

HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Tuesday, March 8th, 2022 at 6:30 PM

****Note: Hybrid Meeting****

To attend in-person, join us at the:

**Hadley Senior Center Dining Room
46 Middle Street**

Time: Mar 8, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Request for Determination of Applicability

Don Dion seeks to remove a garage and turn it into open parking, on 85 Russell St (*Map 4H, Parcel 7*); this property is in the 100-year floodplain. The applicant has expressed a concern for safety of tenants coming in and out of the lot in its current condition, prompting the submission of this request to increase the area that tenants will have to turn around and safely join traffic on Russell St.

Notice of Intent Public Hearing – DEP File # 170-0284

Proposed replacement of the Southern and Northern headwalls on a culvert at 11 Knightly Rd (*Map 12A, between parcels 24A and 25*). The applicant is the Town's DPW, as such it is fee exempt. The town is represented by Nick Cristofori, P.E., of Comprehensive Environmental LLC. Resource areas to be impacted include inland bank, land under waterbodies and waterways, and riverfront area. This proposed project has been informally discussed at previous meetings, where the applicant and project representative have been able to answer many preliminary questions. At this point, a file number has been issued from the state, abutters notified, and a legal ad posted, as such, comments and questions from DEP are to be reviewed and discussed, and additional questions, if any, are to be raised. NHESP has completed their review and

determined that the “project, as currently proposed, will not adversely affect the actual Resource Area Habitat of state-protected rare wildlife species.” They also determined that the “project, as currently proposed, will not result in a prohibited Take of state-listed rare species.”

Other Business

Vote for support and funding of a proposed 57-acre APR Project on South Maple Street. Property owner is Arthur C. West, who has previously enrolled over 200 acres into APR. According to the initial appraisal, the property was valued at \$630,000 by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, however, a new appraisal is underway, and the local contribution amount has not been solidified, though we know MDAR will be asking for 10% from the Town. The CPA has kindly offered to fund between 50% and 80% of the local contribution, leaving between 20% and 50% to vote to expend to the Conservation TDR account which currently has a balance of \$108,425.25. One option might be to agree on an upper limit of funds to allocate for this project so that a funding request may be submitted to the CPA for their contribution to be put to vote and be brought to Town Meeting. A member of the Conservation Commission shall attend the CPA meeting when this application is discussed; perhaps Edwin could attend as the CPA’s liaison/ConCom representative? The CPA meeting will be on March 21st at 7:00 PM.

DEP File # 170-277 for Knightly Rd is no longer being pursued, and no work was started under the former permit. DEP has advised that the commission issue a Certificate of Compliance for this previous project and that it be marked as “invalid” with a comment explaining that no work was initiated or completed. This is recommended in an effort to stay in compliance with the Dual Notice Policy which prohibits overlapping Notices of Intent. Scott McCarthy has been asked to fill out a Request for Certificate of Compliance as a formality, and Shyla has drafted an invalid COC for the commission to sign, should they vote to accept it.

Bills

Two invoices will be coming to sign, one for the sign on Dawson Reserve (order placed!) and one for Shyla’s attendance at the MACC virtual conference; a vote for approval of these purchases has been made at prior meetings, but the signature of the chair is required to charge the accounts.

Updates

Shyla recently began working with Stantec, an engineering consulting firm in Northampton as a Project Scientist supporting the Wetlands Permitting team. This may result in future conflict of interest events to be addressed if/when they arise.

A Glimpse into the Future

2 New NOIs likely to be coming up in April, one for a single-family home, one unknown at this time

Minutes

February 8, 2022 Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

MACC Virtual Conference is underway! There might be room in the last few days (the conference ends 3/12), and Shyla could not attend one, so there is \$ already voted to spend for this that is available if any commission member wishes to join in last minute

Adjournment

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