

Whately Conservation Commission
Wednesday, October 21, 2020
Via Zoom

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

Others present: Mark Wamsley (Kestrel Land Trust), Charles Dauchy, Thomas Litwin, Keith Bardwell, Adelia Bardwell, Ann Futter Lomeli, and others not specified

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public hearing to consider a Notice of Intent submitted by the Kestrel Land Trust to upgrade an access road, including a culvert replacement, and construct a small gravel parking area for a property on Chestnut Plain Road in Whately. Scott Jackson recused himself from the hearing because of his role as Chair of the Kestrel Land Trust Board of Trustees. A site visit for this project was conducted on August 4, 2020. Charles Dauchy presented the project. Q&A and discussion followed. The Conservation Commission voted unanimously (4-0, S. Jackson recused) on a finding that the preferred alternative as proposed by the applicant met the Stream Crossing Standards to the Maximum Extent Practical. The Commission then voted unanimously (4-0, S. Jackson recused) to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions permitting the project with the following special condition.
 - 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 project supervisor, and the contractor responsible for the work, to review the conditions of this order and ensure that they are understood.
2. Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by Julia Mason for approval of resource area boundary delineations at 149 Haydenville Road in Whately. A site visit for this Request was conducted on October 18, 2020. Julia Mason described the property and explained her request to have the resource area boundary delineations approved by the Commission. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to issue a positive Determination of Applicability approving delineations of the mean annual high water line for the perennial brook running through the property and the associated bordering vegetated wetland.
3. Other Business
 - The Commission reviewed the final language of the conservation restriction for the Whately Woods parcels. No action required.
4. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to accept the minutes from the September 16th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jackson