

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

November 9th, 2021

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Meeting conducted in person at the Hadley Senior Center

Present: Gary Pelissier, Chair; Edwin Matuszko, Gordon Smith, Ray Mieczkowski, and Shyla Davis, Conservation Staff

Also Present: Jane Nevinsmith of the Select Board, Bucky Sparkle of the Zengineer, Brent Banas of Ideal Movers, Doug Serill of Berkshire Design

Absent: Steve Szymkowicz

1. 6:30PM Gary began the meeting. Gordon Smith recused himself, as he is the property owner relevant to the first agenda item.

2. Notice of Intent Public Hearing: DEP File# 170-0283

Ideal Movers seeks to build two self-storage buildings, to include a driveway, retaining wall, stormwater management system, utilities, and landscaping work within the state outlined 100' buffer zone and the local bylaw outlined 35' buffer zone which includes BVW, on *South Maple Street* (Map10A, Parcels 16-1 & 17). DEP comments addressed and questions answered by Bucky Sparkle, Civil Engineer at The Zengineer.

- Gary entertained a motion to close the hearing; motion made by Edwin, seconded by Ray, all voted in favor.

- The order of conditions will have the following special conditions:

- No snow to be stored or placed in the 35' buffer zone, per the Town of Hadley bylaws.
- Snow must be trucked off site in the event of a large storm rendering the site capacity too low
- The Conservation Commission must be notified of the start of construction
- Periodic site visits to be conducted by conservation commissioners and staff

- Gary entertained a motion to issue the OOC as outlined; motion made by Edwin, seconded by Ray, all voted in favor.

3. Notice of Intent Public Hearing: DEP File # 170-0282

Keith Rehbein seeks approval for a residential driveway crossing and footprint of a single-family home in BVW and NHESP Priority Habitat on *North Maple Street* (Map 10C Parcel 61). The plot of land is 1.2 acres, and 590 sq feet of wetland are anticipated to be disturbed. DEP comments to be addressed. NHESP determination to be reviewed. Doug Serill of The Berkshire Design Group, Inc. was present to answer questions and address DEP's comments.

- Gary entertained a motion to close the hearing; motion made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all voted in favor.

- The order of conditions will have the following special conditions:

- A wetland scientist must be on site during replication and any work in the bordering vegetated wetlands BVW
- When plowing the driveway, do not dump snow in the wetland
- No mowing of BVW or in the 35' buffer zone (this will be in perpetuity)
- The 35 foot buffer zone shall be physically delineated/marked by some visual means such as bird houses or other landmarks.
- The following conditions required by NHESP must be adhered to
 - Recordation: prior to the start of work, the applicant shall record the NHESP letter as well as the plan to the Registry of Deeds
 - Temporary Erosion Control Barriers: remove the barriers as soon as possible following site stabilization to
 - Compliance Report: Within 30 days of completion of work, the applicant must submit a written report including photographs of the before and after conditions, to demonstrate compliance.
 - Wetlands Protection Act: Upon filing for any renewal, extension, amendment, or COC, applicant should file with NHESP.
- Gary requested a motion to accept his ideas for the special conditions; motion made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all voted in favor

4. Request for Determination of Applicability Public Meeting, continued.

Nexamp seeks to modify solar array for energy storage by installing concrete pads and poles in buffer zone off *Westgate Center Dr.* (Map 10D Parcel 29).

- Shyla informed the commission that there has been lack of contact due to staffing changes at both Nexamp and SWCA. She has made contact with the folks who are now overseeing the project and will bring updates to the next meeting.
- Gary entertained a motion to continue this to December 14th, 2021; motion made by Edwin, seconded by Ray, all voted in favor.

Other Business

- Sign for Pollinator Meadow; decided to remove from agenda/to-do list
- Sign for Dawson Reserve; Shyla to contact Janice regarding specifics and bring updates to the next meeting

Minutes

Drafted minutes for March 9, 2021 and October 12, 2021 were not reviewed or voted on. This will be continued to the next meeting.

Bills and Correspondence

- Shyla attended several virtual workshops and requested membership with the MACC, and sought approval of the Con Com to use the commission's budget to fund this.
- Gary entertained a motion to sign the invoices, made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all in favor.

Other Topics

Conservation staff Shyla Davis took some time to discuss preferences for communication and the order of operations for certain tasks/projects with the commission members.

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Gary to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 which was seconded and all voted in favor.