

## **Lincoln Conservation Commission**

Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2018

Start – 7:00 pm

End – 9:00 pm

**Commissioners present** – Peter von Mertens, Richard Selden, Ari Kurtz, Larry Buell, Ron Chester, Christine Dugan

**Staff present** – Tom Gumbart, Jennifer Curtin

**Attendees:** James Stolecki, Heidi Nichols

### **CONSERVATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jane Layton's bench was installed Thursday at Far Meadow. Conservation staff plus two Land Trust staff helped pull Water Chestnut Monday. Trail/field mowing is continuing, with Conservation trails in good shape.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **School Building Committee Update**

Christine Dugan gave an update on the School Building Committee. Plans have been developed showing different options for traffic flow and parking in the proposed school campus. There are concerns about access for public safety as well as loading and unloading of school buses. Conservation's main concerns are with the wetlands behind the proposed buildings constraining the plans.

#### **Reports of Landscaping Around Wetland Resource Area at 53 Winter Street**

Two complaints were received by Conservation regarding work being done in wet area of the property believed to be a potential wetland resource area by the complainants. Four commissioners were in attendance at the site visit this morning. Invasives clearing was done and a stone wall was constructed from excavated rocks. The homeowner, Heidi Nichols, described what her plan and thought process was originally and was apologetic for not coming to check with Conservation prior to the project. While the Commission generally supports the control of invasive plants and land stewardship efforts, they agreed that the process should have been done differently in this instance. Mr. von Mertens suggested that wetland delineation be done so the Commission knows the true situation on the property to instruct on any mitigation. Mr. Gumbart said that the delineation will have to be shown on an official plan. Ms. Nichols will be asked to come to the Commission for a three-year management plan for the property. Conservation staff will work with Ms. Nichols on guiding the management plan.

#### **Letter of Complaint Regarding 21 Sunnyside Lane**

Commission reviewed the complaint but found the site to be in compliance with the Conditions attached to the Determination of Applicability. A letter will be sent communicating these findings.

### **WETLANDS**

**7:30 p.m. – Notice of Intent: Massachusetts Port Authority. 200 Hanscom Drive, Bedford (103-8-0).** For hangar replacements.

Three commissioners were in attendance at the site visit this morning. The attendees looked at the three metal hangar buildings to be replaced. The existing t-hangars were built in the late 1960s. Snow loads have caused

sagging which is impacting the functioning of the sliding doors. The plan is to remove the existing buildings and replace with new prefabricated buildings that will fall in the same footprint. Demolition will consist of a combination of dismantling and shearing metal into pieces that can be removed off-site and recycled. New buildings will have folding doors. The current floors are asphalt and will be removed and replaced with reinforced concrete, keeping the original foundation. The SWPPP plan was sent around to the Commissioners. No work will be done on the pavement and there will no excavation.

The existing drainage system with catch basins drains into surrounding drainage swale wetland that ties into the drainage system for the whole airport. This system drains to the Shawsheen River. The swale is heavily planted which acts as a filter, Mr. von Mertens commented. Dr. Selden said that perhaps the drainage swale may not be sufficient to handle a 100 year storm and that the airport may want to look into that to avoid future flooding. On site, Keith Leonhardt, the Operations Manager at Hanscom Field, noted that even in the worst rain events there has been no noticeable flooding in the area of the NOI. Not an official condition but the Commission would like to see what the procedures are for what is done when there is a spill. Mr. Kurtz asked where the de-icing chemicals are being used. Mr. Stolecki said that there is little de-icer used on the vehicle roads surrounding the hangars, more sand is used. No de-icing fluid is used on the planes themselves. Propylene glycol is used minimally on road since they can't use salt. Dr. Selden asked where the snow is moved to in the area. Mr. Stolecki says that it is pushed off of the pavement but not into the swale. The Commission **voted 6-0** to close the hearing and issue an Order of Conditions with attached conditions at the next meeting.

Attached Conditions:

- Notify Commission of any change to building use
- Notify of any new use of toxic chemicals in area
- Notify Commission if intend to use salt in this area
- No use of ethylene glycol without notification to Commission

**Agricultural Subcommittee**

The members of the subcommittee met with Pete Lowy of Codman Farm to discuss field use for this year. The subcommittee will have to meet to figure out what to do with the transition lands in town that have been abandoned. Mowing will be done in these fields in the coming weeks.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Determination of Applicability Issued for Massachusetts Port Authority – Hangar Replacements
- Certificate of Compliance issued for 24 Old Sudbury Road – Septic Replacement
- Meeting minutes from May 30 & June 20 approved.
- Bills paid & payroll signed

Respectfully submitted,

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