

**Town of Lenox
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020 @ 7:30pm**

Conservation Commission Members: Neal Carpenter (NC), Vincent Ammendola (VA), David Lane (DL), Mark Smith (MS), Dick Ferren (DF), Rose Fitzgerald Casey (RFC); Joseph Strauch (JS)

Staff: Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant

Others: Jackson Alberti, Foresight Land Services; Rodney Galton, Ecos Energy

NC opened hearing at 7:30pm. The meeting was recorded.

1. Request for Determination of Applicability — Town of Lenox for property located on Edgewood Drive, Map23. The proposed project involves replacement of existing culverts with open bottom structure at the same location and improvement of the condition of the culvert to provide safe wildlife passage and an improvement to wetland resource areas. Proposed work is located with the Riverfront Area of Yokun Brook as well as portions of the work within the FEMA Mapped 100 Year Flood Zone of Yokun Brook.

- Jackson Alberti from Foresight Land Services presented the proposed project which includes culvert replacement due to deterioration. Three culverts total: one measuring 36" and two measuring 60".
- DL asked what the culvert is set on. Jackson stated that the culvert is set on 5' footings.
- Allison Dickson from the Housatonic Valley Association had a few questions in regards to the proposed project which included: How did Foresight determine bankful width and that the substrate going in under new structure is comparable to up and down stream? What is bankful width measurement and how will the project ensure that the substrate is replicated?
- Jackson Alberti replied that Foresight analyzed the stream bed through hydronic analysis, pebble count and width measurements.
- NC asked if there is an engineer on site at all times during the project. Jackson did not know if there would be engineer at all times during the project but would look into the question and get back to the Commission at their next meeting.
- Jackson stated that DPW Superintendent Bill Gop is working on getting signatures from the abutters for the easements through the abutter properties.
- Site visit was completed on October 9, 2020 and included Jackson Alberti, Bill Gop, JS, VA, DL, MS and NC.
- DF moves to continue meeting until November 5, 2020 at 7:30pm with signed easements. VA seconded. All in favor 7-0.

2. Abbreviated Notice of Intent – Continued from October 1, 2020 meeting.

- Rodney Galton (RG) reviewed plans briefly with Conservation Commission again and updated the Commission that the check should be cut tomorrow (10/16) for the peer review of the wetland delineation.
- Once the wetlands are verified then RG can quantify the effect on the resource area.
- NC asked if RG or someone else would be at the property during the peer review. RG stated that either he or his wetland scientist could be at the property during the review.
- DL moves to continue hearing until November 5, 2020 at 7:30pm. RFC seconds. All in favor. 7-0.

3. Certificate of Compliance – 140 Crystal Street owned by Eversource Energy

- NC updated the Commission that work has been completed in reference to the OOC granted to Eversource Energy. A site visit was completed on October 8, 2020 by NC.
- VA moves to grant the Certificate of Compliance. MS seconds. All in favor 7-0.

RFC moved to close the meeting. VA seconds. All in favor 7-0. Meeting closed at 8:07pm.