32 Work

Robert Natario of MassDOT was in attendance to discuss the work occurring on Route 32 per the request of the PCC. Dave Cotter expressed his concern about the placement of erosion sediment controls along the roadway and impacts to adjacent wetland resource areas. Dave reported that there are two (2) areas of concern regarding the erosion controls; a section of road close to the Ware town line is entirely without erosion controls, and there are several areas where the erosion controls aren't sufficient and causes sedimentation of adjacent wetlands during rain storms. Rob Natario informed the PCC that he did not observe the area of concern during a recent site inspection to Route 32 but is willing to perform an inspection with the PCC to review the erosion sediment controls with the overall goal of preventing violations and avoiding potential enforcement. The Agent stated that she was not contacted to review and inspect the erosion sediment controls prior to the commencement of the project, which was clearly stated in the Special Order of Conditions issued by the PCC; Robert was unaware that the erosion sediment control inspection had not occurred prior to the start of work. The Agent will meet with Rob and Dave Cotter on Friday, 7/24/2020 at 10 AM to inspect the erosion sediment controls and will update the PCC as necessary.

4. New/Old Business

a. Master Plan Update

Brenda Cole represented the PCC for the first Master Plan Update public forum and reported that real-time polling of participants was conducted to set priorities for the development of the new Master Plan, which identified priorities including recreation and the local economy. Brenda also reported that many residents expressed their lack of knowledge of conservation and recreation areas in town, and that they didn't know where to obtain trail maps and other information for use of the conservation lands; she added that the link to trail maps on the PCC website is very difficult to find. The Agent added that she was contacted regarding the lack of trail maps at PCC properties and lack of trail maintenance on conservation lands. The PCC continued to discuss options to make trail maps and conservation land information more readily accessible for the general public, and requested that the Agent put a link on the front page of the town website to direct folks to conservation land information.

a. 2020 Bac-T Sampling Dates

The last Bac-T sampling event occurred on 7/16/2020 but the results of the analysis were not available at this time. The Agent will inform the PCC when the analysis results are ready to review.

5. Schedule of Public Meetings & Hearings

- a. 7:00 PM Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) – BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC: L22 Sykes Street (Map 18 Lot 22) & L28 Mt Dumplin Street (Map 18 Lot 28): The applicant has submitted an ANRAD to confirm the precise boundaries of jurisdictional resource areas, which have been delineated at L22 Sykes Street and L28 Mt Dumplin Street. No work is proposed as part of this application.

Donald Blais, Jr. opened the public hearing at 7:00 PM and Jackie Firsty of BlueWave Solar and Dave Golden, Wetlands Scientist were present to discuss the ANRAD application with the PCC. Dave reported that he conducted a review of the delineation with the Agent and Assistant on 7/8/2020, and that only a few discrepancies with the delineation were identified.

The Agent reported that the delineation review confirmed new wetland flags and reconfirmed the 12/4/2018 delineation by SWCA Environmental Consultants. The only flags to be removed from the delineation as proposed are wetland flags A7 and F164A; flag F164 should connect to F165. The Agent continued to report that several random wetland flags were observed on the site that were not placed there as a result of this delineation, or the previous delineation conducted by SWCA Environmental Consultants. Jackie Firsty informed the PCC that they will monitor the site moving forward to try to deter any rogue wetland scientist from altering the current wetland delineation.

The Agent stated that she has no issue with the delineation and no further questions or comments. The Agent added that the Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) doesn't confirm any other resource area boundaries, the ORAD can and will be included in a future Notice of Intent on the site, and that the ORAD doesn't include flags that weren't shown on the site plans or requested for confirmation in the ANRAD permit application.

Donald Blais, Jr. opened the public hearing to comment by the PCC or the general public; no one wished to comment on the application at this time.

Motion made by Nick Zeo to close the public hearing for the Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) for BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC at L22 Sykes Street and L28 Mt. Dumplin Street at 7:05 PM

Motion seconded by Dorothy Lawrence

No further discussion

Role call vote: Donald Blais, Jr. – aye; Dorothy Lawrence – aye; Peter Izyk – aye; David Cotter – aye; Nicholas Zeo – aye; Brenda Cole – aye

Vote was Unanimous –Motion carries

Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence to issue an Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) reconfirming the 12/4/2018 wetland delineation and approving wetland flags F1 to F195, F223 to F230, and DD1 to DD4 for BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC at L22 Sykes Street and L28 Mt. Dumplin Street

Motion seconded by Dave Cotter

No further discussion

Role call vote: Donald Blais, Jr. – aye; Dorothy Lawrence – aye; Peter Izyk – aye; David Cotter – aye; Nicholas Zeo – aye; Brenda Cole – aye

Vote was Unanimous –Motion carries

6. Set Next Meeting Date

- a. The PCC canceled the meeting scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 at 6:30 PM. The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled to occur on Tuesday, August 18th, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

7. Meeting Adjourned: 7:11 PM

Motion made by Dorothy Lawrence to adjourn at 7:11 PM

Motion was seconded by Peter Izyk

No further discussion

Role call vote: Donald Blais, Jr. – aye; Dorothy Lawrence – aye; Peter Izyk – aye; David Cotter – aye;

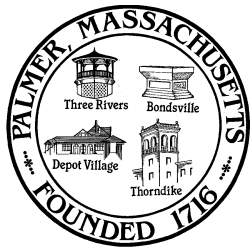
Nicholas Zeo – aye; Brenda Cole – aye

Vote was Unanimous - Motion carries

Sincerely Submitted,

Sarah A. Fortune

Palmer Conservation Assistant



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The following is a list of documents used at the above-mentioned meeting, in addition to those included in the agenda packet which is part of the official record of the meeting:

Number	Description	Agenda Item	Notes
1.	Meeting Minutes: 6/16/2020	Approval of Minutes	Approval tabled until 8/18/2020 at 6:30 PM
2.	Meeting Minutes: 7/7/2020	Approval of Minutes	Retained in 2020 Meeting Minutes binder in office
3.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD)	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
4.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – ANRAD Site Plans	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
5.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – Order of Resource Area Delineation	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
6.	DEP File Number & Comments: DEP # 117-0347	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
7.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – Abutters Notification	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
8.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – Property Owners Information	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347
9.	DEP # 256-0347: BWS Dumplin Brook, LLC; L22 Sykes Street & L28 Mt. Dumplin Street – ANRAD Revisions	Schedule of Public Hearings & Meetings	Retained in file for DEP # 256-0347