

Whately Conservation Commission
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
Via Zoom

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

Commissioners absent:

Others present: Ed Lewis, Bill Swasey (Yankee Candle, Inc.), Emily Boss (Franklin Land Trust), and Bill Obear

Meeting convened at 7:00 p.m.

1. Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by the Yankee Candle Company, Inc., to expand its fragrance storage area located in the southeast corner of its facility at 102 Christian Lane. A site visit for this Request was conducted on October 17, 2021. Ed Lewis presented the project including a revised site plan. Q&A and discussion followed. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to issue a negative Determination of Applicability with one condition: "Prior to construction, a revised site plan is submitted to, and approved by, the Conservation Commission."
2. Bill and Jane Obear Conservation Restriction with the Franklin Land Trust to conserve 41 acres of land at 134 Webber Road. Emily Boss, from the Franklin Land Trust, and Bill Obear presented the proposed Conservation Restriction. Q&A and discussion followed. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to provide its enthusiastic support for this proposed CR.
3. The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to accept the minutes from the September 15th meeting.
4. Other Business:
 - 7 River Road change in greenhouse layout. Chairman Jackson shared a revised plan for greenhouse layout at the previously permitted Cannabis production facility at 7 River Road. The new layout has two greenhouse within the same footprint of the previous plan for 12 smaller greenhouses. The Commission unanimously concluded that the revised plan would not increase impacts of the permitted project, and therefore, does not required any additional filing with the Commission.
 - Solar Bylaw Resource Replacement Fee Committee. The Commission's representative on the Committee (George Owens) updated the Commission on the Committee's work to date.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Jackson