

Town of Blandford
Conservation Commission Minutes
April 8th, 2024 6:00 PM
Blandford Town Hall, 1 Russel Stage Road, Blandford MA

In Attendance: Dick Gates, Colleen Doyle, John Piper, Nicolas Pietroniro (Agent)

Dave Waldron (Blandford Highway Department, Dave Hopson, Bruce Cooper, Angela Panaccione (Pioneer Valley Planning Commission)

Review/Finalize Minutes:

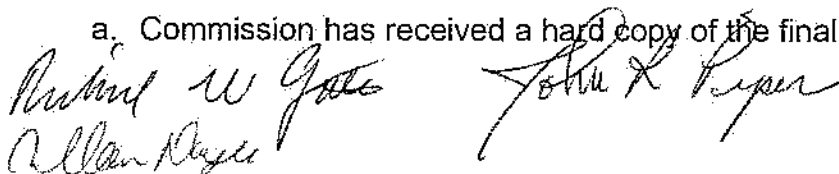
1. March 11th Meeting
 - a. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approve minutes, carries 3-0-0.

New Business

2. **Emergency Certification:** issued to the Town of Blandford Highway Department for the removal of landslide materials from the stream-bed of Nye Brook across from 1 Nye Brook Road
 - a. Issued 3/28/2024 by Dick Gates, work has been completed.
 - b. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to approve emergency certification, carries 3-0-0.
3. **Request for Determination:** submitted by David Hopson for the removal of an existing septic system and installation of a new 1500 gallon septic tank and 15 foot by 12 foot leach field within the Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland at 55 Woronoco Road (Parcel ID 421-0-34.1)
 - a. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to issue Negative Determination 3, carries 3-0-0.
4. **Notice of Intent:** Submitted by David Waldron c/o Town of Blandford Highway Department for work on all Town owned roads in Blandford, MA (Road ROW). Work will include, but not be limited to: Maintenance and repair of existing roadways, vegetation removal, sediment removal and replacing/repairing existing drainage structures MassDEP File # 111-0062.
 - a. 6:17 Public hearing opened.
 - i. Andrea addressed comments from MassDEP.
 - ii. Commission is uncertain with the wording and protocol of proposed project.
 - iii. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to Continue to April 22nd, carries 3-0-0.

Continuing Business:

5. **Request for Determination:** submitted by Paal Lawrence for proposed new driveway and single family home construction at tax parcel ID 409-0-7 located at Cross Rd
 - a. Commission has received a hard copy of the final plan.



- b. Dick Gates/John Piper motion to issue a Negative Determination 3, carries 3-0-0.
- 6. **Update:** Order of Conditions 111-0061 at 15 Woronoco Rd. Parcel ID 421-0-50
 - a. Agent mailed a letter written by Dick Gates to owner of 15 Woronoco Road.
- 7. **Update:** Vernal pool certifications
- 8. Discussion: Knittel Conservation Area Hay Harvesting
 - a. Dick Gates/John piper motion to allow Leon Ripley to the hay north field, Dave Toporowski hay the south field, carries 3-0-0
- 9. **Update:** Shephard Farm
- 10. Continue discussion on establishment of new trails, parking area and trail head on North Blandford Road for Long Pond Conservation Area.

Next Meeting: April 22nd, 2024

Adjourned: 7:40 PM