

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
August 22, 2022 6:00 PM**

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

Others in Attendance: Nicole Sanford (Springfield Sewer and Water)

I. New Business

a. Request for Determination of Applicability: Springfield Sewer and Water – maintenance of Borden Brook Reservoir Access Rd.

N Sanford provided overview of the maintenance work that needs to be conducted on the dirt road that provides the only point of access to the boat ramp on Borden Brook Reservoir. Only two sections of the road are jurisdictional: sections on Julius Hall Rd. and Swamp Rd.

D Gates made a motion of negative determination for the proposed RDA. C Doyle seconded and it was passed unanimously.

b. Administrative Consent Order – DEP: Nextera / Blandford Sun Solar Site

An administrative consent order has been reached by DEP concerning wetland violations at the Nextera solar site on North Blandford Rd. They include the following provisions:

- Monitor vegetative growth; seeding areas as needed.
- Monitor 1x/month until vegetative growth established.
- Annual report submitted to DEP
- \$45,000 fine.

c. Ratify Emergency Certification issued to Eversource related to Beaver activity adjacent to North Blandford Rd.

Emergency Certification was already issued but needed to be ratified and signed by ConCom members to finalize.

D Gates made a motion to ratify the Emergency Certification for Beaver Permit granted from 8/10-9/9 (30 days). J Piper seconded and it was passed unanimously.

d. Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Update: State Feedback

The state provided feedback on the OSRP that was submitted earlier this year. It has been conditionally approved with revisions and comments provided. The OSRP will need to be finalized and fully approved in order for the town to be eligible for specific state grants.

II. Continuing Business

- a. Amended Order of Conditions Update: Belle Fleur Cannabis Facility (Mass DEP File #111-059).

The Planning Board will be meeting on 9/7 to review the proposed site plan changes. ConCom is awaiting peer review from Tighe and Bond in order to schedule a public hearing to discuss a potential Amended Order of Conditions or to require a new NOI be submitted.

Colleen Dye
John L. Piper
Richard W. Galt