

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

July 11th, 2023

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

Conservation Commission Members Present: Ray Mieczkowski (Temporary Chair, CPA representative), Gordon Smith, Brandon Daniel, Stephen Szymkowicz, Kayla Loubriel (Staff)

Others present: Erica Larner, Billy Kelley, Colleen and Joe Tamsey

**6:33, Ray Opens the Hearing*

Enforcement Order – 105 Stockbridge Street

- Erica Larner presented on behalf of the applicant and property owner.
- Erica expressed difficulties delineating historic wetland line due to equipment constraints, and was unable to dig deep enough to find hydric soils. As an alternative to on-site delineation to determine the amount of wetland fill, the commission approved the use of GIS aerial imagery to estimate the amount of wetland fill.
- Billy Kelley expressed concern over the ditch shared between his neighboring property and 105 Stockbridge Street that empties into the Mill River to the south. The water does not move, and has pushed the water table at east and south end of farm up making it unsuitable for agricultural use.
- Due to the absence of available land for wetland replication, Erica suggested some alternatives to wetland replication including invasive plant mitigation and improved conditions of the drainage swale/stream.
- Motion made by Stephen to ratify Enforcement Order with the proposed alternative restoration ideas, and an extension of final project deadline to July 30, 2024, seconded by Gordon, all in favor.

Other Business

- Kayla has been in communication with Building and Planning Departments about complaints at 243 Russell Street and will provide updates as they arise.

Bills

- Commission voted to approve payment of MACC membership renewal for the upcoming year.

Updates

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Minutes

- Motion made by Ray to accept minutes from June 13th, 2023, seconded by Stephen, Brandon abstained, three in favor.

Other

- Continuance of file 170-294 was not on agenda
- Motion made by Ray to continue hearing for 170-294 until the August 8, 2023 meeting, seconded by Gordon, all in favor.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.