

APPROVED

**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, June 9th, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Member Natasha Bordeaux and Matt Burdick

OTHERS PRESENT: Brian Rhodes, iBerkshires.com; Eammon Coughlin, Town of Adams; David Jamieson and Jennifer Rogge, Applicants; Mike Wall (via phone call), Applicant Representative; and Isaiah Moore, Administrative Assistant

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 April 7th, 2022.

A motion by member David Lipinski seconded by member Jeff Randall to approve the minutes of the April 7th, 2022 meeting as written. The motion passed unanimously.

NOTICE OF INTENT: Filed by M. Wall Construction LLC on behalf of Jennifer Rogge, the proposed project involves new single-family home construction including: well, driveway, & septic system in the buffer zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).

Mr. Wall had technical difficulties getting connected to the meeting virtually so the board called the representative and spoke with him via a cell phone.

Member Randall explained to the members of the board that he, Chair Fassell, Member Deane, and assistant Moore had gone to a site visit on the project. Member Randall explained where the project site was located in the town and what the plan was for the project. Member Randall explained that only the driveway would be in the buffer and that the house, septic system, other parts of the project would be outside of the buffer zone.

Member Lipinski asked what the property was previously used for but the other members were not sure.

Member Randall explained that the protections for the BVW would be to set up a protective barrier of silt fences and straw bales.

Member Randall brought up that the two recommendations from DEP was to ensure the protection of the BVW and that the applicant should submit a narrative for the project. Member Randall then explained that he felt the protective barrier would be sufficient to protect the BVW and that the narrative has since been submitted.

Mr. Wall was then able to call into the meeting.

Mr. Wall explained that the first part of the plan was to simply remove debris and then to set up the protective barrier and begin the work of the rest of the project.

Member Lipinski asked why the plan was to wait to set up the protective barrier until after removing debris. Mr. Wall responded that the plan for removing debris was just to bring a truck up to the property and remove the debris by hand but that if removing debris would require more of a task than rigorous machinery than the protective barrier would be installed prior to operating that machinery. Chair Fassell suggested that it would be beneficial for the workers to put the protective barrier up first so that the crew could clearly define their worksite area.

Mr. Jamieson asked how long this application lasts and the board responded that the permit would allow for three years and then have the opportunity to apply for a two-year extension. Mr. Jamieson asked for clarification on if the barrier should be up before performing debris cleanup work. Member Randall explained that the board should require the protective barrier before the cleanup of the site because the order of conditions is transferable if the property is sold and if that were to happen then the regulation should be in place for a potential future where a different owner looks to do something different with the property.

Member Lipinski asked about the culvert on the property and if it needed to be replaced. Mr. Wall responded that the culvert looked like it should be good and would be fine unless its broken during construction.

Mr. Jamieson asked if they would be able to replace the culvert under this NOI and Chair Fassell responded that they could but that they would have to do the project correctly.

Chair Fassell expressed the importance of having the straw bales as part of the protective barrier.

Chair Fassell also recommended leaving the foundation of the old buildings be preserved as they are a part of history. Mr. Jamieson responded that he fully intended on preserving the foundation.

Member Lipinski expressed that he thought it was important for the culvert to be replaced for a single-family residence and that to replace it with grading that is approved of by the highway department.

Chair Fassell asked if there were any other questions from the board.

Member Lipinski asked what the plan was for the old well.

Mr. Jamieson responded there was no plans other than to drain the well.

There were no other questions.

A Motion by Member Randall, seconded by Member Melito to approve submission of the notice of intent filed by M. Wall Construction LLC on behalf of Jennifer Rogge with the general conditions under MA Wetlands Protection Act and the following conditions:

- To install the erosion controls prior to any work on the site,**
- To show erosion controls on the plan,**
- To work with the Highway Department when designing an apron for the culvert on the property to replace the culvert, to ensure it meets the Highway Department's standards.**

The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

-Chairman Fassell and Member Jeff Randall has been meeting with a group looking to make improvements to a bike trail that may be coming before the board in the near future

Chair Fassell explained that Heather Linscott had received a grant to repair some trails up at the Glen and that she was working with the community development to bring an RDA before the board in the next meeting.

-Chairman Fassell and member Jeff Randall met with a local Business to discuss the need of that business to come before the board for work done on their property

Member Randall explained that the local business had constructed a parking lot but had not received any board approval or had implemented proper safeguards for the nearby BVW. After the meeting the business confirmed that they would get an architect to help them with the plans as well as put erosion controls in while they work on an NOI for the board with Mr. Coughlin.

-An Anonymous Complaint about A local Business was received but upon further investigation the claim was found to be erroneous and was dismissed

Mr. Moore explained that there were piles in the back of the lot for Adams Trucking Company, but after researching the files that the complaint was dismissed as the company had already come before the board and been given approval.

-Updates on projects that previously came before the board including west road, and the Greylock Glen

Chair Fassell mentioned that the Glen was having work started early and that when talking with the company they were profession and were going to use the proper erosion controls.

Member Randall asked which part was getting started on first. Mr. Coughlin responded that the outdoor center was the first part of the project to be worked on.

Member Randall and Mr. Coughlin confirmed that the Davis Street culvert project was finished and would be coming before the board soon for a certificate of compliance.

REVIEW MAIL:

ADJOURN:

Member Melito motioned to adjourn at 7:13 pm, seconded by Member Lipinski, passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Isaiah Moore, Recording Secretary

10/15/22

Date