

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2020
7:00 PM**

Present: Fletcher Clark, Lawrence Ambs, Brett Butler, Jenn Fair, LeRoy Gaynor, Ana Devlin Gauthier, Laura Pagliarulo

Absent:

Staff Present: Erin Jacque, Wetlands Administrator, David Ziomek, Director of Conservation & Development/Assistant Town Manager

Director's Report (Dave)

- Puffers Pond – Exploring a park management concept
- Early mowing at Atkins Flats
- Grant money CPA for 4 new kiosks
- Fearing Brook project (Rt. 9)
- Blue Bird Meadow signs ordered
- Hickory Ridge – Moving forward
- Dog Park – Breaking ground in July, and fill CR coming soon

7:30 PM Notice of Intent – (Cont'd from January 22, 2020) SWCA Environmental Consultants for Dredging of the University of Massachusetts Campus Pond at 640 North Pleasant Street (Map 8C, Parcel 13B).

*Moved by Devlin Gauthier to continue the public hearing to September 9, 2020 at 7:30 PM.
Seconded by Pagliarulo. All in favor.*

7:40 PM Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #1 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 139).

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #2 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 138).

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #5 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 135).

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #6 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 134).

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #7 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 133).

Notice of Intent (cont'd from 10/09/19) – Tofino Associates Inc. for construction of a single family house with associated driveway, utilities, and landscaping within buffer zone to bordering vegetated wetlands at Lot #8 Concord Way (Map 21D, Parcel 132).

*Moved by Fair to continue the Tofino public hearings (Concord Way) to July 8, 2020 at 7:50 PM.
Seconded by Ambs. All in favor.*

7:50 PM Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation – (Cont'd from February 12, 2020) 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).

Maria Firstenberg was present on behalf of the applicant.

Fair stated that she would like to see written responses to Emily Stockmans comments. Pagliarulo and Devlin Gauthier agreed.

Firstenberg stated most comments were about weird flagging numbers. Comments about the legend were corrected. “Potential” removed from legend. Riverfront referenced as “Estimated”, vernal pool observation forms, condition that vernal pools be treated as certified. Will seek permission from landowner to certify vernal pools. Jacques will follow up on NHESP requirements for Vernal Pool Certification. Firstenberg will check if calculations were provided for IVW.

Public comment:

Tim Lang: Resident 257 Shutesbury Road – Very concerned wants delineation done to the highest standard.

Moved by Fair to continue hearing to July 8, 2020 at 7:55 PM. Seconded by Devlin Gauthier. All in favor.

Moved by Devlin Gauthier to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Seconded by Pagliarulo. All in favor.