

Minutes for October 28, 2021, 7:00 p.m. at the Rindge Town Office

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm

Conservation commission members present: David Drouin, Richard Mellor, Fred Rogers, Phil Simeone Alternate members present: Deni Dickler, Fred Dodge, William Preston, Rob Rubendall

Other attendees/participants: Tyler Derousi, (?Graz)

Old business

- Wetland Ordinance/Planning Board Subcommittee update- Richard and Deni met with the Planning Board. Plan is to get a committee of 2 members of Conservation Comm., 2 Planning Board members, 2 members of the public, and a developer to consider the issues. Brief discussion of ideal buffer size concluded that a goal 100 ft., based on science and literature, would be appropriate goal. The objective of “minimal disturbance” needs to be clarified.
- Workdays – Ford Family Preserve needs mowing and removal of invasives. Some cutting of lower branches on pines also. Work on Roger’s Landing includes removal of sapling pines and mowing. November 13 we will meet at Roger’s landing at 8:30, then move on to Ford Family Preserve.
- Aspen Environmental Consultants plan, although approved by state, deemed inadequate by Commission. A motion was made to engage Tom Peragallo to review plan and make suggestions for improvement, with \$1000 limit on costs. Motion passed, 8-0.
- Rindge Stone & Gravel update – Discussion of 250 ft. frontage required by town ordinance. Need to go before Board of Adjustment for a variance for interrupted 250 ft. Brief discussion of other properties that do not meet the 250 ft. requirement. Also needs to go to Planning Board before end of year. Richard raised the issue of the wetland survey, which is needed for the update of the wetland ordinance.
- Monitoring of conservation land – David visited Converse Meadow with representative of Monadnock Conservancy. They examined the area used as a shooting range and discussed some cutting of trees and other stewardship issues. A tree stand was found that was permanently mounted, without required ID, and needs to be removed.

New Business

- DTS Site Plan review (for Nov. 2 P.B. meeting). Drouin recused himself from the discussion. Tyler Derousi and _____ displayed and spoke to the revised plans for the project. The size of the building has been increased by 3000 ft² to 18,000 ft² and the increased excavation and dispersal of material triggered the

need for alteration of terrain permits. The length of the culvert at the wetland crossing was also changed and headwalls added. The site plan was examined in detail, with special attention to the discharge of storm water within the 50 ft buffer zones. A system of sediment forebays and detention basins was described which discharges storm water outside the 50 ft. wetland buffer. The problem of different sets of plans previously provided to the Conservation Commission and the ZBA was discussed briefly. The Commission members were in agreement that the new plans alleviated the problem of discharge within the buffer but suggested that the ZBA should review the current plan and determine if a new approval is needed. Richard offered to provide letters to the Planning Board and the ZBA stating that the Commission's issues with the violation of the buffers have been cleared up.

- Chamber of Commerce *Rindge Community Newsletter* article on wetlands will be written by Deni, who reported that a charge of \$35 for publishing the article was requested.
- Fred Rogers reported that his daughter's class was studying environmental issues and chose to examine the topics of endangered species and habitat preservation. He suggested that some representatives from the Commission might be willing to visit and speak with the class.

Approval of previous minutes: Minutes of October 11, 2021

Rubendall made a motion to approve the minutes of Oct. 11, 2021. Mellor seconded the motion. The Commission voted to approve the minutes of Oct. 11, 2021 with one abstention (Rogers).

Announcements – None

Official Notices – None

Conservation Commission Emails – None

Correspondence – None

Financial Reports – Not reviewed

Next Meeting – Nov. 8

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm