

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

January 11th, 2022

Meeting conducted in person at the Hadley Senior Center

Present: Gary Pelissier, Chair; Edwin Matuszko, Gordon Smith, Steve Szymkowicz, Ray Mieczkowski

Also Present: Jane Nevinsmith of the Select Board, Leigha and Kim Schmidt of Honey Pot Rd, Paulette Kuzdeba of Knightly Rd, Tom Corbett of ZP Battery, Kishore Parmar of Parmar and Sons, Andrea Kendal of LEC Environmental, and Kevin McGarry

1. 6:30 PM Gary began the meeting.

2. Request for Determination of Applicability Public Meeting

Parmar and Sons seeks to install 3 EV charging pedestals for electric car charging in the northeast side of the parking lot of the Hampton Inn at 24 *Bay Road* (Map 4C Parcel 0045)

- Kishore Parmar presented and announced that the project has been completed per administrative approval sanctioned by Conservation Commission Chair, Gary Pelissier in November.

- Pre-approval was justified due to the minimal scope of the project (in the 100-year flood zone with no alterations to be made) as well as the ground freezing and financial constraints.

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

- Gary entertained a motion to issue a negative #2 determination, made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all voted in favor

2. Request for Determination of Applicability Public Meeting

ZP Battery DevCo, LLC seeks to construct an energy storage system (storing power produced by off-site solar to serve local energy needs) and associated stormwater management improvements at 0 *Breckenridge Rd* (Map 6A, lots 29 and 20)

- Tom Corbet of ZP Battery DevCo, LLC presented, explaining how the battery storage would hold power generated by off-site solar and be used for local energy needs.

- There are no wetlands within 100 feet of the limit of work, however there are wetlands downhill, offsite, and an isolated wetland uphill, off-site as well, as explained by Andrea Kendal of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.

- The site will see the addition of gravel and stone, with a slight widening of the road. The electrical connection for National Grid will be up by the road, but the energy storage system will be down the access way a bit and placed on concrete pads. There will be 2 containers on each pad and total energy capacity will be 5 Megawatts.

- An existing drainage pipe that runs under the access road will see improvements including a level spreader in the depression which will catch the run-off from the main project site. There will be grading on the outflow side of the pipe.

- Construction is not anticipated before May at the earliest

- Commissioners inquired about potential damage if the battery were to crack, though the applicant was able to reassure them that these systems are built off-site and are contained with liquid cooling systems

and tightly sealed parts. The applicant has been in contact with local emergency services regarding proper safety protocols/standards are in place.

- Gary entertained a motion to close the meeting, made by Edwin, seconded by Steve, all voted in favor.
- Gary entertained a motion to make a negative determination #1, as this project does not occur within an area subject to protection, made by Edwin, seconded by Steve, all voted in favor

Other Business

- Commission Board Members asked to sign-off on a Certificate of Compliance for 408 Northampton Rd (Aspen Heights development). Gary entertained a motion to sign, made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all voted in favor and signed.

- Shyla Davis, Conservation Staff, was not able to attend the meeting, so the following topics were continued to the next meeting on February 8th 2022 at 6:30 PM:

- Decision on purchasing a sign to put up on Rockyhill Rd
- Following up on 6 French St.

- Commissioners asked to sign and approve the purchase of black ink for the printer in the conservation office; Gary entertained a motion to sign, made by Edwin, seconded by Gordon, all voted in favor

Minutes

December 14th, 2021 Minutes

- Gary entertained a motion to approve the minutes, made by Gordon, seconded by Edwin, all voted in favor

Other Topics

- Question from the audience: Property Owners of parcel 44A Honeypt Rd

- Inquiry as to what uses are permitted on their land, i.e., RVs, electricity, removal of existing debris/garbage, how access can be improved (i.e., gravel or paving).

- Commissioners arranged a site visit for the following day with the property owners to further evaluate/properly advise

- Question from the audience: Knightly Rd Headwall Repair

- Inquiry as to the status of construction, concern regarding presence of what appeared to be construction materials and equipment being stored by the bank

- Photos were presented to the commissioners, and access to the most recent plans was requested, which the commissioners said they would be in touch once copies were submitted to the commission themselves.

- Question from the audience: 6 French St.

- Inquiry regarding the status of bank stabilization at 6 French St and the possible dumping of fill/loose soil, which the commissioners plan to investigate and follow up with the property owner regarding a plan for the site.

Adjournment

Gary entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30, made by Gordon, seconded by Edwin, all voted in favor.