



# TOWN OF BOW

## Conservation Commission

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### **Bow Conservation Commission**

**Meeting – April 13, 2020**

### **Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on April 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Meeting Software. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order with the reading the virtual meeting checklist and introduction of the members.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Bob Ball, and Michael Hansen.

### **Items for Consideration/Discussion**

#### **Eversource CUP (Application 401-20W)**

Sherrie Trefry from VHB and Jeni Menendez from Eversource were in the meeting to present the project and answer questions. Ms. Trefry went over the details of the conditional use permit to temporarily impact 3,380 sq. ft. of wetland for replacement of structure 12 along the Q171 line. The impact is for matting to access the pole replacement location and create a stable work platform. Ms. Trefry also went over the types of wetlands, described the work to be done, access road, Natural Heritage Bureau datacheck, and other necessary approvals. Ms. Menendez and Ms. Trefry then answered questions about the NHB hits, better times to do the work, access road, etc.

After a short discussion, Mr. Ball made a motion to accept the CUP to proceed. Ms. Waskin duly seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall – abstained (she will be voting at the Planning Board later); Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes. Motion passed with a 3:0:1 vote (1 being abstention by Ms. Crystall).

#### **Richardson subdivision CUP and wetland application (Application 501-20 and CUP 402-20W)**

Jacques Belanger from J.E. Belanger Land Surveying was in the meeting to present the application. He went over the plan features and noted that the wetland and buffer impact numbers have changed since the narrative had been submitted (2758 sq. ft. for wetland and about 3400 sq. ft. for buffer impacts being the current numbers). The impacts are mostly for constructing a driveway to access the upland. Dan Weed from the Bow Pioneers was also in the meeting and spoke about the trail that is on the property and had recently been relocated, which was not shown on the plans. Mr. Belanger said that he is willing to talk to the lot owners about keeping the trail on the property and best location to do so. He will provide revised plans to the Commission after such discussion.

Mr. Belanger then answered questions about the wetland types, driveway construction and length, and the lot features. Commission discussed the need for a site visit and more time to review the CUP and wetland applications (the latter being received only recently from NHDES). Ms. Waskin made a motion for the commission members to provide comments on the CUP individually after each walking the property on their own and to defer review of the NHDES wetland permit application until the commission meeting in May. Mr. Ball duly seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall – abstained (she will be voting at the Planning Board later); Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes. Motion passed with a 3:0:1 (1 being abstention by Ms. Crystall).

Ms. Waskin also made a motion to submit a letter to NHDES on behalf of the commission to intervene in regards to the NHDES wetland permit application for this project. Mr. Ball duly seconded and a roll call

vote was taken. Mr. Crystall – abstained (she will be voting at the Planning Board later); Mr. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes. Motion passed with a 3:0:1 vote (1 being abstention by Ms. Crystall).

Commission members also asked Mr. Belanger to provide the revised plans that will include driveway profile, cross-section, and inverts for the pipe.

#### **NRI update- progress report/ invoice / Story Map review**

Ms. Crystall provided an update and showed a map of all conservation land in Bow provided by the consultant. Members discussed the progress report and the latest invoice. Mr. Hansen made a motion to approve the latest invoice from Moosewood Ecological in the amount of \$2170 (Two Thousand and Seventy Dollars). Ms. Waskin duly seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall - yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Hansen – yes. Motion passed with a 4:0 vote.

#### **Turee Pond / Water quality /Chloride sampling (Status)**

Mr. Ball provided an update on the sampling status and noted that the NHDES has been closed so he would have to wait until the quarantine is over to continue. However, he noted that he is now in possession of a conductivity meter and will be able to continue with conductivity testing. He also said that the 2019 VLAP report was on the website for members to review. Mr. Ball noted that chloride levels are going up and that he worked out a plan to proceed which includes selecting another water body in a less developed area of town to use as a reference. This could be Bow Bog Brook. Members discussed the strategy. Mr. Ball also noted that he attended two webinars recently and that he will share the links with the rest of the members along with the sampling plan.

#### **Vernal Pool season- iNaturalist app**

Ms. Crystall provided an update.

#### **Unapproved 2/10/2020 Minutes.**

The February 10, 2020 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Waskin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was duly seconded by Mr. Ball. Roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall – yes; . Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Hansen – abstained as he was not present at that meeting. Motion passed with a 3:0:1 vote (1 being abstention by Mr. Hansen).*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.*