

**Dracut Conservation Commission  
Minutes of September 21, 2016  
Town Hall**

**Commissioners Present:** Victor Olson, James Jendro, John Hassan, Stephen Graham, Conservation Agent Lori Cahill and Recording Secretary Cyndy Alexander

**Commissioners Absent:** Michele Grenier

Opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:** For Minutes dated September 7, 2016, Motion to approve by Mr. Jendro. Motion seconded by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Graham abstained. Mr. Hassan abstained. Motion passed.

**Correspondence pertinent to tonight's meeting:**

- DEP Comments – None
- Request to Continue: NOI: 121 Spring Rd #145-997
- Letter to Felix Mastrorilli
- Letter to Auzirio Mendonca
- Third Party Reviewer Information – MVRP Project/National Grid
- Updated Boilerplate Standard Conditions

**7:05 Public Hearing: RDA: Arlington, Willard Sts/Broadway Rd Intersection:** Proposal to make roadway improvements, curb improvements and signal upgrades. Mr. Ron Desrosier from MDM Transportation presented this proposal on behalf of the Town of Dracut. He explained they would be milling existing pavement and that would be immediately removed and put on a truck and taken off-site. Mr. Jendro asked if this company would be doing the work. Mr. Desrosier said his company is doing the engineering work but the construction work will be put out to bid. Mr. Jendro asked who would be overseeing the project. Mr. Hamel, Town Engineer said he would be monitoring the project. Motion made by Mr. Hassan to issue a Negative 3. Motion seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hassan made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Jendro seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Continuance of NOI: Sophia Drive #145-1023:** Ms. Maureen Herald of Norse Environmental Services explains at the last Conservation Meeting the Commission had some concerns with the plans that were presented. Ms. Herald has submitted a letter along with the revised plans which addresses all of the concerns. The erosion controls are now shown on the plans. They removed the grading for the individual house lots as those will be filed under separate Notices of Intent. The sidewalk is now shown on the plan. The limit of work, roadway and drainage are shown on the plan. The proposed detention pond trenches are shown on the plan. Regarding the culvert that was not installed by direction of the former DPW Director, Ms. Herald explained how the drainage flows and how a culvert would cause more damage than good. Mr. Olson pointed out that it is a Wetland now and it's stable without a culvert and adding a culvert now might do more harm than good. Mr. Hassan made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Graham seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hassan made a motion to issue the Order of Conditions. Mr. Jendro seconded that Motion with discussion: siltation protection that is existing is there from the Enforcement Order, no work on individual house lots as those will come in as individual NOIs, verify infiltration trenches are in place. Motion passed unanimously.

**Continuance of RDA: 600 Pelham Rd:** Ms. Maureen Herald of Norse Environmental Services explains at the last Conservation Meeting the Commission was looking for items shown on the

plan; contours, grading, spot grades along stone wall, grass swale is shown, detail of swale, 6" gravity sewer line and erosion controls have been relocated around the well, the well is in on the lot and siltation protection. These items have been added to the plan. With regard to the swale, the existing neighbor is very concerned about water run-off onto his land and want to ensure there is no run-off onto his property. There are three no disturbance markers. Mr. Jendro asked why this was an RDA and not a NOI. Ms. Herald explained the proposed deck to the Wetland is 68.8 feet away, the foundation was in, and the well was in. Mr. Jendro stated that they were showing new contours well within the 50 foot Buffer Zone. Ms. Herald states that they filed the RDA back in May 2016, the Commission wouldn't hear the RDA until the enforcement issues were addressed. That took them until August before they could come in front of the Commission with the NOI. Mr. Jendro believes this work should be filed on a NOI. Mr. Olson agrees with Mr. Jendro. Ms. Herald said she could come back with a NOI however the plan will not change. Mr. Olson stated that was fine but with the NOI they would have a document to show it was constructed properly when it comes to the Certificate of Compliance. Ms. Herald asked if they could add As-Built special conditions to the RDA. Ms. Herald explained the majority of the excavation work has been done. Mr. Olson reminded Ms. Herald that at the last meeting the Board stated they wanted individual NOIs filed for each separate lot and he wants the same for this lot. Motion made by Mr. Hassan to issue a Positive 1 RDA. Mr. Jendro seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to close the Public Hearing by Mr. Hassan. Motion was seconded by Mr. Graham. Motion passed unanimously.

**Continuance of NOI: 121 Spring Road #145-997:** Client has requested to Continue to the next available meeting. Mr. Hassan made a Motion to Continue to the November 2, 2016 meeting. Mr. Graham seconded that Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance: Sewer Dept. – Peters Pond East Area #145-810:** Ms. Kate Biedron, PE of CDM Smith Inc. presenting on behalf of the Town of Dracut Sewer Department. The Order of Conditions was issued in 2008. She is presenting a letter of Compliance, copies of photos and maps. Ms. Biedron explained the majority of the work was done in the streets that were in Buffer Zones. Pump stations were installed and cross-country easements, both in Buffer Zones and some had Wetland impact. This area is completely compliant and over-grown. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Graham seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance: Sewer Dept. – Peters Pond West Area #145-811:** Ms. Kate Biedron, PE of CDM Smith Inc. presenting on behalf of the Town of Dracut Sewer Department. She is presenting a letter of Compliance, copies of photos and maps. Ms. Biedron explained the majority of the work was done in the streets that were in Buffer Zones. Two pump stations were installed and cross-country easements, both in Buffer Zones and some had Wetland impact. Photos show new growth, arborvitaes. The wet well is in the middle of the cul de sac. A man-hole had to be installed on a resident's yard. There was a small amount of Wetland impact on Liakas Way which is shown on the photos/maps; a pump station was installed. Nothing was altered from the original plans. Another Wetland impact at the end of Lewis Street, also shown in photos and maps. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Jendro seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance: Sewer Dept. – Marsh Hill Rd Area #145-888:** Ms. Kate Biedron, PE of CDM Smith Inc. presenting on behalf of the Town of Dracut Sewer Department. She is presenting a letter of Compliance, copies of photos and maps. Ms. Biedron explained the majority of the work was done in the streets that were in Buffer Zones. Black Oak Lane Pump station was installed in the island. There was an easement taken between two properties and a

fence and retaining wall were installed. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Graham seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance: Sewer Dept. – Methuen St/Wheeler Rd Area #145-920:** Ms. Kate Biedron, PE of CDM Smith Inc. presenting on behalf of the Town of Dracut Sewer Department. She is presenting a letter of Compliance, copies of photos and maps. Ms. Biedron explained the majority of the work was done in the streets that were in Buffer Zones. Two Pump stations; one on Indian Hill the other on Douglas and a third on Wheeler St. in Methuen were installed. The COC for Wheeler St. was already issued by Methuen. There is a propane tank on Douglas with a fence around it. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Jendro seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Certificate of Compliance: Sewer Dept. – Colburn Ave/Winter Hill Area #145-936:** Ms. Kate Biedron, PE of CDM Smith Inc. presenting on behalf of the Town of Dracut Sewer Department. She is presenting a letter of Compliance, copies of photos and maps. Ms. Biedron explained the majority of the work was done in the streets that were in Buffer Zones. Two Pump stations; one on Mammoth Rd. the other on Colburn Ave. were installed. Kept the existing wet well on Colburn Ave. and upgraded everything else. Motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance by Mr. Hassan. Mr. Graham seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Old Business:**

- Third Party Reviewer Discussion for MVRP Project/National Grid: Ms. Cahill recused herself from this discussion. Mr. Olson states that this is an extensive project and a Third Party Reviewer would review the work being done, update the Commission and ensure the work is to plan. The developer, who in this case is National Grid, would pay those charges, via the town, to the Third Party Reviewer. Mr. Olson asked Ms. Alexander, who is the contact person for this project, if she had some contact with a Third Party Reviewer and National Grid. She states that she had contacted him, he is available, he is interested in doing this work for the Town of Dracut and is familiar with this project as he is the Third Party Reviewer for the Town of Tewksbury. She also states that he told her he just set up a schedule for Tewksbury where he will do a site review every other week and will be available as needed should anything come up. After his visits he would send a summary email to the Commission. Mr. Hassan made a motion to hire the Third Party Reviewer who is currently working for the Town of Tewksbury to do the same work for the Town of Dracut for the MVRP Project/National Grid and an account will be established in which to compensate the Third Party Reviewer. Mr. Jendro seconded the Motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- Some Minutes from previous meetings required some signatures.

**New Business:** Updated Boilerplate Standard Conditions: The Board Members will review and send their suggestions/edits to the Conservation Agent and will discuss at the next meeting.

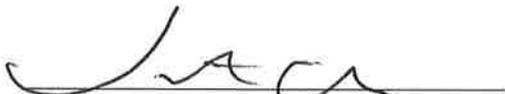
**Informal Discussion:** None

**Adjourn:** Motion made by Mr. Hassan to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Jendro. Motion passed unanimously.

**Signings:**

Next meetings scheduled are: Wednesday, October 5, 2016, Wednesday, October 19, 2016 and Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
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Victor Olson, Chairman

  
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Stephen Graham

  
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John Hassan

  
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James Jendro

ABSENT

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Michele Grenier

Cyndy Alexander  
Recording Secretary