

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
December 13, 2021 6:00 PM**

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

Others in attendance: None

I. New Business

a. New Site Development Work: Rt. 23

ConCom received a complaint regarding unauthorized road work being conducted within 100' of a wetland and 200' of Potash Brook on the right of Rt. 23 just prior to 26 Woronoco Rd. heading westbound. It's unclear who owns the land, but J Piper observed MA DOT vehicles performing work there. The location is adjacent to the DOT staging area/work trailer located Eastbound on the Pike in Blandford. Further follow up will be conducted and a cease and desist order will be issued until an NOI is formally submitted to the commission.

b. DEP Wetlands Staff.

ConCom received an email from MA DEP stating that Mark Stinson, MassDEP's Western Regional Office Wetlands Circuit Rider, will be out for an indefinite period of time and that a new contact, John Moriarty, will be serving in his place.

c. Wetlands Questions: Chris Plavcan

Chris Plavcan reached out to R Gates with wetland questions in relation to the potential development of a campground in town. Chris stated that he has been trying to get in contact with the commission to inquire about the WPA and relevant restrictions. ConCom will invite him to a future meeting to address his questions / concerns.

II. Ongoing Business

a. Drainage Issues: Nye Brook / Huntington Rd.

This issue still remains unresolved. ConCom would like to invite our new Highway Department Supervisor, Dave Waldron, to a future meeting to see how we can address the runoff issues and potentially restore the pavement on the hill leading up to the brook.

b. Solar Site: PASS – North Blandford Rd

R Gates received contact from Kirt Mayland, of Reservoir Holdings, regarding a mitigation project on Gibbs Rd. as part of the settlement with DEP due to run-off issues at the PASS solar site on North Blandford Road. DEP has stated that they

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