

GEORGETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Memorial Town Hall * One Library Street * Georgetown, MA 01833

MEETING MINUTES – March 21, 2024

Conservation Commissions Present: R. Chane; R. Bancroft; C. Candia; I. Wye,

Staff Present: M. Grenier – Conservation Commission Director

Absent: L. Umberger, Tom Howland

START of the MEETING:

At 7:00 pm, R. Bancroft made a motion to open the meeting C. Candia seconded, roll call taken all approved.

Minutes

February 8, 2024, February 13, and February 15. R. Bancroft made a motion to approve the minutes following no comments, C. Candia seconded, roll call taken all approved.

Certificates of Compliance

1. 3 Brook Meadow Lane (DEP# 161-72) Applicant: Ms. Sherri Ponn
M. Grenier Conservation Director informed the commission that she had performed a site visit and recommended approval. R. Bancroft made a motion to approve the COC for 3 Brook Meadow 161-72)
Ms. Cadia seconded, roll call taken all approved

Request for Determination

None

Notice of Intent

2. 23 Charles Street (DEP # 161-0945) Applicant Haley Dryer, Failed Septic System Replacement
Alek Chongris gave an overview of the project and explained all work is on existing lawn and within a flood zone with no area to compensate. DEP gave the Commission the authority to allow the project.
R. Bancroft made a motion to approve the Order of Conditions for 23 Charles Street DEP # 161-0945, C. Candia seconded roll call taken all approved.

3. 107 Tenney Street (DEP# 161-0942)

Discussion ensued about the NOI being withdrawn.

R. Bancroft made a motion to close it, and withdraw DEP# 161- 0942 without prejudice, Candia seconded roll call taken all approved.

4. Boarder to Boston Trail (Dep# 161-0944) Applicant Town of Georgetown
Ms. Grenier this is a NOI for a Rail Trail DOT project. Dan Wells from LEC and Marlin Hueil from Stantec are here to give an overview. D. Well explained the trail is 1.97 miles from Boxford to Georgetown and showed the plan. There is a stream 200 feet away which M. Grenier confirmed. D. Wells explained a 1,192 square foot alteration will occur on the Boxford/Georgetown town line with no area to replicate on the Georgetown line so Boxford approved a 2,384 square foot replication in a cleared area in Boxford on the Georgetown town line. M. Hueil discussed the slopes, and the Commission was concerned about the planting on the slopes. Mr. Huil explained in some areas it will be a wetland seed mix, in upland areas a native seed mix and grasses some short native shrubs. R. Bancroft asked if you can work with our director in the field. Mr. Well said We would encourage that as well, I will keep Michèle informed of all activities.
Ms. Chane asked for a motion. Ms. Bancroft made a motion to approve the Order of Conditions for DEP# 161-0944, C. Candia seconded roll call taken all approved.

Business / Discussion Items

1. Approval of Emergency Certification for 4 dead trees
8 Stone Row Lane

Ms. Chane asked the director what kind of trees? Ms. Genier Two pine and one elm tree and one other that the bark was completely stripped off and the tree was dead.

Ms. Bancroft made a motion to approve the Emergency Certificate for 8 Stone Row Lane, C. Candia seconded, roll call taken all approved
2. Vote of Confidence for Conservation Director
Following a short discussion Ms. Bancroft made a motion to give our director a vote of Confidence, C. Candia seconded roll call taken all approved.
3. Discussion on Chair's Role, Ms. Chane explained the Chair's role in the event of my demise.
M. Grenier explained in the event as in the two meeting. Ms. Chane did not attend, anyone can step in the role of chair and have guidelines to follow. Ms. Grenier explained an example, closing a hearing then the vote is taken.

Ms. Bandcroft made a motion to close the meeting, C. Candia seconded roll call taken all approved.

Next Conservation Commission Meeting **April 18, 2024**