

**Town of Lenox
Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021 @ 7:30pm**

Conservation Commission Members: Neal Carpenter (NC), Vincent Ammendola (VA), David Lane (DL) (arrived at 7:45pm), Dick Ferren (DF); Mark Smith (MS); Joseph Strauch (JS)

Absent with Notification: Rose Fitzgerald Casey (RFC);

Staff: Jes Cote (JC)

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

1. Notice of Intent – 0 East Street – Greg Adams

- Applicant requested a continuance to April 15, 2021.
- DF moves to continue hearing until April 15, 2021 at 7:30pm. JS seconds. All in favor 5-0

2. Request for Determination - Housatonic Railroad Co., Inc. for property located at railway Right-of-Way

- TEC associates submitted a request for determination to renew the wetland delineation along the Housatonic River.
- NC stated that this is in reference to vegetation controls that will conform to the guidelines set forth in the Massachusetts Rights-of-Way Management Regulations (333 CMR 11.00) and the approved Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) and that the delineation is accurate.
- DF moves to grant a positive 2a. MS seconds. All in favor 5-0.

3. Certificate of Compliance – 240 West Street

- NC stated during his site visit on March 29, 2021 he confirmed that partial work has been completed in reference to the NOI which included foundation work as well demolition work.
- DF moves to grant a partial completion. VA seconds. All in favor 5-0.

4. Mass Audubon Discussion – Bird watching at Post Farm

- Zach Adams from Mass Audubon discussed with the Commission the idea of programming events at Post Farm, specifically bird watching.
- NC reminded Zach that Post Farm is the only town owned land that allows hunting.
- DL expressed that Post Farm is for passive recreation and it is open to many people during the year.
- The Commission discussed bird watching at Post Farm and stated that they did not want this type of programming advertised in the paper or online.
- DF suggested advertising the bird watching program but stating that the location is TBD or maybe stating that the meeting point is Mass Audubon and then there could be travel to a mystery site.
- Zach understood and appreciated the Commission's time.

5. Approval of Minutes – February 18th, 2021

- DL moves to accept February 18th minutes. DF seconds. All in favor 6-0.

DF moved to close the meeting. VA seconds. All in favor 6-0. Meeting closed at 8:08 pm.