

Warwick Conservation Commission

April 29, 2024

6:30 pm

Warwick Town Hall

Commission Members Present: Chris Duerring, Chair, Mary Williamson, Bob Paquette, Jim Abels, Nancy Putnam, Greg Brodsky (on zoom)

Commission Meeting started at 6:45 pm

Meeting Minutes for last meeting approved unanimously, with minor revisions.

Continuation of Public Hearing for Amendment to OOC for addition of Solar Shed, Kelly owner, Northfield Road. Mr. & Mrs. Kelly present on zoom.

#### Discussion of Restoration Plan

Solar Shed proposal, description of work: Mr. Kelly explained that they will Dig 8 holes below frost level, with precast supports. Post and Beam building, roof pitched towards South, pine and traditional framing. Dirt flooring with gravel. Size of structure will be 36 ft. long, 39' at roof, width will be 12 ft. with an overhang. Proposal has been submitted to the Building Inspector and approved by Phil Delorey.

Chris makes a motion to close the public hearing and approve the Solar Shed, Bob P, seconded, all in favor. Discussion of potential conditions. Revised plan for drainage and erosion and sediment control is anticipated.

#### Additional Conditions for the Amended Order of Conditions.

1. Prior notification to CC, at least 48 hours in advance of additional construction.
2. Receipt of revised grading and drainage plan for house site, signed and stamped by engineer.
3. Mulching with straw of soils exposed for 7 days or more and prior to rain events.
4. Weekly inspection and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls to prevent any further erosion and sedimentation.
5. Additional Special Conditions in original OOC remain in effect, in addition to the above conditions.

Revised Restoration Plan, April 12, 2024 by Wendell Wetland Services is hereby approved with the following conditions.

1. Latin names for the Buffer Zone plantings shall be corrected in the approved restoration plan.
2. All species to be planted shall be native and as listed in the approved restoration plan and sourced locally, within New England.



3. Prior notification to CC, at least 48 hours in advance of the restoration on site.
4. All efforts shall be made to complete all the plantings by the deadline of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
5. All planting shall be supervised onsite by professional wetland scientist, hired by the applicant/owner.
6. The Commission shall be notified as soon as the restoration plantings are completed.
7. Cut trees that are impeding the restoration plantings may be cut up and removed using hand tools only, as needed.
8. Within 2 months of the completion of the plantings ( August 30<sup>th</sup>) in the wetland and Buffer Zones, a report shall be submitted to the Conservation Commission, per the specifications in the Restoration Plan.
9. Restoration Areas shall be monitored a minimum of once per year for two growing seasons, per the approved plan.
10. If plantings do not survive, for 2 growing seasons, replacement plantings will be required.

National Grid Transmission Project: Discussion, Chris attended public meeting. They will be presenting this to us in a future meeting.

Possible wetlands violation along Wendell Road: Clearcut behind the new house along and in the wetland. Additional violation close to and across the road on the corner of Hockanum Road. Chris will draft letters to the owners before the next meeting. Jim will call the owner to inquire and try to set up a site inspection with commission members. Commission suggested that Greg can call the owner on Hockaman Rd.

Flagollet culvert replacement: Mary gave an update and will be the contact for that work.

Forest Cutting Plans: Rt. 78 update

Discussion: DCR has been upgrading Flagg Road, an abandoned dirt road between Bass Road and Quarry Road. Chris met the project manager onsite and issued a verbal stop order. DCR emailed Chris and explained that an NOI was being prepared for work in wetland and Buffer Zone areas.

Commission Accounts

\$ 941 , general fund account 01-171-5580, WPA revolving account \$11,167.92 Account number 24-171-1013

Vernal Pool Day: Chris, Nancy, and John Pagenetti. Went to a town forest off Wendell Road and we certified the best one. Chris also collected data on another vernal pool.

Ethics Training reminder, due July 2024.

Next Meeting Date: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 pm

Drafted N. Putnam