

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
April 4, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

Others in Attendance in person: Attorney Blake Mensing, Mike O'Brien, and John Humes of Saloomey Construction representing Belle Fleur; Dave Waldron – Blandford Hwy Superintendent.

Others in Attendance via Conference Call: Domenico Cardarelli, Marc Lavasseur of Foresight Land Services, and Joe Rogers of GZA

I. Continuing Business

a. Belle Fleur – MA DEP File # 111-059: Continued Discussion and Review of Compliance with OOC and Potential Enforcement Order

M. Lavasseur provided an update regarding the installation of erosion controls and stabilization:

- Met with Commission members on 4/1 for site inspection
- Sediment runoff has been cleaned up and removed.
- Bank slopes have been regraded and hydro seeded.
- Sediment runoff is being diverted and controlled and no major discharge has occurred since installation.
- Daily inspections and repairs are being conducted by Saloomey on an as needed basis – proactive approach to site stabilization.
- Flagging is being updated and completed by tomorrow.
- Reshaping banks, installation of water bars, and loam piles are being stabilized.

C. Doyle inquired whether Saloomey had authority to take immediate corrective action with erosion issues or whether they needed to have all actions approved by Belle Fleur. D. Cardarelli stated that an agreement is in place with Saloomey for corrective measures as needed based on daily observations.

D. Gates inquired about a sense of timeline for continued site work beyond erosion controls. M. O'Brien stated that timeline is outside his control until legal issues are resolved with previous GC. D. Gates inquired about the various erosion controls outlined on the site plan that have yet to be installed and when they will be implemented. M. Lavasseur said that it is a phased implementation approach and is willing to have ongoing weekly meetings to update if necessary.

Questions arose regarding flagging and delineation of the wetland boundaries. J. Rogers stated that flagging was cleared for the building envelope but not the entire site. D. Gates emphasized the need for clear wetland delineation to

identify areas of sediment intrusion if runoff problems occurred as outlined in OOC #17 & 30.

M. O'Brien stated that all erosion control stockpiles are in place (OOC #45) and that sediment piles are stabilized (OOC #46). All disturbed soils have been hydroseeded and stabilized (OOC #48) and daily reports and updates submitted (OOC #47). The Commission feels that concerns are being addressed and that the enforcement order will be tabled until further notice.

D. Gates made a motion to table the issuance of an enforcement order to Belle Fleur for compliance with the order of conditions. J. Piper seconded and unanimously approved.

b. Rt. 23 Potential WPA Violations

Sheep Gate property owner identified. Letter of inquiry regarding potential site work within riverfront area or wetlands will be issued.

c. Town of Blandford – N. Blandford Rd. Project

D. Gates has met with D. Waldron to identify culverts that need to be replaced and whether they would require permitting.

d. PASS Mitigation Project: Gibbs Rd.

There is one culvert replacement on Gibbs Rd. that is being proposed as the mitigation project for previous solar site (PASS) wetland violations. Kirt Mayland, of Reservoir Holdings LLC., has been reaching out directly to D. Waldron regarding collaboration on the proposed culvert work. The Commission feels that communication should be directly with DEP, the Commission, or Select Board until DEP issues a finalized mitigation plan. DEP has declined any communication on the matter until mitigation details are resolved.

e. Previous Meeting Minutes

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

Richard W. Gates
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John R. Piper