

**Town of Bellingham
Conservation Commission
Municipal Center
Bellingham, MA 02019
Minutes of the meeting of February 25, 2015**

Project: 105-749 & BWP-96
Continued ANRAD

Project Description:
off Farm St. and Beaver Pond
Wetland boundary verification

Applicant:
EMC Corporation
228 South Street
Hopkinton, MA

Representative:
Daniel Feeney, Beals and Thomas
Res. Corp. Park, 144 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA

Plans: ANRAD and plans, "ANRAD Plans, Sheets 1, 2, 3" dated Nov. 20, 2014, NRS Wetland Review Report Jan. 12, 2015

Continuation Time: 7:30 PM

Cliff Matthews opened the continued hearing and stated that due to the ongoing snow pack issues, the applicant has requested a continuation to March 11th. Barry Lariviere made a motion to continue the hearing to 8:10 PM on March 11th, Neal Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Project: 105-755 & BWP-103
NOI

Project Description:
Pine Grove Avenue – submersible sewage pumping station

Applicant:
Donald Di Martino, DPW
26 Blackstone St.
Bellingham, MA

Representative:
David Press, Kleinfelder
1 Speen St. Suite 200
Framingham, MA

Plans: NOI & Plans, "Pine Grove Sewage Pumping Station, Existing and Proposed Site Plan", 1 Sheet, REV Feb. 13, 2015

Hearing: 7:30 PM

Donald DiMartino and David Press of Kleinfelder as well as three abutters were present when Cliff Matthews opened the hearing. David Press stated that the filing is for the replacement of a submersible sewage pumping station located under the Peters River at Pine Grove Avenue. He stated that the existing siphon does not function properly because the upstream side is lower than the downstream outlet creating a surcharge on the upstream side. He added that the existing siphon is approximately 15 years old and is flushed regularly because it backs up. Mr. Press stated that there will be minimal disturbance for the replacement because the existing clean out hole will be utilized during installation. He added that during installation, the four inch siphon will be used with the six inch as a backup utilizing the two existing pipes. Disturbance is proposed in the 25 foot No Disturb Zone as well as the 50 foot and 100 foot buffer zones as well as the Special Flood Hazard Area (road elevation is 185 and flood elevation is 190) and to the Riverfront to Peters River. An electrical cabinet on a metal platform constructed with four galvanized steel columns is proposed and will impact approx. 4 cubic feet of flood storage. Mr. DiMartino requested that the electrical cabinet be located close to the pumps for safety and quick response to flooding as opposed to locating them out of the flood zone 150 yards away on Pine Grove Ave. Cliff Matthews stated that compensatory storage must be provided whenever possible but that the

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recent DEP water main project had more than sufficient compensatory storage to provide for the loss of the flood plain in this same elevation and watershed. Although there are impacts proposed to additional resource areas, most of the work will occur within the road right of way. This qualifies as a redevelopment project. Mr. Press stated that the original plan submitted with the Notice of Intent impacted habitat and the filing had had to be sent to Natural Heritage for review. He added that with the change in location of the electrical cabinet, there is no longer an impact to habitat and Kleinfelder has submitted the change to Natural Heritage and hopes to hear from them soon. Discussion then focused on the temporary work area easement that will be required on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ducharme of 41 Pine Grove Avenue. Mr. DiMartino will be in contact with the Ducharmes to further discuss that issue as well as the possible removal of a large tree on their property for space to place the cabinet. Revised plans will include fencing around the electrical cabinet, relocation of the proposed building and planting of Arborvitae to conceal the cabinet. Mr. DiMartino will have the Tree Warden assess the large tree on the Ducharme's property to see if it should be removed. Cliff Matthews was concerned that the removal of the tree would cause higher temperatures in the brook due to lack of shading thereby effecting habitat. Mr. DiMartino stated that DEP Wastewater must approve the use of a portable generator on the site to work with the new siphons. He added that an alarm system would also be installed to detect high level flow. Mr. Matthews stated that a site walk must be scheduled as soon as weather conditions allow. Barry Lariviere made a motion to continue the hearing to April 22 at 7:50 PM. Michael O'Herron seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Project: 105-753 & BWP-100
CNOI

Project Description:
297 Pulaski Boulevard – Cumberland Farms

Applicant:
TMC CF of NE LLC
14 Breakneck Hill Road, Ste 101
Lincoln, RI

Representative:
Lucien DiStefano, Bohler Engineering
352 Turnpike Road
Southborough, Ma

Plans: NOI & Site Development Plans for Cumberland Farms, 26 Sheets, dated Dec. 26, 2014, Drainage Report, Dec. 5, 2014

Continuation time: 8:00 PM

Cliff Matthews opened the continued hearing and stated that the applicant has requested a continuation to the end of March due to the fact that they have several outstanding issues with the Planning Board to resolve. Barry Lariviere made a motion to continue the hearing to March 25th at 7:45 PM. Lori Fafard seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Project: BWP-104
RDA

Project Description:
Lake St. to Prospect St. SNET Trail, grading & leveling

Applicant:
Paul Jahnige, MA DCR
251 Causeway Ste 900
Boston, MA

Representative:
Andrea Kendall, LEC Environmental
100 Grove Ste 302
Worcester, MA

Plans: RDA & Plans, Southern NE Trunkline Trail, Bellingham & Franklin, Part 1 of 5, Jan. 2015

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Meeting time: 8:30 PM

Andrea Kendall of LEC and John Hendrickson and Joe from Fay, Spofford and Thorndike were present when Cliff Matthews opened the RDA meeting for the clearing, grading, leveling and surfacing of the Southern New England Truckline Trail from Lake St., Bellingham to the Franklin town line. John Hendrickson stated that the proposal is to clear an eight foot wide span with two foot grass shoulders on either side of the path and stabilize the path. He added that the work also includes paving a portion of at the entrance of the trail on Lake St. including installation of a small stormwater basin. He stated that ATV use has deteriorated the path creating ruts that need to be graded and leveled. Ms. Kendall then presented the plan. She stated that the portion of the SNET trail in the filing is located on the east side of Lake Street. Ms. Kendall added that one of the two areas in the buffer zone is a cow passage that drains into a resource area via a channel. The second is an 18 inch culvert that connects to a small wetland system associated with Bald Hill. These areas are located within the 25 foot No Disturb Zone as well as the 50 foot Buffer Zone, however, the trail is raised so that impacts to the resource areas are minimal. Ms. Kendall stated that straw wattles are proposed along these two buffer areas. Also, check dams will be installed at these locations to prevent erosion into the resource areas from the existing sheet flow off the trail. A detention basin is also proposed at the entrance to the trail which will be loamed and seeded. The Commission requested a maintenance plan for the basin to ensure that it continues to function properly. The trail is proposed as a multi-use trail. Members of the Commission also requested information on how the waste generated by animals would be addressed so that the integrity of the resource areas is not compromised. Cliff Matthews stated that the Commission would schedule a site walk as soon as weather conditions allow. In the meantime, the applicant will revise the plans and address outstanding issues. Barry Lariviere made a motion to continue the hearing to April 8th at 7:45 PM and to conduct a site walk as soon as weather conditions allow. Neal Standley seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Project: 105-751 & BWP-97
NOI

Project Description:

52 Box Pond Road – construction of boulder wall, stone patio swing set and plantings

Applicant:

Richard & Michele Keniston
52 Box Pond Road
Bellingham, MA

Representative:

Jared Hatch, Hatch Inc.
142A Main St.
Millis, MA

Plans: NOI and plans, “Hatch Landscape & Design plan for 52 Box Pond Road” dated 12/1/2014 and revised Jan. 14, 2015, and revised NOI, January 19, 2015

Continuation time: 9:00 PM

After Cliff and Anne Matthews recused themselves, Barry Lariviere opened the continued hearing. He stated that the applicant has requested another continuation to the March 11th meeting. Barry Lariviere entertained a motion made by Neal Standley to continue the hearing the March 11th at 9:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Michael O’Herron and carried unanimously.

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Informational Meeting: Alan Earls, regarding formulating policy to access onto Army Corp. holdings
Franklin resident Alan Earls approached the Conservation Commission to discuss his proposal to launch an initiative for accessing Army Corps. land holdings. His efforts are twofold: he wants to identify municipalities that have access to these federal lands and secondly, he wants to work with the state to organize accessibility to the land holdings. Cliff Matthews stated that the Bellingham Conservation Commission is in the process of receiving a 12 acre land donation on High St. that borders Army Corps. land. He stated that the intent of the acquisition is to provide passive recreation i.e. canoe access, hiking, etc. He added that this area is part of the Natural Flood Storage holdings of the Army Corp. of Engineers. Mr. Earls distributed information to members of the Commission and will keep in touch with Bellingham as to his progress with reaching out to area towns and the state on this endeavor.

The minutes of the meetings of January 28th, 2015 and February 11, 2015 were accepted.

Several members of the Commission will be attending the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commission Annual Conference on Saturday, Feb. 28th.

DEP Snow Guidance issued this winter was reviewed by the board. Also reviewed was the Used Tire Recycling program offered by Mosquito Control and a private tire company.

Cliff Matthews updated the Commission on the Planning Board comments of August 2014 relative to a Chapter 40B project on S. Maple St., Franklin, bordering Bellingham.

The Charles River Watershed Association is planning its 15th Annual Earth Day Clean Up on Saturday, April 25th from 9:00 AM to noon. It was suggested that we forward the invitation to Stacy Wetstein as she has taken over the water conservation position for the town.

Attending the hearing were: Cliff Matthews, Barry Lariviere, Neal Standley, Brian Norton, Michael O'Herron, Lori Fafard and Anne Matthews.