

**Lenox Conservation Commission
Land Use Meeting Room
June 6, 2019
Minutes**

Members present: Chair Neal Carpenter, (NC); Joseph Strauch, (JS); Dick Ferren, (DF); David Lane, (DL); Rose Fitzgerald Casey, (RFC); Vince Ammendola, (VA)

Absent with Notification: Mark Smith (MS);

Staff present: Jessica Cote, Land Use Assistant, (JC)

Meeting called to order at 7:33pm by NC.

Request for Determination of Applicability, Route 7/20 & Hubbard Street Intersection. Proposed work will consist of removal of the center roadway for Hubbard Street crossing and existing paved left turn lanes for north and south, replace with seed and loam, install HMA curb and paved waterway offs to existing structures.

- Amer Raza from MassDOT, Highway Division presented the plan for the 7/20 & Hubbard street intersection project.
- Each board member visited the site on their own.
- Amer explained the proposed work for the project removing existing paved left lanes and replace with loam and seed with hma curbing with paved waterway offs.
- Board discussed how the area will look at that intersection after the project completion.
- DL motioned for a negative five determination (exempt project) and JS seconded. All in favor (6-0)

Notice of Intent, BNRC, Under Mountain Road, Map 12 Parcel 3. Proposed project entails restoration of wildlife habitat in upland forest and forested wetlands by the removal of non-native invasive hardy kiwi in the buffer zones.

- Site visit on May 23rd included Nicole Pyser, Jess Toro, JS, RFC, MS, NC.
- Jess Toro and Nicole Pyser representing BNRC.
- Jess explained the parcel affected by the hardy kiwi.
- Jess explained that the treatment for the hardy kiwi is similar to the treatment she did to the hardy kiwi in Kennedy Park.
- Treating 25 areas within the parcel with wetland approved herbicides.
- DF motioned to approved OOC and VA seconds. All in favor (6-0).

Notice of Intent, NSTAR d/b/a Eversource Energy, 140 Crystal Street, Map 4 Parcel 65. Proposed project involves the excavation of soil impacted from the release of non-PCB mineral oil dielectric fluid (MODF) from a pad-mounted transformer and associated site remediation actions.

- May 29 site visit Mary Zawatski from Tighe & Bond representing NSTAR, JS, VA, MS, NC. Dave and Rose went on their own.
- April Doroski from Tighe & Bond representing NSTAR.
- April explained the area that was affected. On April 4th the transformer was removed and during removal there was notice of fluid release. Approx. 70 gallons of dielectric fluid leaked from transformer.
- Project is for remediation of fluid leak which will include removal of cement pad, installation of erosions controls and then excavation. Depth of excavation is not determined at this time. Once excavation begins they will determine how deep and will send samples to lab for analysis.
- Conditions included planting of six native species bushes in the general area of excavation. Tighe & Bond to notify Conservation Commission before planting.

- DL motions to accept Notice of Intent and RFC seconds. All in favor (6-0).

Other Business: Eli Newburger sat in front of the board, as an informational discussion, in regards to his property located on Lime Kiln Road. Eli wishes to install central gas tank to service main house and cabin. Eli spoke with the board on next steps in order to install central gas tank.

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May 16, 2019 - DF motioned to approve minutes and DL seconded the motion as amended. The minutes were approved with a vote of 5-0 – VA abstained.

RFC motioned to adjourn the meeting and DL seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:50.