

TOWN OF AMHERST  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2020  
Town Room, TOWN HALL  
7:00 PM

Present: Brett Butler, Chair, Jenn Fair, Vice-Chair, Laura Pagliarulo, Lawrence Ambs, Fletcher Clark, Ana Devlin Gauthier. Erin Jacque, Wetlands Administrator, David Ziomek, Director.

Meeting opened by Butler at 7:00.

Comments from the Chair (Brett Butler)

- Butler raised concern about property abutter to Wentworth Conservation Area mowing up to the trail. Ziomek said he would look into it.
- Interview with new Commissioner next week. Ziomek encouraged community members to apply for town boards and committees.

Director's Report (Dave)

- Fearing Brook – background work underway, NOI will be filed.
- Robert Frost Trail work – bundled NOI
- Rules & Regulations on Conservation Land
- Hickory Ridge
- 50 Station Road
- Harvey Allen – suggested no dogs on Hickory Ridge

Wetland Administrator's Report (Erin Jacque)

- Table to later in the meeting.

Minutes: None.

7:10 PM John Root – Presented on pollinators

- Suggested non-binding pollinator resolution
- Use less pesticide
- Plant pollinator habitat
- Pollinator Corridors

**7:30 PM Notice of Intent** – SWCA, Inc. for UDrive South, LLC. Proposed 12,120 sq. ft. mixed-use development, with parking, roadway improvements, landscaping, and stormwater systems within Buffer Zones to Isolated and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, resource area restoration proposed in and adjacent to wetlands at One University Drive South (Map 13D, Lot 19, 55, 56 & 57).

*Moved by Pagliarulo to continue with a third party review for stormwater. Seconded by Ambs. All in favor.*

*Moved by Pagliarulo to continue the public hearing to March 11, 2020 at 7:35 PM. Seconded by Ambs. All in favor.*

**7:45 PM - Request for Determination of Applicability** – Ben White for 100 Sunderland Road, LLC. Proposed temporary storage of logs, wood chips, brush, mulch, stone, equipment, cars, boats and dumpsters within Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, Riverfront and Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands at 100 Sunderland Road (Map 5A, Lot 138).

*Moved by Fair to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability with Conditions. Seconded by Pagliarulo. All in favor.*

- 1.) Concrete bins for storing mulch and wood chips
- 2.) Storage of cars and equipment outside of 100-year flood plain
- 3.) No disturbance of soils
- 4.) Gravel driveway surface to stabilize
- 5.) Boulders placed at no disturb line established on river-side of existing fence every 10 feet along back side of fence
- 6.) Non-wood materials in concrete bins
- 7.) Erosion controls must be placed along boundary of soils

**8:00 PM - Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation** –Confirm whether resource area boundaries depicted on the submitted plans are accurate under the MA Wetlands Protection Act and Town of Amherst Wetlands Protection Bylaw Regulations at Shutesbury Road (Map 9B, Parcel 11 & 12; Map 9D, Parcel 27).

*Moved by Clark to continue to March 25, 2020 at 7:30 PM. Seconded by Devlin Gauthier. All in favor.*

**8:05 PM Request for Determination** – Berkshire Design Associates for proposed building addition to create a duplex dwelling, removal of 2-car garage, new gravel driveway, parking and associated work at 187 College Street (Map 14B, Lot 169).

*Moved by Clark to approve with noted conditions. Seconded by Ambs. All in favor.*

- 1.) Erosion controls must be installed and inspected by the Wetlands Administrator prior to the start of work,
- 2.) Monitoring the erosion controls is responsibility of the site manager during construction,
- 3.) Wetlands Administrator shall be contacted to inspect prior to removal of erosion controls.

Discuss Revisions to Amherst Wetland Protection Bylaw Regulations: Section III

Sewer Overflow notification DPW

Jacque to email Beth and Jason

*Moved to adjourn by Devlin Gauthier at 10:05 PM. Seconded by Ambs. All in favor.*