

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

May 9th, 2023

Meeting conducted in person at the Hadley Senior Center and via zoom

Conservation Commission Members Present: Gary Pelissier (Chair), Edwin Matuszko (CPA representative), Gordon Smith, Ray Mieczkowski, Stephen Szymkowicz, Kayla Loubriel (Staff)

**6:30, Gary Opens the Hearing*

Request for Determination of Applicability – 8 French Street

- Alex Bilodeau presented his plans for a two-car garage in the same footprint as an existing old shed/barn on existing degraded riverfront area.
- Motion made by Edwin to issue negative 2 determination, seconded by Gordon, all in favor.

Other Business

UMass Enforcement Order:

- UMass complying with request to file after-the-fact Notice of Intent for project completed without written notice, as well as restoration plan for site.
- Kayla shared preliminary plan for project from SWCA with the board.

UMass Wastewater Treatment Facility:

- Commission members in agreement with classification of UMass Wastewater Treatment Facility project as a Category III activity under Order of Conditions 170-266, which will require filing a new Notice of Intent.

Shattuck Road Solar Array

- Ray expressed concern over project implications for wildlife, hopes to consider wildlife more in future projects.
- Board accepted Kayla's inspection and approval of site for start of work.

Tree Removal near Hampshire College Woods

- Board recommended reaching out to property owner.

Bills

Purchasing policies

- Board agreed to allow Kayla to sign off on small invoices, only take to board if costly.

- Kayla reminded board members that tuition budget can cover their attendance to conferences, webinars, and classes.

MACC Virtual Conferences

- Board approved paying cost of attendance to 3 MACC courses, totaling \$155.

MSMCP Membership

- Board approved paying MSMCP membership dues through June, totaling \$20.

Updates

Preferences for communication

- Email preferred, along with monthly emails with important updates throughout the month.

Website/education updates

- Gary recommended reaching out to DEP for resources to add to website.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

MACC Webinars

Massachusetts Land Trust Coalition: Fundamentals of Land Protection Course

Minutes

- Motion made by Edwin to approve April minutes, seconded by Gordon, all in favor.

Adjournment

- Motion made by Gordon to adjourn, seconded by Ray, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm