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**Town of Blandford  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
March 14, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Jeff Smith of Prime AE representing B Bernier; Raza Amer of Mass DOT; Domenico Cardarelli – Belle Fleur, Attorney Blake Mensing, and Mike O'Brien and Ryan Geeleher of Salomey Construction representing Belle Fleur.

**I. Ongoing Business**

**a. Approval of Meeting Minutes for 2/14/22**

D. Gates made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for 2/14. J Piper seconded and was approved unanimously.

**b. Re-Open Public Hearing: NOI B. Bernier – MA DEP File # 111-0061**

ConCom has received the file number and comments from MA DEP regarding B. Bernier's proposed construction of a garage within the riverfront area of Potash Brook on Rt. 23 / Woronoco Rd.. Jeff Smith of Prime AE submitted an updated NOI that included details of mitigated plantings to replace previously removed shrubs and trees. C. Doyle inquired whether the building inspector had issued a building permit and reminded that this was necessary, albeit outside of ConCom's jurisdiction. D. Gates and fellow Commission members approved the proposal and the public hearing was closed at 6:12pm.

**c. Mass DOT Violation: Utility Installation between Rt. 23 and Mass Turnpike**

Amer Raza of Mass DOT presented a restoration plan for ConCom's review to mitigate the wetlands violation on Rt. 23 at Old Sperry Rd.. The Commission approved the plan and D. Gates will be sending out a letter of approval to Mass DOT and will follow up with the landowner, William Howe, regarding the issue.

**d. Belle Fleur – MA DEP File # 111-059: Compliance with OOC**

D Gates provided an overview and timeline of the work conducted at the site and ongoing concerns regarding compliance with the order of conditions. There had been a lapse in weekly erosion control inspections in the fall and ConCom was contacted by J. Rogers at GZA regarding a potential shutdown of the worksite and request from Belle Fleur for a variance in the inspection frequency. This was granted on a temporary basis for the winter months, but warming spring conditions require a return to the original OOC to prevent runoff and erosion conditions. The following aspects of the OOC were reiterated and discussed:

- Foresight revisiting the site to re-flag and clearly define the boundaries of the wetlands. Potentially using different colored flagging tape to make distinctions clear (OOC #17 & 30).

- Somebody onsite keeping an eye on erosion controls on a daily basis (OOC #18 & 19).
- Adequate stockpile of erosion and sedimentation control kept onsite (OOC #45)
- Tarps or other controls to stabilize sediment piles (OOC #46).
- Weekly reports and erosion control inspections (OOC #47)
- Stabilization of all disturbed and exposed areas onsite (OOC #48).

D. Cardarelli provided a rundown of the steps he and representatives of Belle Fleur are taking to address concerns. Salomey construction has been hired to install erosion controls and Belle Fleur staff have been working onsite to remove and redirect sediment washout. D. Gates inquired about the original site plans and was curious about the sequence of installation; as many of the erosion controls listed are not yet in place. R. Geeleher proposed that an updated schematic / plan be completed that outlines what has been completed and what needs to be installed (including catch basins). This would provide an overview of what's accomplished and what still needs to be addressed. D. Cardarelli stated that they are trying their best to do what's right and take all corrective measures. D. Gates provided wrap-up, stating that the ConCom's ultimate concern is potential runoff into Tannery Brook and surrounding wetlands and that more controls need to be in place to ensure this does not occur.

*Richard W. Gates*  
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*John R. Repe*