

Conservation Commission Meeting
Sharon Community Center
May 15, 2014

Peg Arguimbau, Chariperson, Elizabeth McGrath, Keevin Geller , Stephen Cremer and Alan Westman were the members present. Member Linda Orel was absent. The Conservation Administrator, Greg Meister, was also present.

**7:45pm Request for Determination of Applicability
Billings Street Water Main Replacement and Appurtenant Work
Department of Public Works Project (DPW)**

Ryan Trahan of Environmental Partners presenting.

Location of the project begins north of Manns Pond and will run south to East Street. Project will include installation and replacement of old and unreliable water mains. Approximately 3,000 linear feet of 12-in. ductile-iron will be used. This new main will provide a reliable flow of water to the East, aiding in water quality and fire flows. All work is proposed within the paved road surface of Billings Street and East Street.

The project includes a culvert crossing (Massapoag Brook from Manns Pond).

In order to mitigate impacts to wetlands resource areas during construction activities, the following measures will be provided:

- Filter socks will be installed along the roadways adjacent to wetland resources as shown on design sheets. These control devices will control sedimentation and erosion from the upland areas as well as serving to define the upland limits of the work. Filter socks will be inspected daily during construction.
- Silt sacks will be installed in each catch basin to avoid transmission of sediment to downstream wetland resource areas.
- All water discharged from dewatering activities will be directed through a silt bag to minimize sediment from transporting to wetland resource areas.
- Stockpiles of aggregate materials (gravel, sand, and stone) will not be maintained on-site.

This project will go out to bid next month. It is anticipated that the project will begin in Late July or early August and should take approximately 6 - 8 weeks to complete. Paving will take place in late fall or the following spring.

Meister inquired about filing and the possibility to include final paving as part of initial filing of water main projects so there is no need to come back to the Commission. Trahan informed the Commission that final paving is included in this proposed project, but he will speak with Eric Hooper, DPW Superintendent about future projects.

Motion to issue negative determination per plan. Notification to office upon beginning of the project and Inspector present on-site during work near/at culvert. Geller, McGrath 5-0-0.

A Commission member inquired whether or not hazardous material should be removed when contractors are working on these types of projects. Meister will bring this question up to Hooper and Environmental Partners during pre-construction meeting.

Motion to accept May 15th meeting minutes as amended. Cremer, Geller 5-0-0

* see tape, Weinstein comment to reflect not her home, but rather a neighbor's home

* Add quotations to page 4, where it begins:

Other Business:

- There was discussion about putting an article in the advocate regarding the low water level at the Lake. McGrath volunteered to write the article.
- Monitoring at the boat launch area. Still not certain about funding. However, the gentleman who volunteered last summer is interested again this summer. He performs this service as part of the senior tax write off program. Arguimbau inquired of the Commission if anyone was interested in assisting with scheduling the volunteers for the monitoring program. This would encompass preparing/developing a schedule which would include the person monitoring as well as the dates and time coverage would take place. Scheduling should follow the time chart developed by the Lake Task Committee. Meister reiterated that the most critical hours coverage is needed is between 6-8pm. Commission members concerned that many folks use the lake during that time period and it is a shame that funding is not being provided to monitor the boat launch area.

Volunteers should have something indicating that they are representing the Town in helping out at the boat launch. Perhaps a hat or a t-shirt?

- Commission member raised the question on where the Board of Selectman was on appointment of another Commission Member. According to Arguimbau, she has spoken with Roach who informed her that hopefully an appointment would be made by the next selectman meeting.
- Arguimbau spoke with Noah Seagull, Lake Management Committee. There was some thought about putting together a brochure on the history of the Lake. Who will work on? Once put together it can go up on our website.
- PineWoods Development – Meister met with botanist a while ago and looked at the line. A number of flags were moved. Meister explained to applicant that project should not come in piecemeal, but rather once everything in order, then apply. Applicant informed Meister that he would be filing an NOI soon.
- Massapoag Ave paving – Meister will speak with Hooper. Most likely an RDA will be filed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

Motion to adjourn: Cremer, McGrath, 5-0-0