

**TOWN of WILMINGTON****DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & CONSERVATION**121 GLEN ROAD, WILMINGTON, MA 01887 www.wilmingtonma.gov (978) 658-8238

TOWN OF WILMINGTON, MA

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

July 7, 2021

Donald Pearson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Alexander Rittershaus, Theron Bradley, and Vincent Licciardi were also present. Laura deWahl, Nestor John Salazar, and Michael McInnis were absent. Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning & Conservation, Cameron Lynch, Conservation Agent, and Catherine Pepe, Senior Clerk of Planning & Conservation were also present.

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 45 Washington Avenue – Map 43 Parcel 32

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received May 27, 2021
"Proposed Subsurface Septic Disposal System Plan", dated May 18, 2021

Present in Interest: Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc.
John Carroll, owner

L. Roy presented the proposed demolition of an existing home and construction of a single-family dwelling, septic system, roof drain infiltration system, and associated site work. The proposed dwelling, roof drain infiltration system, and septic system are entirely outside the 100' buffer. A portion of the disturbance in the rear yard, consisting of regrading and removal of some trees, will be about 50' from the Bordering Vegetated Wetlands (BVW) at the closest point. L. Roy stated that cleaning up the site, relocating the septic system further away from the wetlands, and the new stormwater system will be a big improvement to the existing conditions.

C. Lynch's only comment was to install erosion controls and have them inspected prior to the start of construction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 45 Washington Avenue – Map 43 Parcel 32 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to the start of work.

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 22 Marjorie Road – Map 70 Parcel 55

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received June 8, 2021
"Plan of Land", dated June 6, 2021

Present in Interest: Benjamin Kusa, owner

B. Kusa presented the proposed removal of an existing deck and construction of a 14'7" x 22' three-season porch and an 8' x 8' deck with stairs. The proposed project will be about 75' from the BVW.

C. Lynch advised the applicant to install erosion controls and have them inspected prior to the start of construction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 22 Marjorie Road – Map 70 Parcel 85 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to the start of construction

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 16 Hobson Avenue – Map 45 Parcel 3

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received June 11, 2021
"Plot Plan", dated June 10, 2021

Present in Interest: Heather & Jason Kennedy, owners

H. Kennedy presented the proposed removal of an existing 12' x 10' deck and construction of 12' x 12' three-season porch and a 6' x 12' deck with stairs. All proposed work is in the 100' buffer zone to BVW with the closest point approximately 35' from BVW.

C. Lynch advised the applicant to install and inspect erosion controls and to have them inspected prior to the start of construction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 16 Hobson Avenue – Map 45 Parcel 3 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to the start of construction

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 8 Gatehouse Lane – Map 28 Parcel 12

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received June 16, 2021
"Plan of Lot 12 Gatehouse Lane Wilmington, MA", dated May 11, 1993, as modified by applicant

Present in Interest: John Collins, owner

J. Collins presented the proposed removal of an existing raised 10' x 12' deck and construction of a 12' x 20' deck and an 8' x 24' deck with a gate below the new 12' x 20' deck. The 8' x 24' deck will lead to an existing pool. He will install erosion controls prior to the start of construction.

C. Lynch advised that the project will be approximately 35' from BVW at its closest point and confirmed that erosion controls must be installed and inspected prior to the start of construction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 8 Gatehouse Lane – Map 8 Parcel 72 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to the start of construction

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 78 Grove Avenue – Map 34 Parcel 4

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received June 16, 2021
"Plot Plan of Land", June 15, 2021

Present in Interest: Sean Stalker, owner

S. Stalker presented the proposed construction of a second-floor addition to the existing single-family dwelling and the installation of a roof runoff infiltration system. The infiltration system is within the 100' buffer zone to BVW and is proposed to be about 41' from the BVW at its closest point.

C. Lynch advised the applicant to install erosion controls and have them inspected prior to construction.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 78 Grove Avenue – Map 34 Parcel 4 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to construction

PUBLIC MEETING – REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY – 66 Lawrence Street – Map 80 Parcel 39

Documents: Request for Determination of Applicability application, received June 16, 2021
"Site Plan", dated June 15, 2021

Present in Interest: Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc.

L. Roy presented the after the fact filling in response to a Notice of Violation dated March 24, 2021. The applicant removed soil and vegetation in the rear yard and recently installed loam and seed. L. Roy advised that the wetlands were delineated, and it was determined that no work was done in wetlands, just in the 100' buffer zone. In addition, the applicant would like to install a 15' x 15' brick paver patio that will be 44' from the BVW and a 6' vinyl fence around the rear yard. The fence will tie into an existing chain link fence on one side and an existing wood fence on the other side. No trees will be removed and the proposed fence will serve as the 15' demarcation fence.

Alex Rittershaus asked if the pavers will impact the wetlands and drainage. L. Roy advised that the space in between the pavers will allow for infiltration. T. Bradley asked if the fence would stay outside the 15' no-disturb. V. Gingrich commented that the Commission could decide to use the new fence as the demarcation fence.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Negative (3) Determination of Applicability for 66 Lawrence Street – Map 80 Parcel 39 with the added condition that erosion controls be installed and inspected prior to construction

PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT - 28 GUNDERSON ROAD – Map 63 Parcel 1 (Portion) – DEP File #344 -

Documents: Notice of Intent application, received June 14, 2021
"Site Plan", dated June 11, 2021
Memorandum from Paul Alunni, Town of Wilmington, Engineering Division, dated July 7, 2021

Present in Interest: Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, LLC
Lindsay Hurley, owner

L. Roy presented the demolition of an existing fire damaged single-family dwelling and construction of a new single family dwelling and associated site work. The A & B series wetland flags are off site, but approximately 75 – 80% of 28 Gunderson Road is within the 100' buffer. The proposed home will be a bit longer but built in the same area and will be 53' from the BVW at its closest point. It will not be any closer to the wetlands than the existing house. The existing septic system will remain and connect to the new dwelling. The applicant would like to expand the driveway, but per comments from the Engineering Division, the driveway will probably shift it to the other side of the front door. Bordering Land Subject to Flooding (BLSF) straddles the southerly property line and goes along the driveway, but the grade will not be changed and will not impact BLSF. L. Roy said erosion controls will be installed and that he will address the Engineering Division's comments and shift the proposed driveway to the other side of the house.

C. Lynch advised that a Simple Stormwater System Permit (SSMP) and a street opening permit are required. D. Pearson asked if the Engineering Division specified a distance to move the driveway. V. Gingrich said that the Engineering Division did not specify a distance. L. Roy said the driveway will probably align with the front stairs after it's moved.

V. Gingrich advised that the special conditions are standard conditions for a single-family home, except Condition #22 that addresses moving the driveway and proceeded to read that condition. L. Roy questioned the need for a demarcation as the 15' no-disturb is at the edge of the property. D. Pearson suggested a boulder or two (2) in that area and L. Roy agreed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing for 28 Gunderson Road – Map 63 Parcel 1 (Portion) – DEP File #344 – 1484

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Order of Conditions for 28 Gunderson Road – Map 63 Parcel 1 (Portion) – DEP File #344-1484

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDER OF CONDITIONS AMENDMENT – 9 Towpath Drive – Map 28 Parcel 32 – DEP File #344-1457

Documents: Letter from Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc., dated June 15, 2021
"Site Plan", dated June 15, 2021
"Fossella-Partanen Residence" construction drawings, 8 pages, dated June 15, 2021

Present in Interest: Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc.
Lisa Fossella, owner
Karen Partanen

L. Fossella and K. Partanen presented the proposed amendment to the existing Order of Conditions. They would like to construct an enclosed sunroom beneath the existing great room, enclose the existing patio that is beneath the existing deck, relocate the deck stairs, and remove one (1) decaying tree. They will then proceed with the re-grading of the rear yard after the new work is completed.

C. Lynch had no comments. T. Bradley asked if the walkway will still be replaced and K. Partanen confirmed that it would be once the additional living space was completed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing for 9 Towpath Drive – Map 28 Parcel 32 – DEP File #344-1457

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Amended Order of Conditions for 9 Towpath Drive – Map 28 Parcel 32 – DEP File #344-1457

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT – Middlesex Avenue – Near Maps 88 & 89
Parcels 12, 13, & 13B – DEP File #344-1478**

Documents: “Transportation Improvement Project Plan and Profile of Middlesex Avenue (Route 62) Lubbers Brook Culvert Replacement (W-38-019 805) Plan Set”, 32 pages, dated June 23, 2021
Notice of Intent revised application, received June 23, 2021
Letter from Peter Ellison, The Engineering Corp, dated June 23, 2021
Letter from Paul Alunni, Town of Wilmington, Engineering Division, dated June 23, 2021
Letter from Paul Alunni, Town of Wilmington, Engineering Division, dated July 1, 2021

D. Pearson advised that P. Alunni requested to continue the Public Hearing for Middlesex Avenue – Near Maps 88 & 89 Parcels 12, 13, & 13B – DEP File #344-1478 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting. V. Gingrich stated that updated plans and a response to comments were submitted to the Commission, but Richard Kirby of LEC Environmental could not make tonight’s meeting and did not have time to review the updated plans and response. R. Kirby will review plans and response in time for attend the next meeting. V. Gingrich advised that the construction schedule has changed a bit to allow for work to be done that the Commission does not have to review.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Public Hearing for Middlesex Avenue – Near Maps 88 & 89 Parcels 12, 13, & 13B – DEP File#344-1478 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting

**CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT - 687 Main Street – Map 31 Parcel 11A –
DEP File #344-1474**

Documents: “Site Plan”, 7 pages, dated May 5, 2021

Present in Interest: Attorney John McKenna

Attorney J. McKenna reviewed the Notice of Intent that was filed in response to an Enforcement Order issued for construction of unapproved parking lot construction. The applicant has met with the Engineering Department, submitted all the required changes, applied for the required permits with the Planning Board, and to his knowledge, completed all the necessary paperwork. He has reviewed and agrees with the draft Order of Conditions.

V. Gingrich advised that the revised plan includes the remaining outstanding comments. A draft Order of Conditions has been prepared and noted the wording of Condition #22 requiring all work be completed by December 31, 2022. This gives the applicant a full construction season to complete all the work. V. Gingrich also reviewed Condition #34 which requires a wetland scientist to be on site while the restoration work is constructed to ensure that it is done properly. Condition #43 required the wetland scientist to monitor the restoration area for 2 full growing seasons with a full report submitted by October 31st of each year. Condition #50 addresses the permanent demarcation in the form of a post and rail fence along the 15' no disturb area and the 25' restoration area. Condition #55 addresses prohibiting alteration to the 25' Riverfront restoration area.

T. Bradley asked for a progress report before the end of next year to ensure that sufficient progress is being made. Attorney J. McKenna is agreeable to that on behalf of his applicant. Attorney J. McKenna offered a progress report at the end of this year, another in the spring of 2022 then every six (6) months.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To close the Public Hearing for 687 Main Street – Map 31 Parcel 11A – DEP File #344-1474

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Order of Conditions for 687 Main Street – Map 31 Parcel 11A – DEP File #344-1474 as amended

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT – 201 Lowell Street – Map 48 Parcel 73A – DEP File #344-1480

Documents: Stormwater Management Report, dated June 2021
"Textron Building Remodel Plan", 33 pages, dated June 24, 2021
VHB Power Point Presentation, dated July 7, 2021

Present in Interest: David Fenstermacher, VHB
Eric Olson, VHB
Cindy Murphy, representing both Textron and National Development

D. Pearson suggested presenting both projects for 201 Lowell Street at the same time.

D. Fenstermacher reviewed the changes to the site plans and the stormwater report that VHB submitted in response to comments from the Town of Wilmington's Planning & Conservation Department and the Engineering Division. D. Fenstermacher acknowledged that the traffic report will be peer reviewed and that the wetlands peer review will be presented at the August 4, 2021

Conservation Commission meeting. D. Fenstermacher stated that the overall project will result in a net reduction of 209,405 square feet of impervious surface throughout the site. They have added another gravel wetland treatment area along Lowell Street to provide additional stormwater treatment. The old stormwater pipes will be replaced, catch basins and deep sump basins will be added, and the general area will be cleaned up. The applicant is treating the parking area using Best Management Practices (BMPs) and increasing green space that will increase wildlife habitat and reduce sediment going to the wetland area.

E. Olson reviewed the minor changes made to the wetland lines. He stated that some of the flags were re-labeled and that the proposed project will not have direct impact to the wetlands. All proposed work is in previously disturbed areas and will improve the site overall in treating stormwater, add plantings and grass, and reduce impervious areas.

E. Olson advised that the two (2) proposed above ground liquid nitrogen tanks are within the buffer zone. These tanks do not pose any hazard to the wetlands. If the tanks are ever punctured, the liquid nitrogen will convert to gas and evaporate – not go down into the wetlands. There are some wetlands offsite and some of the proposed work will be in that 100' buffer zone. E. Olson confirmed that erosion controls will be installed, temporary stabilization, temporary seeding, permanent seeding, pest control, construction entrances, temporary catch basins, and overall best management procedures for construction will be performed.

D. Fenstermacher reiterated that the proposed work will enhance the overall site.

V. Gingrich advised that the Peer Review report should be available for review in the next week and that Town staff are still reviewing the stormwater. The Town would like to see more details for the proposed rehabbing of the outfalls. Some of the outfalls are within the wetlands. The revised plans have taken that out of the scope of work. V. Gingrich asked if anyone has looked at them and what shape are they in. If maintenance has to be done to these outfalls, you should include them in the scope of work and quantify impacts.

T. Bradley asked for clarification of what a gravel wetland is. D. Fenstermacher explained how they are constructed. V. Licciardi asked if water will accumulate and remain in the gravel wetlands. D. Fenstermacher stated that they are designed to allow water to infiltrate into the ground.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Public Hearing for 201 Lowell Street – Map 48 Parcel 73A – DEP File #344-1480 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING – NOTICE OF INTENT – 201 Lowell Street – Map 48 Parcel 73A – DEP File #344-1479

Documents: Stormwater Management Report, dated June 2021
"Textron Building Remodel Plan", 33 pages, dated June 24, 2021
VHB Power Point Presentation, dated July 7, 2021

Present in Interest: David Fenstermacher, VHB
Eric Olson, VHB
Sherry Clancy, National Development
Cindy Murphy, representing both Textron and National Development

See above minutes for 201 Lowell Street as both projects were presented jointly.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Public Hearing for 201 Lowell Street – Map 48 Parcel 73A – DEP File #344-1480 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting

PUBLIC HEARING – APPREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION – 100-104 West Street – Map 71 Parcels 3 & 5 – DEP File #344-1482

Documents: Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation application, received June 15, 2021
“Existing Conditions Plan”, dated May 20, 2021

Present in Interest: Maureen Herald, Norse Environmental Services, Inc.
Theo Kindermans, Stantec Planning and Landscape Architecture

T. Kindermans presented the proposed wetland delineation which has an A and B series of flags. The B series is for a small isolated area.

V. Gingrich recommended that a wetland scientist perform a peer review to confirm placement of the wetlands flags. T. Kindermans agreed to the peer review on behalf of the applicant.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Public Hearing for 100-104 West Street – Map 71 Parcels 3 & 5 – DEP File #344-1482 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting

PUBLIC HEARING – ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF RESOURCE AREA DELINEATION – Cross Street – Map 40 Parcels 11 & 13 - DEP File #344-1483

Documents: Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation application, received June 16, 2021
“A.N.R.A.D Plan of Land Cross Street Wilmington, MA, dated June 15, 2021

Present in Interest: Maureen Herald, Norse Environmental Services, Inc.
Jonathan Main, One Cross LLC

M. Herald presented the proposed wetland delineation that includes two (2) parcels of land totaling just over three (3) acres across from the Yentile Park Recreational Facility. It has BVW, but no perennial streams or rivers on the property. It is not located in the National Heritage and Endangered Species (NHESP) area and does not have any vernal pools on the property.

V. Gingrich recommended a peer review of the proposed wetland line. M. Herald agreed to a peer review on behalf of the applicant and asked to meet the peer reviewer on site to review any discrepancies as she thinks it makes the process more efficient.

T. Bradley asked if the 20' no-build zone on the plan is a typographic error. M. Herald confirmed that it is and they will correct the error.

Robert DuPont, an abutter, said there is a culvert that runs under the railroad tracks and into the property. The water constantly runs even though it is not a stream. Both he and his father-in-law (also an abutter) have manhole covers in their yards that when opened, you can watch the water running through. M. Herald confirmed R. DuPont's comment and explained that the USGS topographic map does not show a stream, but there is an intermittent stream. She further explained that she does not usually flag an intermittent stream as it does not provide additional information regarding the bank because the BVW.)

V. Licciardi asked if the parcel will have access to town sewer. V. Gingrich did not know but offered to check. R. DuPont stated that it is not in the sewer district. V. Gingrich then advised if they are not in the sewer district then they would have to go through a process with the Water and Sewer Commission to try to hook up to sewer. R. DuPont asked about the traffic impact and D. Pearson informed him that another department that would review that.

M. Herald requested to continue the Public Hearing for Cross Street Map 40 Parcels 11 & 13, DEP File #344-1483 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Public Hearing for Cross Street – Map 40 Parcels 11 & 13 – DEP File #344-1483 to the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting.

REQUEST TO EXTEND ORDER OF CONDITIONS – Marion Street Rear – Map 5 Parcel 8 – DEP File #344-1415

Documents: Letter from Elizabeth Monaco, dated June 29, 2021

C. Lynch advised that the applicant has requested a 3-year extension to the Order of Conditions to install a 12' x 16' shed. V. Gingrich advised that this Notice of Intent (NOI) is the result of a Notice of Violation when the homeowner cut down trees. The NOI included the restoration, construction of an inground pool, a cabana, and a shed. The pool is installed, but the shed and the cabana are not. The office will contact the applicant to see if they still plan to construct the cabana.

D. Pearson suggested a one-year extension and the commission members agreed and that the applicant can request additional time if it is still needed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To extend the Order of Conditions for Marian Street Rear – Map 5 Parcel 8 – DEP File #344-1415 for one year, until October

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 66 Adams Street – Map 50 Parcel 9 – DEP File #344-1015

Documents: Letter from Luke Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc., dated June 1, 2021
"As-Built Plan, dated November 15, 2016
Letter from Steven Eriksen, dated December 12, 2017
Letter from Steven Eriksen, dated February 27, 2018

V. Gingrich advised that the restoration was satisfactorily completed and all other conditions have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 66 Adams Street – Map 50 Parcel 9 – DEP File #344-1015

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 40 – 50 Fordham Road – Maps 91 & 99
Parcels 131, 131A/1 – DEP File #344-1354**

Documents: Letter from RJ O’Connell & Associates, Inc., dated June 15, 2021
Memorandum from Rich O’Connell, RJ O’Connell & Associates, dated February 28, 2020
Letter from Thomas E. Liddy, Lucas Environmental, LLC, dated March 20, 2020
“As-Built Plan DEP File #344-1354”, dated June 15, 2021

V. Gingrich advised that there is a discrepancy between the approved plan and the as-built plan. Two of the landscape islands in the parking lot were not constructed to allow for striping the parking lot for longer trailer parking instead of single vehicle parking. The overall stormwater remains compliant. Even though the overall landscape decreased (less than 1%), the discrepancy between the approved plan and the as-built plan is not significant enough to warrant a change in the conditions. V. Gingrich advised that the overall site looks good and that the wet and dry swales were functioning properly. During a prior meeting, the applicant was asked to address the trash that was on site and improve the dumpster maintenance and that issue has also been resolved.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 40 – 50 Fordham Road – Maps 91 & 99
Parcels 131, 131A/1 – DEP File #344-1354

**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE – 36 Shady Lane Drive – Map 81 Parcel 9 – DEP
File #344-1403**

Documents: Request for Certificate of Compliance application, received June 28, 2021
Letter from Dave Terenzoni, PLS, dated November 12, 2020
“As-Built Plot Plan of Land”, dated November 12, 2020

Cameron Lynch advised that all conditions have been met.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To issue the Certificate of Compliance for 36 Shady Lane Drive – Map 81 Parcel 9 –
DEP File #344-1403

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATION – 100 Morse Avenue – Map 48 Parcel 17

Documents: Emergency Certification application, dated June 30, 2021

C. Lynch advised that an Emergency Certification was issued to demolish an abandoned and condemned house and remove debris from the backyard. Erosion controls have already been installed. D. Pearson asked how long the house has been abandoned. C. Lynch stated at least five (5) years. V.

Gingrich advised that the property is in lengthy court process. The Health Department advised that there is an open cesspool on the property and that an Emergency Certification should be issued. V. Gingrich advised that it was made very clear that the Emergency Certification is to demolish the house and the cesspool and to remove large objects from the yard and that no clearing is to be done.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

VOTED: To ratify the Emergency Certification for 100 Morse Avenue – Maps 49 Parcel 17

DISCUSSION – National Grid Anode Bed Replacement Project – Mark Reed and Matt Raymond, of MSR Utility Maintenance Corp, presented the anode bed replacement project that National Grid has contracted them to perform. M. Reed explained that the anodes deteriorate over time and replacement of them is routine maintenance. They would excavate a 100' long trench that will have six (6) trenches spaced 10' apart that are 5' long x 5' deep x 18" wide x 18" deep next to the existing anode bed. D. Pearson asked how long ago the existing anodes were installed and M. Raymond stated about 20 – 25 years ago. M. Raymond advised that the entire job would take one (1) or two (2) days. V. Licciardi asked if it was a plastic pipe. M. Raymond stated it is a steel pipe.

C. Lynch asked for clarification if the existing anode bed will be removed, and the new anode bed installed in the same location or next to the existing bed. M. Reed said they will excavate as close to the existing anode bed as possible. They use locating equipment to locate the existing anodes.

V. Gingrich referred to 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a) 2.(a) Activities within the Areas Subject to Protection under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40 and that it is a replacement project. A. Rittershaus asked what measures would be taken to minimize the impact to the wetlands. C. Lynch advised that erosion controls would be installed and that an environmental scientist will be on site at all times. C. Lynch will also visit the site a few times during the project. V. Gingrich stated that the mini excavator would be placed on mats if necessary.

The Commission agreed that the replacement project is routine maintenance and exempt from filing an NOI.

Announcement/Discussion –

Open Space Committee - V. Gingrich advised that the Open Space Committee has finished a draft of the updated Open Space and Recreation Plan. The draft is posted on our department's web page for the Commission and the public to review and submit any comments or questions. Any comments and/or questions can be emailed to V. Gingrich until July 19, 2021. The draft will be finalized after July 19, 2021 and submitted to the State for review. Once it is approved, the Town will be eligible for State and Federal grants for open space.

NEW COMMISSION MEMBER – Valerie advised that Nestor John Salazar has joined the Commission which brings us back to a full seven (7) member Commission.

FALL CLEANUP – V. Gingrich advised that as stated in the Open Space and Recreation Plan, the Town would like to move towards neighborhood clean-up days, or trail clean-up days in addition to the fall Town Clean Up Day.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair - Due to low attendance, the attending members agreed to wait until the August 4, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting to elect a Chair and Vice-Chairperson.

MINUTES – June 2, 2021 – The June 2, 2021 Conservation Commission meeting minutes could not be voted on due to lack of quorum.

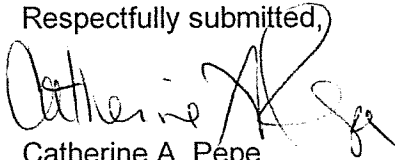
NEXT MEETING – August 4, 2021

ADJOURN

There being no additional business to come before the Conservation Commission, it was

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. Pepe", written over a horizontal line.

Catherine A. Pepe
Senior Clerk