

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
October 25, 2021 6:00 PM**

Commission Members in attendance: Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, Jon Piper, and Nate Maynard.

Others in attendance: Marc Lavasseur (Foresight / Belle Fleur)

I. New Business

a. Review new modifications proposed for the Belle Fleur Project---138 Otis Stage Rd. DEP File # 111-0059

Marc Lavasseur (Foresight Land Services representing Belle Fleur) presented revisions to the original NOI for commission review. The following changes were proposed:

- 1) Replacing original stone retaining walls with pre-cast concrete walls.
- 2) Widening of driveway from 31' to 37' at initial turn up hill to accommodate delivery trucks.
- 3) Guard shack dimensions from 10'x10' to 8'x20' with a reduced parking area to offset increased dimensions.
- 4) Slight change in stormwater basin outlet dimensions adjacent to guard shack.

The commission reviewed all changes and discussed any potential change in impact to surrounding wetlands and ways for further mitigation. It was deemed that the changes were minor in nature but a request for additional native plantings was requested and agreed upon.

R Gates made a motion to accept all four proposed changes as minor with the condition that there be additional plantings onsite of one large and three smaller native trees. J Piper seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

II. Ongoing Business

a. Site Inspections for Belle Fleur

Commission has not been receiving weekly SWPP Inspection reports per special condition #47 of the OOC. M Lavasseur will be ensuring this is corrected and will be following up with an email confirmation.

b. Drainage Issues: Nye Brook / Huntington Rd.

R. Gates spoke with J Garcia (Town Admin) regarding the issue of runoff and sedimentation at Nye Brook. The commission will be reaching out to the Select Board for further support on addressing this issue.

c. **Update for B. Bernier: Rt. 23**

The commission issued an enforcement order to submit a completed NOI by November 15th for proposed work replacing garage. Per WPA regulations, R Gates gave permission to remove the existing garage and replace with a pervious gravel surface with the same footprint as the existing garage. No other construction or development can occur until an NOI has been submitted and approved by the commission.

d. **Shepard Farm / Long Pond Parcels**

Efforts continue regarding the development of trails and recreational activities at these two town owned sites. Attempts have been made to connect with the Historical Commission regarding Shepard Farm but have not been successful (visit to monthly meeting and email).

e. **Solar Updates**

The commission has been receiving SWPP reports for the Otis Stage Solar site indicating that everything is in compliance. No new updates otherwise.

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Richard W. Gates