

Town of Blandford

Conservation Commission Minutes

December 14, 2020 6:00 PM

Commission Members In attendance: Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, John Piper, Jon Letendre via telephone conference line.

Others in attendance:

Luke Kettles

Mary Zawatsky, David Askew (Eversource)

Chris Robinson

Domenic Cardarelli, Jackson Alberti, Kurt Hansen, Rolandy Romelus , Marc Lavasseur, Attorney Blake Mensing (Foresight/Belle Fleur)

Review Previous Meeting Minutes

Review of Minutes from meeting of November 9, 2020. John Piper motions to accept minutes as drafted, Colleen seconds, unanimous vote in favor.

New Business

Gibert Baguma – Potential Buffer Zone Violation 42 Woronoco Rd. (Route 23). Explained to Mr. Baguma that the Commission had visited the property and had made a determination that a violation had not occurred but that any further tree clearing in the direction of the on-site BVW would result in a violation. Commission to send letter to Mr. Baguma documenting these findings.

Luke Kettles – Request for Information- Shephard Farm. Verified to Mr. Kettles that the Town does own Shephard Farm and that the public has access to the property.

13 Sperry Rd.- Mr. Chris Robinson explained to the Commission that he had purchased this property with the intentions of building a house on it but that it is always wet due to water draining onto the property from Sperry Rd. and /or other adjacent properties. Commission explained to Mr. Robinson that dealing with drainage issues was not within our purview but that we would contact him and review conditions at the property with him.

Syncarpha Realty – Chester Rd Solar Site – Certificate of Compliance Status. R. Gates explained that he had visited the site on 12/1/2020 with representatives of CS Energy and Foresight and that there continued to be erosion of the access road area and eroded material is continuing to be deposited on or near the erosion controls near on-site BVW.

Eversource- Request for Certificate of Compliance- Line 1512 – DEP file# 111-057. Commission received a request for COC and conducted site inspections on 12/4/2020 and non-compliance was noted. John Piper made motion to issue COC, Colleen Doyle seconded, and passed by unanimous vote.

Domenico Cardarelli/ Belle Fleur Holdings- 130/140 Otis Stage Rd. – Notice of Intent Public Hearing. Public Hearing was opened but due to lack of a File # and comments from Mass DEP, the Hearing was continued to January 12, 2021.

Continuing Business

Discussed overall status of Chester Rd (Syncarpha), North Blandford Road, George Millard Rd., Otis Stage Road Chester Road (Rolling Potatoe) solar projects.

Additional Items

Richard W. Gates

Colleen Doyle (RWA)

Jon Petendro (RWA)

John Piper (RWA)

Nathan Maynard (RWA)