



Community & Economic Development Division
Conservation/Zoning Board of Appeals

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Bridgewater, MA 02324
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**Conservation Commission Minutes – January 9th, 2025
at 5:30 PM via Zoom**

Disclosure: Pursuant to Section 20 of Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, this meeting of the Conservation Commission for the Town of Bridgewater will be hybrid and accessible to the public through remote participation to the greatest extent possible. There will be no public attendance permitted.

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Virtual Zoom Meeting to Attend Via Video, Click on the Link Below:

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To Attend Via Phone Dial: +1 305 224 1968

Meeting ID: 840 9748 8539

Attendees:

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Harry Bailey, Member, Katelyn Putt, Conservation Agent

Chair Smith reads the Governors Order and shares how the meetings proceed.

Public Hearings

Old Business

Request for Determination of Applicability – 233 Broad Street – Map 21 Lot 156

Applicant/Representative: McDonald's USA, LLC. / Bohler Engineering

DEP file #: SE116-

Jared Walsh from Bohler Engineering is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Walsh recaps details of the application and notes that the address typo on the site plans has been corrected.

Member MacDonald explains mistake regarding the DEP filing number. RDA applications do not require a DEP filing number.

Motion to close the hearing made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: Member MacDonald: YES

Member Smith: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Motion to issue a negative determination made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: Member MacDonald: YES

Member Smith: YES



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Member Bailey: YES

Notice of Intent – 0 Bedford St – Map 75 Lot 57
Applicant/Representative: Grady Consulting, LLC
DEP file #: SE116- 1552

Kevin Grady is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Grady presents plans which depict proposed commercial buildings and associated parking area and access way.

Chair Smith asks a question about the crushed stone shoulder depicted on the site plan.

Mr. Grady states that Planning Board approval with conditions was received.

Greg Tansey, Town Engineer, reviewed stormwater for this project. Mr. Tansey states that all comments made were satisfied and received Planning Board approval. Mr. Tansey has no issues.

Motion to close the hearing made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Smith: YES
Member Bailey: YES

Motion to approve made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Smith: YES
Member Bailey: YES

New Business

Notice of Intent – 630 Elm Street – Map 44 Lot 10
Applicant/Representative: Justin Devaney/ PMP Consulting, Inc.
DEP file #: SE116- 1559

Member MacDonald reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Chair Smith reads the request for withdrawal letter received from PMP Consulting.

Motion to close the hearing and accept withdrawal made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Smith: YES
Member Bailey: YES

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Notice of Intent – 1968 South Street – Map 125 Lot 17

Applicant/Representative: Mark McCloud/ J.K. Holmgren Engineering, LLC.

DEP file #: SE116-1560

Chair Smith reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Scott Faria from J.K. Holmgren Engineering is present on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Faria gives a project overview of the proposed subdivision and two proposed dwellings and shares the site plan.

Member MacDonald comments that she was unsure of a few of the flags and would like another member to look at the wetlands line. Member Bailey and Member MacDonald agree to both go back out to the site to verify the wetlands line.

Mr. Tansey reviewed stormwater for this project. Mr. Tansey states that proposed work is near an outstanding water resource and asks about the National Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP). Mr. Tansey Also comments on flag CB2 on the site plan, mentioning that it is located within a watershed.

Mr. Faria states that a letter was received from NHESP giving their “blessing”. Mr. Faria provided this document to the agent.

Melissa Raemondetta- Lakeside Drive- asks a question regarding the riverfront area and the wetlands buffer zone.

Mr. Faria explains that the riverfront area was delineated at 100’ and 200’ on the plan. The 25’, 50’, and 100’ buffer zones are more restrictive in this case than the 200’ riparian zone. No work is occurring in the 200’ riverfront area.

Motion to continue the hearing to the January 23rd meeting made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call:
Member MacDonald: YES
Member Smith: YES
Member Bailey: YES



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Administrative Items

Certificate of Compliance- 283 Vernon Street – Map 85 Lot 21

Applicant/Representative: Paul Laporte / Collins Civil Engineering Group, Inc.

DEP file #: SE116- 1553

Motion to issue made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: Member MacDonald: YES

Member Smith: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Certificate of Compliance- 9 South Farm Way – Map 125 Lot 89-1

Applicant/Representative: Royu Andrade / Michael J. Koska & Associates, Inc.

DEP file #: SE116- 1500

Motion to issue made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: Member MacDonald: YES

Member Smith: YES

Member Bailey: YES

ORAD Extension Request – 0 Plymouth Street

Rebecca Baptista from Silve Engineering is present on behalf of the applicant. Ms. Baptista shares site plan, meeting minutes from January 13, 2022 when the most recent extension was issued by the commission, and the article that describes the additional 2 year extension for permits that the Governor enacted 2 days after this extension was requested.

Motion to approve 2-year extension made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: Member MacDonald: YES

Member Smith: YES

Member Bailey: YES

Lakeshore – Cease and Desist

Conservation Agent restates plans that were discussed at the last meeting on November 14, 2024 where a certificate of non-compliance would be issued, followed by a new NOI application. With this matter being a violation, the agent explains that an Enforcement Order would be a better route to take. Subsequent to the Enforcement Order, the applicant will submit a Vegetated Management Plan for the commission to review. Once a Vegetated Management Plan is approved, the applicant will follow plan to come back into compliance. Once in compliance, a COC can be issued. A new NOI can be filed after receiving a COC.



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Motion to issue an Enforcement Order made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: **Member MacDonald: YES**
 Member Smith: YES
 Member Bailey: YES

DOT/ Vernon Street Bridge – Clearing & Dumping Discussion

Agent Putt reads a letter that was sent to notify the commission of streambed sampling and bank sampling in the Taunton River located by the Vernon Street Bridge. The work is exempt under the Wetlands Protection Act, the letter was just a courtesy heads up to make the commission aware of the upcoming work.

0 Bedford (Map 112 Lot 9) -Enforcement Order Update

Member MacDonald and Agent Putt conducted a site visit on Wednesday January 8th. No further dumping of fill or tree cutting/additional wood chip piles were observed at the site. The owner of the property is still non-responsive to the Enforcement Order that was sent out via certified mail twice. The owner was also sent a lab invoice for the fill sampling of the stockpiles that were dumped on site. One stockpile has elevated concentrations of lead. Agent Putt reported this to MassDEP and is receiving help from their Strikeforce team.

Member MacDonald suggests sending a constable to assist the commission in this matter.

0 State Prison Road – Rainbow’s End Update

Agent Putt states that work began at the site on Monday January 6th. MassDEP indicated that the work is projected to take 10 business days to complete.

Open Meeting Law Complaints – Discussion

Agent Putt summarizes the two Open Meeting Law Complaints received.

1. **Date of alleged violation, March 7, 2024-** There was error in the correspondence received on May 7th. It was mistakenly dated March 7th. In March of 2024, the issue of third-party review had not yet been raised.
2. **Date of alleged violation, May 9, 2024 -**There is no violation. Comments regarding the bylaws and separate funds are not connected to any open meeting laws.



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2025 Conservation Commission Meeting Schedule

Chair Smith raises the idea of considering TBD for second meeting dates during the months of November and December if necessary. Member MacDonald states an additional meeting date can be announced during a public hearing if the commission wishes to hold additional meetings not posted on the schedule.

Motion to approve made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: **Member MacDonald: YES**
 Member Smith: YES
 Member Bailey: YES

Minutes

06.13.24 - Approved
06.27.24 - Approved
07.11.24 - Approved
07.25.24 - Approved
08.08.24 - Approved
08.22.24 - Approved
09.12.24 - Approved
09.26.24 - Approved
10.10.24 - Approved
10.24.24 - Approved
11.14.24 - Approved
12.23.24 - Approved

Motion to approve 12 sets of minutes on the agenda made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey

Roll call: **Member MacDonald: YES**
 Member Smith: YES
 Member Bailey: YES

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Bailey.