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PITTSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION, CITY HALL, 70 ALLEN STREET, PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS 01201
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MINUTES CONSERVATION COMMISSION Wetlands Protection Act Public Hearing Pittsfield City Hall, City Council Chambers Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6pm

Chair Conant called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Those in attendance are noted below.

Chair Conant informed all in attendance that in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 20, voices are being recorded and pictures are being taken of all in attendance.

1. Roll Call

Members Present:

James Conant, Chair
Thomas Sakshaug, Vice Chair
Franz Forster
Jonathan Lothrop
Nick Caccamo
Elizabeth Bocchino
Stephanie Dick

Members Not Present:

A quorum was present.

Also Present:

Robert Van Der Kar, Conservation Agent
Ted Kozlowski, Clerk

2. New Business:

- A. Continued - Mass DEP File #263-1136: Notice of Intent application for the removal of accumulated sediment and detritus within and immediately downstream of an existing concrete box culvert located on Oak Hill Road. Such actions are proposed to occur within

Bordering Land Subject to Flooding, Inland Bank, and Riverfront Area. The applicant is the City of Pittsfield's Department of Public Services.

Nick Keenan, Kleinfelder came forward to speak on the application. In 2014 a box culvert was installed in this location. This NOI established annual maintenance. They will establish a low-flow channel and sump. They will also clear overgrown vegetation downstream of the crossing. The sump requires about 40ft of bank impact to install. They are attempting to reestablish the as-built grade of the channel.

Mr. Van Der Kar gave his review of the project. Referring to the plan, he pointed out the areas and impacts. The vegetation will be cleared to no less than 3".

Mr. Caccamo asked about the cobbles. They are existing.

Mr. Sakshaug confirmed annual maintenance includes the clearing of the sump and cutting the herbaceous growth.

Seeing no further debate or discussion, Mr. Sakshaug made a motion to issue Order of Conditions 1-32; it was seconded by Ms. Bocchino and was approved unanimously.

B. Mass DEP File #263-894: Request for a partial Certificate of Compliance for property located near the intersection of Pecks Road and Onota Street (Map G13, Block 1, Lot 202). The applicant is Ashleyssportsdomain, LLC.

Michael Shepard, Esq representing Ashleyssportsdomain came forward to speak on the application. In 2007 an OOC was issued for this and the adjacent lot, which was connected at the time. He does not believe any work was done on the property. The solar company that wants to buy this has already come before the commission. He would like the work released as it relates to his piece of property.

Mr. Van Der Kar gave his review of the project. The solar company seems to have forgotten about this item. None of the other work has been done.

Mr. Lothrop confirmed that the tree issues were not connected to this file. There's a restriction on this deed that remains on file.

Seeing no further debate or discussion, Mr. Sakshaug made a motion to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance pertaining only to those portions of the project locus that have been identified as being on G13-1-202; it was seconded by Ms. Bocchino and was approved unanimously.

3. Other Business:

A. Minutes from the December 5, 2019 meetings

As the minutes were not distributed for review, Mr. Sakshaug made a motion to continue the item to the February 6, 2020; it was seconded by Ms. Bocchino and was approved unanimously.

4. Adjournment:

Mr. Sakshaug made a motion to adjourn at 6:10pm; it was seconded by Ms. Bocchino and was approved unanimously.

Submitted by Ted Kozlowski, Clerk

