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**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, September 29th, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Fassell, and Commission members David Lipinski, Erica Deane, and Jeff Randal

MEMBERS ABSENT: Members Steve Melito, Natasha Bordeaux, and Matthew Burdick

OTHERS PRESENT: Joseph Nowak, Select Board; Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires.com; Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The board members need to approve the minutes of June 9th, and August 18th 2022.

A motion made by member Lipinski, seconded by member Deane, to approve the minutes of June 9th and August 18th 2022 as written. Motion passed. Vote unanimous.

NOTICE OF INTENT: Filed by White Engineering, Inc. for B&B Micro Manufacturing. The proposed project is to construct a driveway and parking lot expansion on a property located within a 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands area.

Chair Fassell announced the first item on the agenda.

Member Randall explained that he sent the spoke with the applicant about some of the things that he was looking for to be included application that was not currently there. Member Randall explained that the applicant agreed and would request a continuation to ensure that there was adequate time for the board to review the materials.

Chair Fassell explained that this was not a criticism of the project or the applicant in any way, but just that the board wanted to make sure that the application was proper.

Member Randall added that this was the same process that the board takes with all other applicants as well including Cumberland Farms and the Town just to make sure that things are done right.

Member Lipinski added that he and Chair Fassell had visited the applicants between the previous meeting and the current and that the applicants were very responsive and open to hearing what the board members had to say to make sure that they did things right and that he was appreciative of that.

Member Randall agreed to member Lipinski's sentiments saying that when he was sharing his comments with the applicant this week the applicants were very responsive.

A motion by member Lipinski, seconded by member Deane, to continue the application of a NOTICE OF INTENT: Filed by White Engineering, Inc. for B&B Micro Manufacturing. The proposed project is to construct a driveway and parking lot expansion on a property located within a 100-foot buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetlands area to the next meeting. Vote was unanimous. Motion Passed.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Filed by the Town of Adams. The certificate is in relation to the Order of Conditions issued for the Notice of Intent project of the demolition and removal of the existing damaged culvert pipe at property located near the intersection of Davis Street and Lime Streets.

Chair Fassell announced the next item on the agenda.

Member Randall recused himself because he worked on the project.

Chair Fassell explained that with member Randall recusing himself that there would not be enough members to make a decision on the item and that he would look favorably on a motion to continue the item to the next meeting.

A motion by member Lipinski, seconded by member Deane, to continue the application of a CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE: Filed by the Town of Adams. The certificate is in relation to the Order of Conditions issued for the Notice of Intent project of the demolition and removal of the existing damaged culvert pipe at property located near the intersection of Davis Street and Lime Streets to the next meeting.

Chair Fassell recommended the board to go out to look at the site and asked if there were any more comments.

Mr. Randall explained that he would be helping present on the project next time along with the town.

The vote was 3-0-1 with members Fassell, Deane, and Lipinski voting in favor and Member Randall abstaining. The motion passed.

EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE: Ratification of Emergency Certificate for immediate work located in between 16 Pine Street and 20 Pine Street due to concrete channel walls being undercut and at risk of collapse.

Chair Fassell announced the next the agenda item.

Chair Fassell asked if there was anyone that was able to go and examine the project.

Member Randall said that he was able to and said that those walls were in really poor shape and are going to need to be addressed more in the future.

Chair Fassell agreed and responded that the walls are in even worse shape further up the stream.

Chair Fassell asked if there was anyone else that was able to make it out there.

Member Deane said that she was not able to make it out there but could tell by the pictures provided that the work was needed.

A motion by member Lipinski, seconded by member Randall, to ratify the emergency certificate for immediate work located in between 16 Pine Street and 20 Pine Street due to concrete channel walls being undercut and at risk of collapse.

Vote was Unanimous. Motion Passed.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

-Notice of Intent received from MASS DCR Old Adams Trail drainage improvements but was too late to add to this application to this agenda

Chair Fassell announced that the board would be seeing more applications coming up in the near future.

Mr. Moore let the board know that there was hope to have the board schedule their next meeting now.

The board tentatively agreed to have the next meeting on October 20th, and if needed a second one November 3rd.

Chair Fassell asked if there were any members that had any other news for the board.

The board had none.

Chair Fassell asked if there were any comments from the audience.

Select member Nowak explained that he had received a complaint about the retaining wall where the Miller River comes down on Richmond lane. He expressed concern that the flood shoots are going to need to be repaired especially if there were to be harder rains in the future.

Member Lipinski suggested working with the state and federal delegation to work on improving the infrastructure that is currently facing problems.

REVIEW MAIL:

-MACC is offering classes and invites you to submit workshop proposals for our March 2023 Annual Environmental Conference.

Mr. Moore let the board know that MACC was planning their next conference and was looking for workshop proposals.

ADJOURN:

Chair Fassell motioned to adjourn at 6:32 pm, seconded by Member Lipinski, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Isaiah Moore

Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary

4/5/23

Date