

**Town of Blandford**  
**Conservation Commission Minutes**  
**June 12, 2023 6:00 PM**

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

**I. Continuing Business**

**a. Update – Belle Fleur Mass DEP File # 111-0059**

D Gates met with Jeff Smith of Salvini Associates at the site last Wed morning for them to start their assessment. Reached out for an update, haven't heard back yet.

- Foresight (Belle Fleur's Engineering /wetlands consultant) is assessing overall status of site construction activities
- Salvini is assessing compliance with the AOOC and the SWPPP on behalf of the Conservation Commission.
- Dick observed some improvements with water diversion across the site, piping to catch basins, etc..
- Email from Rolandy Romelus received that states he is out of state through month of June. No meetings until then.
- Mediation taking place with original contractor.
- Tight tank for floor drains: was supposed to be installed last Friday. Heard from Brian ( Mark's Property Service) that it won't be installed for about a month.

**b. Update – Mass DOT Request for COC: Mass Turnpike Culvert Project (File # 111-0055)**

The details and paperwork surrounding this still need to be finalized and resolved. The hope is to be able to assign a conservation agent onto this when a candidate is hired to assist ConCom.

**c. Status of Conservation Agent**

There is an interested candidate that is working with Becket ConCom who may be applying to the position. Position remains open until a suitable candidate is identified.

**d. Vernal Pool Certification Update**


Return trip will be scheduled this summer to obtain more photos of the pool in different stages (ideally dried out). Data will be gathered and submitted for potential certification.

**e. PASS Solar Site: North Blandford Road**

Culvert work on Gibbs Rd. has been agreed upon as part of mitigative work for WPA violations.

- There should be email follow up once the administrative consent order and final agreements are in place for work to be completed. This should include details of the 15K that is being designated for culvert work.
- J Piper raised concerns that the total settlement amount for culvert work would not cover the entire cost of the project. It was agreed that the settlement is likely all that the town will get and it is best to move forward.

  
Robert L. Piper  
Mayor

  
Richard W. Gato