

NORTHFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING OCT 20, 2021 MINUTES

Present: Bill Llewelyn, Chair; Mike Barry, Charlie Blanker, Robin Conley

Guests: James Turnbull, Tom Walker, & Mary Neville Wall re: Warwick Rd repairs;
Melissa Kaplan re: Eversource pole replacements

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Melissa Kaplan, Mgr of Ecological Sciences with BSC Group, represented Eversource regarding the RDA for **pole replacements along Wanamaker Road**. The project is an upgrade to taller poles and stronger transmission wiring. Four new poles are proposed within Wetland Resource Areas and/or Buffer Zones. She provided a map of the project and explained each of the four poles under consideration. The proposed poles will be installed by auguring; erosion and sedimentation control measures will be installed prior to start of construction. Charlie inquired who the contractor is, when the work will begin, and what specific erosion controls will be utilized. Melissa said these concerns will be addressed. Motion made (Charlie/Mike) and carried to allow the pole installation project, a negative determination to the RDA.

Jim Turnbull, P.E. of Gill Engineering Associates presented plans for the **Warwick Road Reconstruction Project** following a NOI submittal. While most of the work will be in Warwick, this project runs approximately 800' down from the town line. The road improvements will occur within 100' of a Mill Brook floodplain and vegetated wetlands and within 200' of Riverfront Area for Mill Brook. Jim provided a lengthy document. Jim and ConCom members discussed the DEP enforcement order for Eversource to stabilize the NMH-owned access road. Jim presented many Warwick Road improvements including three drain culverts and drainage intake structures, a grassy swale, and a retaining wall. Storm runoff issues were addressed. Work will begin in the spring, 2022. Motion made (Mike/Robin) and passed to close the hearing. Motion made (Charlie/Mike) and carried to file a standard Order of Conditions. Mike agreed to do OOC.

Next was discussion of **replacing our now retired Wetlands Specialist**. Charlie believed a public notice is required. Bill will ask Bill Lattrell and Mark Stinson how to recruit a new wetlands specialist.

Bill wants the Northfield Conservation Commission **website** improved and more accessible. Robin plans to submit year 2021 documents to Town Hall for filing and she will request accessibility to NOI and RDA forms online.

September minutes were approved as written. We discussed an email from Mark Stinson regarding some confusion over an emergency order. We signed OOC for Santana property.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 17, 7:00 PM. (Meeting not held. RC)

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Minutes approved 12/16/21 as written; electronically submitted 12/20/21 to Town Sec'ty. RC