



TOWN OF PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Town Hall Meeting Room
4417 Main St Palmer MA

Donald Blais, Chair
Dorothy Lawrence, Vice Chair
David Cotter
Peter Izyk
Nicholas Zeo
Brenda Cole
Lucas McDiarmid

Sarah Fortune,
Conservation Agent

Members Present: Donald Blais, Jr.
Peter Izyk
Lucas McDiarmid
Brenda Cole
Dave Cotter

Members Absent: Dorothy Lawrence
Nicholas Zeo

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32 PM – Donald Blais, Jr. (Chair)

2. **Chair Member Reports:**

3. **Review Mail/Phone Messages**

- a. MECO Utility Maintenance Notifications: Main St Three Rivers, Thorndike Street, Sykes Street, Geraldine Street, Alden St

The Agent notified the PCC that MECO is conducting maintenance work on utility systems. They are exempt under the local wetland protection ordinance and utility maintenance provisions of the Wetland Protection Act.

4. **Public Inquiries:**

- a. Charlann Griswald of 45 Cleveland St discussed the fact that trees are being cut down on abutting property. She stated that she has done informal meetings with the Agent, who reviewed and did a site visit with abutting property owner. She has concerns of wetlands and cutting within a 100' buffer zone. She stated she has concerns with clear cutting of lot in the wetlands. She requested a letter be sent from the PCC to the landowner regarding jurisdiction about work on property. The Agent stated that could be done.

5. Approval of Payables

Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to approve the payable in the amount of \$3,000.00 to CT River Stormwater Coalition for FY23 dues.

Motion seconded by Dave Cotter.

No further discussion

Motion Caries 5-0-0

6. Approval of Minutes

- a. 5/3/22
- b. 6/7/22
- c. 7/19/22

Motion made by Nick Zeo to table the minutes to 9/20 at 6:30 pm

Motion seconded by Peter Izyk.

Motion Caries 5-0-0

No further discussion.

7. Requests for Certificates of Compliance:

- a. Notice of Intent: DEP # 256-0631 – 111b Breckenridge St- Marijuana Cultivation Facility

The Chairman opened the hearing at 7:02pm. He then read the public notice. Brian Geaudreau was present on behalf of the applicant. He gave a brief introduction of the application. He stated the site is an existing site with 3 buildings. There is a stream with a 36” culvert under the first building. He then stated that the work will be done in two phases. Phase one will be renovating 3000sqft existing building into the cultivation facility. Phase two will be filling the rest of the facility with future tenant space. The junk that is on site will be cleared out. The exiting concrete pad will be removed and repaved to make it ADA compliant. That portion of the site will be regraded and pitched toward edge of building to the stormwater management area, the rain garden. There is currently no stormwater management on site. The rain garden will capture SW from proposed parking lot to Graves Brook. All work is being done within previously disturbed areas.

It was also stated that rain garden design is based on on-site soils & NRCS soil report.

Lucas McDiarmid questioned that the gravel driveways, which were discussed at the Planning Board hearing, and if there were SW concerns. The agent stated that no, the gravel driveway is existing and relatively flat.

Laura Kwasnuski a resident of Cabot St stated she never received abutter notification and is concerned about potential impacts.

John Raymond, asked what would happen if they cut trees? The agent stated the PCC can take full enforcement action.

Motion made by Brenda Cole to close the hearing at 7:37pm. Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid

Motion Caries 5-0-0

Motion made by Lucas McDiarmid to issue of a full OOC with special conditions. Condition including the submittal of revised info regarding esc (for DEP# 256-0361) to require 9” straw wattles and silt fence.

Motion seconded by Dave Cotter.

Motion Caries 5-0-0

No further discussion.

8. New/Old Business:

a. Swearing In:

Dave Cotter and Brenda Cole were sworn into the PCC for another term.

b. Forest Lake

Peter Izyk asked if there is a hold up on the project. It was stated that it still has the car top boat launch. The turbidity curtain may still be there.

c. Bennett St

The Agent stated she told Keith to coordinate with the PCC re: creating access at Bennett St.

d. 2021 OSRP Update

The agent stated it was submitted to DCS and should be receiving full approval. It was 413 pages.

Next Meeting Date:

Lucas McDiarmid recommended meeting on 9/6 to go over business.

Motion made by Peter Izyk to adjourn at 8:16 PM

Motion seconded by Lucas McDiarmid.

No further discussion.

Motion Caries 6-0-0

Sincerely Submitted,

Sarah A. Fortune

Palmer Conservation Agent