

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 9th, 2023

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

Conservation Commission Members Present: Gary Pelissier (Chair), Ray Mieczkowski, Stephen Szymkowicz, Brandon Daniel, Kayla Loubriel (Staff)

Others Present: Billie Li (MassDOT), Justin Bourbeau (MassDOT), Christin McDonough, Paul Zahradnik, David Plaza, Nate Plaza

**6:30, Gary Opened the Hearing*

Request for Determination of Applicability – Route 116

- Billie Li presented on behalf of MassDOT about the proposed resurfacing and realignment work on Route 116.
- Motion to close hearing made by Ray, seconded by Brandon, all in favor.
- Motion to issue negative 2 and 3 determination made by Ray, seconded by Brandon, all voted in favor.

Other Business

- Christin McDonough of SWCA presented the annual report on UMass General Maintenance in accordance with the OOC on DEP File #170-266. The Commission thanked her for the updates.
- Gary took questions from attendees via Zoom.
- Paul Zahradnik informed the Commission that he dropped off drainage and wetlands plans on his property to further their understanding of the drainage situation at 243 Russell Street.
- David and Nate Plaza asked the Commission about the feasibility of building on their lot on Huntington Road.
- The Commission approved the budget request Kayla submitted to the Town Treasurer.
- Kayla asked the Commission if they would be interested in exploring a tree removal policy. She will bring a draft to the next meeting and the Commission will decide if they want to pursue it further.

Bills

Updates

- Kayla provided the Commission with a summary of DEP's proposed updates to the Wetlands Protection Act regulations and invited them to attend any of the info sessions hosted by DEP, MACC, and MSMCP.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

- Kayla shared information about a MACC conservation restriction monitoring workshop.

Minutes

- Motion to accept minutes from the December 12th meeting made by Ray, seconded by Brandon, 3 in favor with Gary abstaining as he had missed the December 12th meeting.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.