

**Town of Blandford  
Conservation Commission Minutes  
June 27, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

**Others in Attendance:** Nicole Sanford & Lauren Perry (Springfield Sewer and Water)

**I. New Business**

**a. Springfield Sewer and Water RDA: Monitoring Equipment Peebles Brook**

N Sanford and L Perry submitted a Request for Determination of Applicability on behalf of SSW to install a stream monitoring data logger at Peebles Brook just before it enters into Cobblestone Mtn Reservoir. The data logger will measure temperature and streamflow and will have minimal to no impact on stream conditions.

**D Gates made a motion of negative determination for SSW's RDA to install stream monitoring equipment at Peebles Brook. C Doyle seconded and it was passed unanimously.**

**II. Continuing Business**

**a. Review status of the Belle Fleur site (Mass DEP File # 111-059)**

D Gates met with Rolandy Romelus at the Belle Fleur site on 6/24 to perform a site inspection and monitor existing erosion control measures. R Romelus sent a follow up email the next day outlining the corrective measures and specific actions that would take place to bring them into compliance with the OOC. He stated that they had a contractor scheduled to be onsite on July 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the following (verbatim from email):

1. 100 straw bales - to replace any old bales that's starting to deteriorate. We walked the property and marked every bale that needs to be changed so this will be done correctly.
2. Hydro seed the remainder 20% of the property that the hydro seed has not fully taking in yet.
3. Add the check dams we spoke about yesterday.
4. Add the additional bale at the breakout near the wetlands as describe by Marc plans.
5. Instead of wattles.. for check dams. Remove the wattles use.. straw bales instead.
6. In the back left corner of the property. Add additional bales and correct the flow of water in the back of the property. Remove sediment that is on the other side of the bale in the back of the property.

7. The bank on top left of the road... use additional crushed stones to fix the break out and change the flow of water so it does not come down the road.
8. Each retention basin needs to be cleaned out so the water does not sit. Remove all the sediment inside each retention basin.
9. Hydro seed the big pile of dirt it needs more hydro seed.
10. Fix the area where the water is coming off the big dirt pile. New bales and silt fencing. More layers of protect.

ConCom will be scheduling a site inspection after the work is completed and prior to their regular meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

**b. Update on Bradley Brook Conservation Area**

D Gates conducted more investigation regarding the Bradley Brook Conservation Area by reaching out to former ConCom member Rosemary Arnold. He learned that the parcel in question was conserved and brokered through Valley Land Trust in 2004 and that the original intention was for it to be transferred to the town of Blandford. It appears the parcel's ownership was transferred to the state in 2014.

It is unclear whether the town declined transfer of ownership at the time and whether there is still an opportunity for the town to gain control of the parcel. Follow up investigation will take place.

*Matthew Maynard*  
*John R. Ryan*  
*Allen Park*  
*Richard M. Gates*