

**ADAMS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2020  
6:30 P.M.**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman James Fassell and Commission Members Tom Robinson, Brian Bishop, Natasha L. Bordeaux and David Lipinski

**MEMBER ABSENT:** Member Tammie Shafer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Emily Stockman, VHB, Christine Champeau, Kelan Koncewicz, Becky Ferguson and Deb Dunlap, Town of Adams

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jim Fassell called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION:** filed by Christopher Robakiewicz, requesting whether removal of an existing garage structure and a portion of a gravel driveway on property at 11 West Road is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

A motion made by Member David Lipinski, seconded by Member Robinson to issue a Negative 5 Determination, passed unanimously.

The exempt activity would be 310 CMR 10.02 2(B) 2 (F); applicant seeking credit, 4600 square feet area to be available in the future for work in the Riverfront Area.

**REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION:** filed by the Town of Adams requesting whether the replacement of an existing damaged drainage inlet and pipe at property located at 8 Cross Street, which is part of the proposed drainage improvement project on Grant Street, Cross Street, Lincoln Street, and Valley Street is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act.

Kelan Koncewicz representing VHB addressed the Commission members with their Request for Determination. She stated that the town would like to replace a damaged drainage line at 8 Cross Street to prevent future flooding. The work would occur within the 100' of the buffer zone to the bank of an intermittent stream. Ms. Koncewicz further noted that the wetland resource areas would be protected from impact during construction through the implementation of an erosion and sedimentation control program.

Member Lipinski stated that the report given to the Commission members in advance clearly outlined the project.

Chairman Fassell noted they should issue a negative determination.

A motion made by Member Bishop, seconded by Member Bordeaux to issue a Negative 3 Determination, passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**92 East Hoosac Street:** Approval to trim two trees

Chairman Fassell stated that he performed a site visit and approved of the tree removal.

**44 East Hoosac Street:** Approval to trim two trees

Chairman Fassell stated that he performed a site visit and approved of the tree removal.

**213 North Summer Street: Approval to cut down a tree**

Chairman Fassell stated that the locus tree had dying limbs and was leaning over a waterway. He explained to members that this was a safety issue and the tree removal was approved.

**Emergency Certification Order: 2 Grove Street – Old Stone Mill:** Committee members signed the Emergency Certification Order for 2 Grove Street. Chairman Fassell explained that the owner would be required to dig out a drainage ditch. He stated that the owners took water tests, which resulted in clean water. In closing, Chairman Fassell mentioned that the owners would explore additional engineering options. The Committee members signed the Emergency Order.

**Burnett Farm: The Burnett Farm lost water:** Chairman Fassell began an Emergency Certification to approve linking a new well and the emergency was determined unnecessary noting that they were able to be connected to an existing water line. Chairman Fassell reported that the water tests returned positive on the well.

**Spraying on Ashuwillticook Rail Trail (June 2, 2020) notification given by DPW:**

**Four-wheeler trail near intermittent brook:** MA State Police have brought to the Conservation Commission's attention that a new four-wheeler trail was being installed and was located within 25' of an intermittent stream. Committee members expressed concern that the trail could become a commercial business.

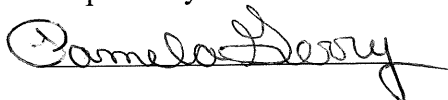
Member Lipinski made a motion, seconded by Member Bordeaux to ask the property owners to present the project to the Committee members, passed unanimously.

**Progress of 423 West Road single family update:** Members noted that the project was still underway.

**REVIEW MAIL:**

**ADJOURN:** A motion made by Member Bishop, seconded by Member Lipinski to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 P.M., passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted



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