

Present: Elliott presiding, Boeing, Dinsmore, Rand Absent: Rice, Masterson, Steeves

6/11/2019 - Minutes

1. Public Hearings, Public Meetings & Appointments

- A. 7:00 PM - Public Meeting Re: Request For Determination Of Applicability Filed By Town Of Pepperell Water Division To Construct The Bemis Road Water Treatment Plant Within 100' Of BVW At 0 Bemis Rd.

Ken Kalinowski, DPW Director and Town Engineer, attended the meeting on behalf of the Town of Pepperell Water Division. The Bemis Road wells have elevated levels of iron and manganese, requiring the wells be taken off line. The firm of Weston and Sampson was put under contract by the Water Division to design a water treatment facility. The project will include a water treatment (greensands filter) facility, driveway, paved walkway, and 40,000-gallon emergency residuals lagoon, which will be constructed on Water Division property at the end of Bemis Road. The RDA is for grading within the 100' buffer zone. There is no work within 200' of Gulf Brook, there are no rare species, there is no work within the floodplain. Dinsmore asked Kalinowski how are iron and manganese recovered. Kalinowski responded that the iron and manganese slowly settle out and every five or six years the tanks will have to be drained and vacuumed and the contents brought to the WWTP. Are there concerns with beaver activity impacting the facility because of the ongoing issues with beaver at that location? No, the building elevation is probably 20' higher than the wellheads, another reason this location was selected. On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all  
VOTED: to issue a negative #3 and #6 Determination. The work is within the buffer zone but will not alter an Area subject to protection under the Act and does not require the filing of a Notice of Intent and the work is allowed under the Pepperell Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

2. Review Of Draft Minutes

- A. Review Of Draft Minutes Of May 7, 2019

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all  
VOTED: to accept the draft Minutes of May 7, 2019, as amended.

3. For Signature: Schedule Of Bills Payable

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

VOTED: to approve the Bills Payable to pay \$800 to Caron Engineering to conduct the peer review of the wetland delineation for the 161 Nashua Road project, \$1,800 to Marchant Appraisals for the appraisal for the land donation for 70B Wheeler, and \$41.39 to Terrasi to reimburse her for office supplies purchased at Staples.

4. Conservation Administrator's Report

- A. Environmental Notification Form (ENF) - Bemis Road Water Treatment Plant

Comments for the ENF for the Bemis Road Water Treatment Plant were due on June 11, 2019 but MEPA granted an extension to the Commission to June 12, 2019 so comments from the Public Meeting could be included.

5. Other Business

- A. Natural History Walk, Sunday, June 16, 2019, 10:00 To Noonish, Mt. Lebanon Woods

Pat Swain Rice will lead a Natural History Walk on Father's Day, June 16 at 10:00 am at Mt. Lebanon Woods.

- B. Canoe/Kayak Launch Area (Off River Road) - Eagle Scout Aidan Morehouse And DPW

Terrasi recognized the efforts of Eagle Scout Aidan Morehouse who installed directional and parking signs along the newly restored right of way to the Conservation Land at 0 River Road at the Kemp Conservation Area, which is often referred to as "the peninsula". The Highway Division also contributed

to the restoration efforts to improve the site by bringing in material and grading the roadway, creating a parking area, and moving large trees to open up access to the river. The efforts of Aidan Morehouse, his Scout Troop, and the Highway Division have helped to bring awareness to this newly updated canoe/kayak launch area.

C. Conservation Land Rules And Regulations - For Approval

On a motion from Elliott, seconded by Rand, all

VOTED: to approve the final update of the Rules and Regulations.

6. Matters That May Be Raised That The Chairman Didn't Reasonably Anticipate

None

There are no public hearings scheduled for June 25, 2019 and the meeting will be canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Terrasi

Conservation Agent