

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
July 25, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

Others in Attendance: Paul Knapik (Eversource)

I. New Business

- a. **Request for Certificate of Compliance to close out Eversource's 1421 project and the culvert replacement conducted off of N Blandford Road. Mass DEP File # 111-0058.**

Paul Knapik of Eversource reported out on the completion of the culvert replacement on N. Blandford Rd. ConCom inspected the site and everything appeared in good order.

D Gates made a motion to grant a Certificate of Compliance to Eversource for completion of culvert project. J Piper seconded and it was passed unanimously.

- b. **Request for Determination of Applicability: Yuriy Gavlov**

ConCom was contacted by a resident, Yuriy Gavlov, regarding a single family home construction on North Blandford Rd. (Tax Parcel ID: 409-0-7). The building footprint is upland and does not appear to be jurisdictional. A formal RDA submittal needs to be mailed to both ConCom and DEP for final approval.

D Gates made a motion of negative determination for the RDA given that plans are formally mailed to both ConCom and DEP. C Doyle seconded and it was passed unanimously.

- c. **Emergency Beaver Permit – North Blandford Rd.: Eversource**

Integrated Wildlife Control on behalf of Eversource requested an Emergency Certificate from BOH and ConCom to resolve beaver related flooding of an electric distribution right-of-way off North Blandford Rd.

Board of Health issued a certificate, but it was not the official form that states emergency status. The Commission is requesting additional information to better understand emergency status considering the long term nature of the issue dating back prior to 2016. Questions remain regarding how the proposed work will alleviate the problem and potential impact to the wetlands. Preliminary site visit revealed a very large wetland with numerous beaver ponds that support a variety of waterfowl, amphibians, and reptiles. More information and clarification is being requested prior to final sign off.

*Dick W. Gates
Colleen Doyle
John R. Piper
Nate Maynard*

II. Continuing Business

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

Official change of site plans have been submitted. ConCom will need to review changes in order to assess whether an amended OOC can be issued, or whether a new NOI will need to be submitted. D Gates is curious about the peer review process and the ability to hire an outside firm to review all proposed changes; with a particular focus on the complexities of the stormwater system.