

Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes

March 11, 2019 6:00 PM

Commissioners in attendance: John Piper, Dick Gates, Jon Letendre, Colleen Conner

Commissioners not in attendance:

Also Present: Amer Raza (MA-DOT), Michael Turgeon (Jacobs / MA-DOT), Edward and Cindy LaPlante (Abutters), Wayne and Cindy Grimaldi (Abutters), Adam Kahn (Blandford Sun), Joe Hamel (Blandford Sun), Rick Barnard (Blandford Planning), Stefanie McGinty (Abutter), David Klinch (Blandford Sun/ Epsilon), Shiela Reynolds (Blandford Resident)

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Minutes reviewed and accepted.

New Business

Opened Public Hearing related to Notice of Intent received for Blandford Sun, LLC for Photovoltaic Project proposed for Otis Stage Road. After a project overview was presented by David Klinch and lengthy discussion, the Commission voted to continue this Public Hearing to April 8, 2019. Discussion items included proposed access road location and alternatives, proposed culvert size at proposed access road, tree clearing in BVW along Route 23, wetland replication details, stormwater basin locations/ design and potential run-off impacts to adjacent properties. Other reasons for continuing this hearing were the ongoing MEPA process, lack of comments/ File # from MA-DEP, and the need for more time to allow Blandford's Peer Consultant (GZA) to verify wetland boundaries in the field, and review the NOI package filed by the Applicant.

Continuing Business

Re- Opened the Public Hearing for MA-DOT for culvert work at the MA Turnpike (File #111-0055). After discussion and review of the Special Conditions drafted by the Commission, the Commission voted to close the Public Hearing and issue the Order of Conditions as drafted.

Discussed overall status of Chester Rd, North Blandford Rd, and Curtis Hall Rd. Solar Projects.

Additional Items