

Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
February 12th, 2024 6:00 PM
Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russel Stage Road, Blandford MA

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dick Gates, John Piper, Colleen Doyle, Nate Maynard

Public/Applicants: Bruce Cooper, Carle Eaton (Tighe and Bond), Melissa Coady (Tighe and Bond), Andrea M Lacasse (Tighe and Bond), Nicole Sanford (SWSC), Frank Zabaneh (SWSC)

Review/Finalize Minutes

1. November 13th Meeting
 - a. Approved in a previous meeting
2. December 18th Meeting
 - a. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approve
 - i. Carries 4-0-0
3. January 8th meeting
 - a. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approved
 - i. Carries 4-0-0

Administrative:

1. Review Proposed Application Fee
 - a. \$65 Public Notice Fee
 - b. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approve carries 4-0-0

New Business

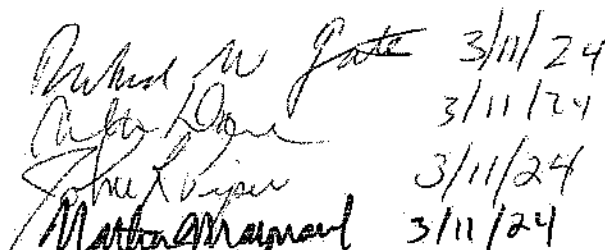
1. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission for the mechanical removal removal of invasive plant species within a Boarding Vegetated Wetland and its associated Buffer Zone on Hiram Blair Road (Map 411, Lot 7)
 - a. Nicole Sanford from SWS explains it is primarily removing Buckthorn, but other species may be removed if found
 - b. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to issue Negative Determination 5 (10.58 M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, Paragraph 1 and 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a))
 - i. Carries 4-0-0
2. **Request for Determination of Applicability:** Submitted by the Springfield Water & Sewer Commission for confirmation of exempt activities associated with the repair of the existing Sugar Creek Bridge on Borden Brook Perimeter Road in Blandford, Massachusetts
 - a. Melissa Coady
 - b. Dick Gates/John Piper Motion to issue negative determination 5 (10.58 M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40, Paragraph 1 and 310 CMR 10.02(2)(a)),
 - c. Carries 4-0-0

3. **Request for a Certificate of Compliance:** Submitted by the Blandford Ski Area LLC. For the for the completion of the work associated with the Order of Conditions issued under MassDEP File#111-27 at 41 Nye Brook Road (Map 416, Lot 24)
 - a. No letter from professional – must have letter by next meeting or be considered out of compliance
 - b. Currently out of compliance and need the letter to close it out.
 - c. Dick Gates/ John Piper motion to continue to March 11th meeting
 - i. Carries 4-0-0

Continuing Business:

4. **Update:** Belle Fleur Mass DEP File # 111-0059, proposed change in SWPPP inspector
 - a. Ryan Nelson as SWPPP inspector
 - i. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approve Ryan Nelson as SWPPP inspector for site Carries uni
 - b. Request from Tighe and Bond to reduce inspections
 - i. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to deny reduction in inspections, ground is not frozen and we need to know current activities
 1. Carries 4-0-0
 - c. Extension Request: Dick Gates/John Piper motion to issue extend the existing amended order of conditions for 1 year from current expiration date
 - i. Carries 4-0-0
5. **Request for Determination:** submitted by Paal Lawrenc for proposed new driveway and single family home construction at tax parcel ID 409-0-7 located at Cross Rd
 - a. Bruce presents plans made by Berkshire Engineering
 - i. Issue: Four driveway options, applicant needs to select one and present it to the commission
 - b. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to ask applicant to decided which option they want, provide more details of construction actives in jurisdictional area – continued to March 11th meeting
 - i. Carries 4-0-0
6. **Update:** Order of Conditions 111-0061 at 15 Woronoco Rd. Parcel ID 421-0-50
 - a. Agent is to contact owner
7. **Update:** Vernal pool certifications
8. **Update:** Shephard Farm
 - a. Discussion of proposed meeting with DCR and new Town Administrator
9. Continue discussion on establishment of new trails, parking area and trail head on North Blandford Road for Long Pond Conservation Area.

Adjourned 7:15



 Dick Gates 3/11/24
 John Piper 3/11/24
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 Matthew Mansfield 3/11/24