

RECEIVED-POSTED

23 JUL 11 PM 2:40

TOWN CLERK
ADAMS MASS.

CLERK

APPROVED

ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman James Fassell, and Commission members David Lipinski, Erica Deane, Steve Melito, Natasha Bordeaux, Jeff Randall, and Matthew Burdick

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes were postponed to the next meeting.

REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION: Filed by Berkshire Gas Company (multiple locations in between No. Summer and Kittler Ave.), is requesting determination of whether the work depicted on the plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The proposed project involves gas main replacement and pressure reclassification.

Jim Fassell read the agenda item at 6:01Pm

The Berkshire Gas Representative summarized the agenda item explaining that they wanted to replace a pipe/ gas main and needed to determine if the project was subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

There was a question of whether the brooks in the work area were intermittent or perennial. The Conservation Commission asserted that they were perennial.

The Berkshire Gas Representative listed the locations where they will be doing work.

The project will last all summer according to the representative.

There was discussion of ensuring the catch basins would be protected.

There was discussion about whether the Board should issue a negative 2 or negative 3 declaration for the project. Community Development Director Eammon Coughlin explained that in a negative 2, the Board would approve the project without an NOI, in a negative 3 the Board would approve the plan without a full NOI, and the Board can attach conditions to the plan.

Selectboard Member Jim Nowak commented about the deteriorating state of the Jordan Street culvert, Eammon Coughlin stated that there was some FEMA money devoted to that project and that construction was probably a year and a half away.

A motion by member Jeff, seconded by member David to grant a negative 2 determination for Request for Determination: Filed by Berkshire Gas Company (multiple locations in between No. Summer and Kittler Ave.), is requesting determination of whether the work depicted on

the plan(s) referenced is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. The proposed project involves gas main replacement and pressure reclassification. There were no conditions attached to the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

Motion Passed, vote unanimous.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS:

Member Fassell brought up an issue pertaining to the creation of a pump track next to Russell Field. There is some discussion of the abutting property being donated to the Town.

Pump Tracks are typically made for bicycles, but member Fassell asserted that this pump track would be used for skiing.

There is some concern of pollution and wetlands on the property.

There was discussion of the Ashuwilliticook Trail upgrades.

There was discussion on the bid process and order of conditions for the Coal and Grain Project. Questions were asked about possible site visits and the status of the buildings on the site.

According to Eammon Coughlin, an engineering study conducted in the Fall of 2022 estimated that it would cost around \$700,000 to restore the buildings.

Member Fassell indicated a desire for site visits of the Bike Trail, and Coal and Grain in the next 2 weeks.

Eammon Coughlin the provide updates on the Greylock Glen project. The outdoor Center is around 50% complete and the water system is in progress, Rifenburg Construction was awarded the project.

There was a decision not to have meetings or site visits for current projects until it is warranted.

Selectboard Member Nowak commented that the Historical Commission was interested in saving the Coal and Grain Buildings and suggested using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding to accomplish the project.

Selectboard Member Nowak brought up another concern of logs clogging up perennial streams, the trees on the banks are being cut and trees are hanging over the stream.

ADJOURN: Member Fassell made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Member Burdick at 6:58PM. The motion was passed 6-0.