



TOWN OF BOW

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Bow Conservation Commission

July 13, 2020

Minutes

The regular meeting of the Bow Conservation Commission was held on July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM Meeting Software. Chair Sandy Crystall called the meeting to order with reading the virtual meeting checklist and introduction of the members.

Members present: Sandy Crystall, Wendy Waskin, Bob Ball, and Dik Dagavarian. Michael Hansen was excused.

Items for Consideration/Discussion

Application #404-20w: Andrew J. Mattiace - Block 4, Lot 127-1 located at 1 Beaver Brook Dr. Wetlands Protection Conditional Use Permit for construction of an accessory building and a footbridge within wetland buffers.

Andrew Mattiace from 1 Beaver Brook Drive introduced himself as the applicant and went over a presentation with the details of the proposed project and impacts. He presented two footbridge locations and proposed areas for the sugarhouse placement. He explained the rationale for presenting several options and also described the nature of his business/hobby and the way he operates it. The footbridge will be necessary to access the back of the property to collect and transport the sap from the taps on the other side of the wetland. He noted that the trail runs onto the neighbors property and that he got the permission to do so. He also noted that he will be requesting a variance to encroach into the setbacks for both the footbridge and the sugar house, although he is unsure as to how much at this point.

Mr. Mattiace also answered questions about the type of wetlands on his property, possibility of redesigning the bridge to get it out of the upper wetland boundary, NHDES wetland permit, the extent of the wetland and buffer impacts, length of crossing, seasonal timeframes for bridge and trail use, etc. Discussion ensued about the NHDES permit and whether it was representative of the actual impacts given the fact that there were no set amounts given by the applicant and it was not clear how the BMP's for trail management have been incorporated. Another issue was with the need to evaluate the loss of wetland and buffer functions that needed to be addressed with the CUP application. Another discussion ensued about the trail location on both sides of the stream.

Mr. Mattiace concluded his presentation by addressing the CUP criteria and said that there would be a total of 300 foot of wetland impact. The members discussed how to proceed given the lack of information presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Dagavarian to require information regarding the impact of the bridge and trail on wetlands before the Commission can proceed and how the requirements of the trail BMP would be met. Mr. Ball seconded and motion passed by a 3:0:1 vote with Mr. Ball voting yes, Ms. Waskin – yes, Mr. Dagavarian – yes, and Ms. Crystall abstaining due to needing to vote with the Planning Board.

Application #405-20w: Kristopher P. McDaniel & Mary K. McAlister – Block 4, Lot 87 located at 125 Page Rd. Wetlands Protection Conditional Use Permit for construction of a driveway crossing with 950 sq ft wetland impact and 8,027 sq ft wetland buffer impact.

Joshua Brien from Keach Nordstrom Associates introduced himself and went over the details of the project which is to put a culvert to cross the wetlands for a driveway to a single family house that is to be built. He noted that the person who prepared the plan was not able to attend this meeting due to a conflict and asked Mr. Brien to step in, therefore, he may not have all the answers as his involvement was limited to mapping the wetlands only. Mr. Brien then answered questions about the justification of the crossing location choice, which he said was chosen to minimize the impact based on the preference for the house site to be in the upland away from the road. He was not able to answer a question about the buildable acreage in the front of the property before the crossing as was requested at the site walk.

Ms. Waskin made a motion to request more information about the buildable area in the front of the property before the wetland crossing and on the least impactful alternative. Mr. Dagavarian duly seconded and a roll call vote was taken: Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Ms. Crystall – abstained due to later having to vote with the Planning Board. Motion passed with a 3:0:1 vote.

A short discussion ensued about the logistics of submitting the wetlands permit to NHDES.

NRI update

Ms. Crystall said that she will incorporate all the comments and edits discussed on July 1st and will send the draft to the members for review. Ms. Waskin asked if the final presentation is still happening as it was proposed by the consultant. Ms. Crystall confirmed but could not provide the specifics. Story map was discussed as well and a suggestion was made to solicit photos from residents. Ms. Crystall will create an ad to post on various platforms.

Turee Pond - Sampling, milfoil – status

Mr. Ball provided an update on the diver's work out at Turee Pond. He also spoke about VLAP and VRAP measurements that he will be starting next week at Turee Pond and Bow Bog Brook.

Other items

Ms. Crystall spoke about the status of the land donation (Pushee/Chadwick) and that she is working with the Town Manager's office to finalize the legal matters.

Responsibilities for projects/ tasks

Unapproved 6/15/2020 Minutes.

The June 15, 2020 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Mr. Ball made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was duly seconded by Ms. Waskin. Roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes. Motion passed with a 4:0 vote.*

Unapproved 7/01/2020 Minutes.

The July 1, 2020 minutes were reviewed and changes were made. *Ms. Waskin made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, which was duly seconded by Mr. Ball. Roll call vote was taken: Ms. Crystall – yes; Ms. Waskin – yes; Mr. Ball – yes; Mr. Dagavarian – yes. Motion passed with a 4:0 vote.*

Next meeting: August 17, 2020 (7 pm)

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 PM.