



***Conservation Commission Minutes – June 13, 2024***  
**at 5:30 PM via Zoom**

**Attendees:**

Present: Wendy Smith, Chair, Marilyn MacDonald, Vice-Chair, Eileen Prisco, Member, Harry Bailey, Member, Mark Peterson, Member, Bob Rulli, Director of Community & Economic Development

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

**Public Comment**

None. The members did announce that any communication directed to the Commission should go through the CED office and not to anyone's personal email.

**Public Hearings**

**Old Business**

Notice of Intent– 0 Lakeshore Center —Map 83 Lot 85

Applicant/Representative: Claremont Lakeshore Bridgewater LLC. / Silva Engineering Associates, P.C.

DEP file #: SE116-1525

It was noted that the third-party review was not completed.

**Continued to June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Notice of Intent – 180 Broad Street - Map 21 Lot 143,144,149,150

Applicant/Representative: Edgewood Development Company, LLC / Pare Corporation

DEP file #: SE116-1543

Vice-Chair MacDonald that the Commission had previously voted to accept third-party peer reviews only from a list of three approved firms. The peer review submitted by the applicant cannot be accepted because it is not from one of those firms. This protocol must be consistently followed for all applications.

Mr. Rulli explains that he was not present for the meeting where the third-party review was discussed but reviewed the meeting recording. At that meeting, it was noted multiple times that the Conservation Commission had identified three preferred firms that they accepted for third-party reviews. Staff had represented that they would get that to the applicant, and that did not happen.



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Mr. Meltzer, the Applicant, questioned whether the peer review he submitted would be accepted. Vice-Chair MacDonald reiterated that only firms on the approved list are valid. Mr. Meltzer objected to a continuance, stating the review was conducted under Mr. Rulli's direction and cost \$5,500

MacDonald responded that Mr. Rulli is not on the Commission and does not set policy. The Commission cannot accept a review it did not authorize and cannot set precedence.

Chair Smith confirmed she had clearly stated the requirement to use one of the three firms and, while the submitted review seemed acceptable, allowing it could set precedence.

Mr. Rulli explains that the office made a mistake. He was not at the previous meeting and did not realize that the representation has been made that the list would be sent. Mr. Meltzer never asked for the list.

Mr. Meltzer asked the Commission to review the existing report but was told that adequacy is not the issue—compliance with Commission protocol is.

Mr. Meltzer requests continuance to June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and asks someone to send the approved list of firms so he can choose from the list. He asks the Commission to please note his objection to this process.

Vice-Chair MacDonald asks Mr. Meltzer to note that the Commission is following protocol so that they don't set precedence.

**Motion to continue to June 27<sup>th</sup> made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Peterson.**

**Roll call:**  
**Member Prisco, YES**  
**Member Peterson, YES**  
**Member Bailey, YES**  
**Member MacDonald, YES**  
**Member Smith, YES**

**New Business**

Notice of Intent – 69 Harvard St - Map 32 Lot 99

Applicant/Representative: Elisha & Stephanie Elevi / Gregory Driscoll, Jr. P.E. JDE Civil, Inc

DEP file #: SE116-1545

Chair Smith reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Amanda Langer, JDE Civil, Inc. , is present on behalf of the application. Ms. Langer gives an overview of the site and project which looks to add an addition to the existing single-family dwelling on the property. The Commission concludes a site visit is needed after the site is staked to determine the wetland line.



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**Motion to continue to June 27<sup>th</sup> made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey.**

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES

Notice of Intent – 0 State Prison Rd – Map 90 Lot 999B

Applicant/Representative: CDW Consultants, Inc / SARSS Contractor for MASSDEP

DEP file #: SE116-1549

Chair Smith reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Incorrect notification of site address was provided. A renotification is necessary.

**Motion to continue to June 27<sup>th</sup> made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Bailey.**

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES

Notice of Intent – V5/V6 & S8 115 Transmission lines on properties where the electric company hold easements.

Applicant/Representative: New England Power Company & VHB

DEP file #: SE116-1546

Chair Smith reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Adam Rosenblad, VHB, is present on behalf of the application. Mr. Rosenblad gives an overview of the site and project plan to replace existing transmission line structures.

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

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES



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

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES

Request for Determination of Applicability – 64 Pleasant Dr – Map 61 Lot 41

Applicant/Representative: Laura White

Chair Smith reads the Legal Ad into the record.

Laura White, the applicant, is present. Ms. White explains that she is looking to clear briars, poison ivy, and dead trees on her property.

Member MacDonald noted she felt the proposed maintenance work appropriate. However, any further work that encroaches in the wetlands area would require the filing of a Notice of Intent. Member Peterson asks if raising of grade will be involved with the proposed work. Ms. White states that raising of grade will not be involved.

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

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES

**Motion to issue a Negative Determination made by Member MacDonald, Seconded by Member Smith.**

**Roll call:**  
Member Prisco, YES  
Member Peterson, YES  
Member Bailey, YES  
Member MacDonald, YES  
Member Smith, YES



**Administrative Items**

**Cease and Desist – 1361 Vernon St**

Mr. Rulli states that illegal tree cutting occurred on the property. The property owner agreed to cease activities and is aware that future work will require consultation with the commission. Mr. Rulli encourages the property owner to meet with himself and Mr. Solari.

**456 Bedford – Rescind Enforcement Order**

Mr. Rulli states that the site has been cleaned up. The large amount of motorcycles and motorcycle parts that were in close proximity to the stream have been removed.

**0 Bedford**

Ken Barnard, the property owner, is present. Mr. Barnard requests feedback from the commission regarding access to the rear of the parcel. Mr. Rulli states that Mr. Barnard should contact the office to determine where this item will fall on the agenda.

**Minutes**

4.11.24

4.25.24

5.09.24

5.23.24

**Continued to June 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Adjournment**

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