

Whately Conservation Commission
Wednesday, November 27, 2018
Whately Town Offices, 4 Sandy Lane, Whately MA 01093

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

Commissioners absent:

Others present: Andrea Lacasse and Melissa Coady from Tighe and Bond, Inc., and Keith Bardwell (Whately Highway Department)

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Public hearing for a Notice of Intent submitted by the Whately Highway Department for replacement of two bridges on Williamsburg Road. The site visit for this project was conducted on November 18, 2018. A file number for this Notice of Intent had not yet been issued by MassDEP. Andrea Lacasse and Melissa Coady from Tighe and Bond presented the project on behalf of the Whately Highway Department. Q & A and discussion followed. The following are key issues that were raised in the course of the discussion.
 - The Commission requested additional information about the sizing of material between the old abutments and the new ones. It is important that this material be stable and not vulnerable to being eroded away by the flashy hydrology typical of this stream.
 - The Commission requested estimates of bankfull width of the stream at each of the bridges.
 - The Commission suggested that the old abutments should be cut down to a height that maintains consistent bank elevations upstream, beneath the bridge and downstream of the crossing.
 - The Commission requested that pre- and post-construction 10-year and 100-year flood elevations be illustrated on the plans.
 - The Commission requested submission of the HECRAS model results for the project.

With permission from the applicant, the hearing was continued until Wednesday, December 19, 2018, at 7 pm.

2. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to accept minutes from the October 17th meeting.
3. The Commission reviewed the mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Jackson