

**Town of Leicester Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 10, 2020**

*[Note: This meeting was held remotely using GoToMeeting]*

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephan Parretti, Chair, JoAnn Schold, John Marc-Aurele

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dawn Marttila, James Cooper

STAFF PRESENT: Michelle Buck, Town Planner, Tiffany Peters, Department Assistant

MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

AGENDA:

**1. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

- a) Stafford Street (Gemme/Fournier Lagoons) (RDA 2020-08) Removal of vegetation, drilling of new injection wells, injection of “Plume Stop” treatment.

**2. Order of Conditions Extension Request:**

- a) Marlboro Drive – Lot 192 (DEP # 197-0571) Single family home

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- a) May 13, 2020

**4. Board Discussion/Miscellaneous**

- a) Miscellaneous Project Updates/Site Inspection Updates
- b) Correspondence/Other New Business
- c) Forestry Cutting – Mayflower Circle
- d) Appointment of Emergency Planning Committee Representative

Meeting called to order at 6:37PM

**Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

**Stafford Street (Gemme/Fournier Lagoons) (RDA 2020-08)**

Mr. Parretti read summary of application. Mr. Arther Allen from EcoTec, Inc. is present and is representing the applicant. He states that this RDA was refiled, the original application was filed in 2016 but due to funding issues, the additional remediation was not completed at this site before it expired. They are looking to complete that same remediation project. He states that he visited the site this week and the wetland areas remain the same as when they were delineated in 2016. It is a buffer zone project except for one existing ground water, bedrock well. He states they will drag hoses with the injection materials through the wetlands and then drag them back when they are done. There will be no vehicle access in the wetlands. All other work is being done in the buffer zone. They will be using Plume Stop which is an activated carbon material

that helps to bind up waste material in the well water. Ms. Schold states she is ok with approving this RDA as they are not disturbing the wetlands. It is confirmed that the project location is Map 45 Lot B6-0 on Stafford Street. Mr. Adam Last from Corporate Environmental Advisors is also present and states that they are hoping to start the project late summer or early fall and its duration should be about one week. Mr. Parretti asks if there are questions from the Board or public. There are none.

**Motion:** Mr. Marc-Aurele moved for a negative 3 determination that the work proposed is within the buffer zone but will not impact the resource area.

**Second:** Ms. Schold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** (3-0-0)

### **Order of Conditions Extension Request:**

#### **Marlboro Drive – Lot 192 (DEP # 197-0571)**

Mr. Parretti reads summary of extension request. The property owner, Mr. Stephen Petro, is present. He states it is a one-acre lot and he has not been able to sell or begin work on it due to various circumstances including health issues, buyers not panning out, and the pandemic. He states that he is requesting an extension because he will be looking to sell the property and will have to do some work to improve the lot which includes drainage work that is on the previously approved plan. He states he would like to begin work in the fall or spring and that he has not done any work on the site yet besides clearing brush. Mr. Petro states that this is his first extension and that he is seeking an additional two years. Mr. Parretti asks if there are questions from the Board or public. There are none.

**Motion:** Ms. Schold moves to extend the Order of Conditions on Marlboro Drive Lot 192 for two years.

**Second:** Mr. Marc-Aurele

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** (3-0-0)

### **Approval of Minutes:**

#### **May 13, 2020**

**Motion:** Mr. Marc-Aurele moved to approve the meeting minutes from May 13, 2020

**Second:** Ms. Schold

**Discussion:** None

**Roll Call Vote:** (3-0-0)

## **Board Discussion/Miscellaneous:**

### *Forestry Cutting – Mayflower Circle*

The Board reviews the Forestry Cutting Plan for Mayflower Circle. Mr. Marc-Aurele states that there are two stream crossings and there is no indication of how close they are cutting to them. He states that it looks like they are doing understory cutting which may mean less disruption to the ground as they are not dragging out trees. The plan is approved by the roving forester. Mr. Parretti states that he will reach out to the applicant to discuss and that the Board is accepting the forestry cutting plan.

### *140 Green Street – Site Visit*

Mr. Glenn Krevosky of EBT Environmental Consultants, Inc. is requesting that the Commission schedule a site visit for an upcoming RDA application. The application is posted on the Town website. Mr. Marc-Aurele states that he is familiar with the property. Mr. Parretti and Ms. Schold will visit the site.

### *53 Fairview – Site Inspection*

Ms. Schold states she inspected property and was satisfied with the work that was completed.

### *40 Winslow Ave*

A resident complained that the Highway Department was doing work on Winslow Ave and did not file with Conservation. The work done was the cleaning of a blocked culvert. Mr. Parretti states that culverts and catch basins are routine maintenance. We do not have a filing from the Highway Department for the work they are doing this year and they will be contacted to address this issue. Mr. Parretti states he will visit the site.

### *6 Hammond Street*

Ms. Schold visited the site and the property owner has an expired NOI but it does not include the current work that he wants to do. He needs to submit a new NOI because he wants to alter the shoreline to make a beach area. Submitting a new NOI will give DEP an opportunity to remark on the plans.

### *145 Rawson Street*

It is determined that this is not a wetlands issue. It is a civil matter. If the property owner feels that this is a wetland issue, they can request a site visit.

### *Bond Street*

Mr. Parretti states he visited site and they have filled in wetlands. He states that he reached out to EP (Environmental Police) Dan Reeve but has not received a call back. Mr. Parretti advises that they need to cease and desist, and they need to be present at the next Conservation meeting with a plan as to how they will rectify the situation. Discussion is had regarding the correct location of the violation. Mr. Parretti states that the house at the intersection of Bond and Watson Street is where wetlands have been filled in, a cease and desist needs to be issued. They are not covered under farm rules. Ms. Schold states that the actual complaint was for 7 Bond Street which is further up the street. Mr. Parretti states that he will follow up with Mr. Reeve to confirm but that he believes the complaint is likely against the farm. Ms. Buck will draft a cease and desist letter. Address for the farmhouse is 15 Bond Street.

### **Appointment of Emergency Planning Committee Representative**

Mr. Marc-Aurele is appointed as the Emergency Planning Committee Representative.

**July Meeting Date:** July 15, 2020

### **Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:** Ms. Schold moved to adjourn

**Second:** Mr. Marc-Aurele

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:** (3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:08PM

Respectfully submitted:

Tiffany Peters, Department Assistant

### **Documents included in meeting packet:**

- Agenda
- Public Hearing Notice for Stafford Street (Map 45, Parcel B6) RDA
- Letter to the Conservation Commission from EcoTec, Inc dated 05/21/2020
- RDA Application for Stafford Street (Map 45, Parcel B6) with site map
- Plume Stop informational documents
- WPA Form 7 – Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions for Lot 192 Marlboro Drive
- Forestry Cutting Plan for Mayflower Circle with site maps
- Meeting Minutes for 5/13/2020

**Documents submitted at meeting:** N/A