

**Whately Conservation Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 16, 2019**  
**Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane, Whately MA 01093**

Commissioners present: Andrew Ostrowski, George Owens, Ann Barker, Montserrat Archbald, and Scott Jacskon (Chair)

Commissioners absent:

Others present: Melissa Coady and David Azinheira from Tighe and Bond, Inc., Keith Bardwell (Whately Highway Department), Johanna Stacy (Northampton DPW), Mike Rose (Rose Engineering), and Richard Thayer

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Continuation of public hearing for Whately Highway Department Williamsburg Road Bridge Replacement Notice of Intent. The public hearing was reconvened at 7 pm. Melissa Coady presented revised plans and additional materials requested by the Commission. Q & A and discussion followed. The Commission then vote unanimously (5-0) to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions permitting the work, with the following finding and special conditions.

**Findings**

The Commission finds that the project as proposed meets the criteria for a redevelopment project under 310 CMR 10.58(5) and that the project will result in a net improvement in environmental conditions. Improvement result from the greatly expanded the bridge spans over Sanderson Brook, improving the brook's capacity to contribute to flood prevention, storm damage prevention, protection of fisheries and protection of wildlife habitat.

**Special Conditions**

- SC-1. Prior to construction, the applicant shall submit the following for review by the Conservation Commission and the Northampton Department of Public Works (Johanna Stacy, Sr. Environmental Scientist (phone #: 413-587-1570 x1376, e-mail: [jestacy@northamptonma.gov](mailto:jestacy@northamptonma.gov))). No work can begin until the following are approved by the Conservation Commission.
  - Demolition and construction phasing plan
  - Demolition containment plan, especially for concrete dust and cooling water
  - Hazardous material control and management plan
  - Dewatering plan consistent with plans submitted as part of the Notice of Intent
- SC-2. The applicant shall designate an Environmental Coordinator/Monitor, acceptable to the Commission, who will be responsible for ensuring compliance with these Orders and other environmental permitting requirements. The name(s) and contact information for the Environmental Coordinator/Monitor shall be provided to the Commission prior to the beginning of construction.
- SC-3. After erosion control is in place but prior to the start of any construction on the site, the applicants shall request a pre-construction meeting with the Conservation Commission and/or its representative, the environmental coordinator/monitor, project supervisor, and the contractor responsible for the work, to review the conditions of this order and ensure that they are understood. Arrangements for this meeting will be made at least two (2) weeks prior to any activity on the site other than the installation of erosion control.

SC-4. The applicant will allow reasonable access, consistent with standard safety procedures, to the Northampton Department of Public Works so that they can monitor the demolition and construction. The Environmental Coordinator/Monitor shall keep the Department informed of the scheduling of sensitive activities such as demolition and dewatering. The Northampton DPW contact is Johanna Stacy, Sr. Environmental Scientist (phone #: 413-587-1570 x1376, e-mail: [jstacy@northamptonma.gov](mailto:jstacy@northamptonma.gov).)

SC-5. In the course of this project, should the work result in a chemical spill or significant erosion and sedimentation that could affect Sanderson Brook and the public drinking water supply downstream, it shall be reported immediately to the Conservation Commission and the Northampton Department of Public Works (Northampton Dispatch 413-587-1100).

2. Public Hearing for Notice of Intent submitted by Richard Thayer for Construction of a Single Family Home on Egypt Road. The public hearing was reconvened at 7:30 pm. The Chair (Jackson) read aloud an anonymous letter (included in the file) that had been sent to the Commission expressing displeasure with the wetlands violation and proposal to build a house at the lot in question. Mike Rose presented a revised plan for the proposed house, garage, driveway, septic system, water line and yard. The Commission was satisfied that the applicant had complied with the requests and expectations of the Commission, including the following.

- The applicant proposed a site plan that minimized the footprint of the buildings, driveway and yard to the maximum extent possible.
- Areas not proposed for buildings, driveway and yard, will be restored and the limits of the proposed work and resulting yard will be monumented.
- Detail was provided on the proposed installation of a water pipe through BVW to the proposed house.

The Commission voted unanimously to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions permitting the work, without any special conditions.

3. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to accept minutes from the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
4. The Commission reviewed the mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Jackson