

**Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
July 24, 2023 6:00 PM**

Commission Members in attendance: Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, John Piper

Others in Attendance: Rolandy Romelus (Belle Fleur) Marc Lavesseur (Foresight for BelleFleur), Dave Waldron (Blandford Highway)

New Business

Belle Fleur –Mass DEP File # 111-0059. Review Request for Partial Certificate of Compliance.

D. Gates provided overview of issues noted result of Inspection conducted On July 20, 2023 by John Piper, Colleen Doyle and D. Gates:

- In general, the BCC observed that most of the areas subject to the Request had not been stabilized and were void of vegetation or finish material. Some of the areas (mainly west of the greenhouses) were observed to be significantly eroded.

-The stormwater management basin included in the Request contained a significant amount of sediment. The sediment appears to be coming from multiple unstabilized areas of the site during rain events. The BCC also observed sediment in the wetland area downgradient of the outlet structure of the stormwater basin. The BCC also has concerns that the basin may not have been built per the site plan set. It was also not clear if the stormwater basin will continue to receive flow from areas that remain under construction or if it is intended to be converted to a post construction operation. If it is to be converted to post construction operation, General Condition 19 b) of the AOOB must be complied with (the unit must be cleaned and prepared for post construction use and certified as such by a Registered Professional Engineer [PE] and an as-built plan stamped by a PE must be submitted).

-The BCC observed a large uncovered soil pile north of Greenhouse #3 within the area covered by the Request. The road just north of Greenhouse #3 has not been constructed per the project plans.

-The Request did not fully comply with section 10.05 (9) (d) of the regulations (written statement from the PE certifying substantial compliance with the project plans).

-Tree plantings are required at the area west of the Greenhouse per the project plans.

Blandford Highway- Dave Waldron asked if Con Comm had looked the culvert near Hayden Rd. D. Gates indicated that had not occurred.

Continuing Business

Park Avenue Solar Solutions (PASS) Settlement Negotiations with Mass DEP. R. Gates explained that a settlement has been reached that includes PASS funding a culvert replacement at Gibbs Road as the mitigation component. The final documents have not been received.

Mass DOT Request for COC – Mass Turnpike Culvert Project (File # 111- 0055). R. Gates reported that this remains in the information gathering phase as there are several pieces of this to be sorted out.

Allen D. Ayler
John A. Pappas
Richard Gates