



Town of Sterling Conservation Commission

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MINUTES STERLING CONSERVATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING-May 18, 2021

In Attendance: Chair Roberti, Vice Chair Pineo, Mr. Michalak, Mr Pavlowich, Ms Smith, Ms Valentine

1. Meeting Notices and communications.
2. Minutes from the previous meeting
3. Old business- Follow-up Items from Warrant articles / Grant applications (If any)
 - 3.1 MOD Grant implementation discussion
4. New Business-
 - 4.1 Rail Trail Wetland report and discussion
 - 4.2 Potential Land use regulation
 - 4.3 MOD Grant update
5. Enforcement/Investigation- CONTINUED: Enforcement Conference Jeff Bastress
 - 5.1 Prior enforcement action items and wrap ups
6. Certificates of Compliance-

7 Agents Report

- 7.1 Storm water updates
- 7.2 Forest Stewardship activities
- 7.3 Treasury Report – update
- 7.4 Town Beach Project Scopes Update (Whitman and Bingham Associates)

8. Adjourn The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by a motion of MR. Michalak, a second by Mr. Pineo and a unanimous vote to approve the motion.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:30 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 Section 40 as amended the Sterling Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on a request for a determination for a septic system upgrade at 162 Clinton Road .

Brian MCewan from Graz Engineering appeared and reviewed the scope of work and distance from the wetland with the Commission. MM noted that it was only a very small portion of the work that would be in the buffer zone and recommended a negative determination.

Mr Pineo moved for a negative determination, Ms Valentine seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve by roll call vote.

7:40 PM : Pursuant to MGL ch 131 Section 40 as amended the Sterling Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on a Notice of Intent by Carol and Angelo Rossi for the rebuilding of an existing Jetty at 53 Lakeshore Drive for a septic system upgrade at 162 Clinton Road .

Chris Hopkins and Carol Rossi appeared on behalf of the applicant. The outlined the work requirements for the reconstruction of a jetty on site. Ms. Valentine noted a chapter 91 waterways license may be necessary and that the plans should be completed by an engineer and the submittal is not sufficient for the commission to make a decision. Mrs. Rossi noted that there is a safety issue with the top of the jetty as the stone is loose and falling down and she is concerned about her grandchildren or other visitors getting injured. The Commission noted they would allow for those stones to be removed pending the revised documents being received. Ms Valentine moved to continue to the June 1 hearing date at 7:30 P.M. MR Pineo seconded and the commission voted unanimously to approve the motion by roll call.

NOTE: CHAIR ROBERTI RECUSED AS SHE IS AN ABUTTER.