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**Meeting Minutes of the Conservation Meeting of
February 1, 2022
PUBLIC HEARING held at the Brooklawn Senior center,
1997 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA**

Members Absent

Staff Present

Chancery Perks, Conservation Agent
Teresa Alves, Admin. Coordinator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Audette called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Dennis Audette, Vice-Chairman Peter Blanchard, Commissioner Sean Carney, Commissioner Kimberly Rioux, Commissioner Rebeca Linhart, Commissioner Scott Grant Jr.

GENERAL PROCUEURES FOR HEARING

Chairman Audette read General Procedure for Hearings for the record.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE



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NEW BUSINESS:

1. **SE049-0848** – A requests to extend an Order of Conditions issued March 26, 2019 as filed by Chris Newhall of Eversource Energy (Map 134, Lot 17+318). The applicant intends to conduct subsurface geotechnical investigation (borings) within the utility right of way between Philips Road and Dartmouth town line.

Karen Hanecak was present tonight instead of Chris Hall, representing Eversource Energy. Eversource is requesting an extension to the *Order of Conditions* issued on March 22, 2019 for proposed subsurface geotechnical investigations in the City of New Bedford. The Project involves the

completion of geotechnical borings to support the engineering design and pre-construction planning for proposed improvements related to transmission system upgrades for the Acushnet to Fall River Reliability Project. A total of five soil borings will be completed, two borings are located in Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW), one boring is located in the 100-foot-wide wetland buffer zone; and the remaining two are located in upland. The boring locations, proposed access, and wetland impact analysis remain the same as submitted and approved in 2019 keeping this classified as minor activity. The Project planning and engineering design phase has been delayed, and the Order of Conditions is now approaching expiration on March 22, 2022. However, Eversource is now at a point where the subsurface geotechnical investigations need to be conducted to allow for completion of the engineering design phase. Eversource anticipates completion of the geotechnical borings before the end of this year.

Agent Perks reminded about the Special Condition #51 regarding a pre-con meeting on the site that will need to be set up with the agent. Agent Perks asked if they will be filing a separate *Notice of Intent* for the pole installations, which Ms. Hanecak replied that they will be filing one soon.

Commissioner Carney made a motion to Extend the Order of Conditions with Special Conditions #51 as read by the Agent.

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.



CONTINUED HEARINGS:

1. **SE49-0735** – (Continued from 3/15/16, 4/5/16, 4/19/16, 5/3/16, 5/17/16, 6/7/16, 6/21/16, 7/5/16, 7/19/16, 8/16/16, 9/6/16, 9/20/16, 10/6/16, 10/18/16, 11/1/16, 11/15/16, 12/20/16, 12/27/16, 1/17/17, 2/7/17, 2/21/17, 3/7/17, 3/21/17, 4/4/17, 4/18/17, 5/2/17, 5/16/17, 6/6/17, 6/20/17, 7/5/17, 7/18/17, 8/8/17, 8/22/17, 9/5/17, 9/19/17, 10/3/17, 10/17/17, 11/7/17, 11/21/17, 12/5/17, 12/19/17, 1/2/18, 1/16/18, 2/6/18, 2/20/18, 3/6/18, 3/20/18, 4/3/18, 4/17/18, 5/1/18, 5/15/18, 6/5/18, 6/19/18, 7/3/18, 7/17/18, 8/7/18, 8/21/18, 9/4/18, 9/17/18, 10/2/18, 10/16/18, 11/6/18, 1/20/18, 12/4/18, 12/18/18, 01/8/19, 1/22/19, 2/5/19, 2/19/19, 3/5/19, 3/19/19, 4/4/19, 4/16/19, 5/7/19, 5/21/19, 6/4/19, 6/18/19, 7/2/19, 7/16/19, 8/6/19, 8/27/19, 9/3/19, 9/17/19, 10/2/19, 10/15/19, 11/5/19, 11/19/19, 12/3/19, 12/17/19, 1/7/20, 1/21/20, 2/4/20, 2/18/20, 3/10/20, 3/24/20, 6/16/20, 7/7/20, 7/21/20, 8/3/20, 8/18/20, 9/1/20, 9/15/20, 10/6/20, 11/3/20, 11/17/20, 12/1/20, 12/15/20, 1/5/21, 1/19/21, 2/16/21, 3/2/21, 3/16/21, 4/6/21, 4/20/21, 5/4/21, 5/18/21, 6/1/21, 6/15/21, 7/6/21, 7/20/21, 8/3/21, 8/17/21, 9/9/21, 9/21/21, 10/5/21, 10/26/21, 11/2/21, 11/16/21, 12/7/21, 12/21/21, 1/4/22, 1/18/22) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Anthony R. DeCosta d/b/a A-1 Asphalt for property located at 1861 Shawmut Avenue, New Bedford (Map 124, Lot 27). Applicant proposes improvements to a soil and aggregate re-cycling facility in the Buffer Zone to Bordering Vegetated Wetlands. Representative is Tom Crotty, Esquire. **CONTINUED TO 2/15/22**

Commissioner Carney made a motion to continue to Feb.15,2022

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. **SE049-087** - (Continued from 8/17/21, 9/9/21, 9/21/21, 10/5/21, 10/26/21, 11/2/21, 11/16/21, 12/7/21, 12/21/21, 1/4/22, 1/18/22) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Steven Silverstein of Cisco New Bedford, LLC for property identified as 1494 East Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA (Map 12, Lot 77). The applicant is proposing to install a gangway and floating dock on the north side of the existing timber pier. Representative is Susan Nilson of Foth Infrastructure & Environmental, LLC. **CONTINUED TO 2/15/22**



Commissioner Carney made a motion to continue to Feb.15,2022

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

- 3. SE049-0867 – (Continued from 11/16/21,12/7/21,12/21/21,1/4/22,1/18/22) - A Request to Amend Order of Conditions as filed by Shoreline Resources, LLC for property identified as 10 & 26 N Front St (Map 79, Lot 2 & 5). The applicant is proposing to amend the Order of Conditions. Representative is Alan Hanscom of Pare Corporation. CONTINUED TO 3/1/22**

Commissioner Carney made a motion to continue to March 1,2022

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

- 4. SE049-0822 – (Continued from 1/4/22,1/18/22) - A Notice of Intent as filed by Jose Castelo for identified as Bartlett Street, New Bedford, Ma (Map 134, Lot 307). The applicant intends to construct a single-family home with associated grading and utilities within an existing resource area and buffer zone, which includes wetland replication of the disturbed wetland resource area. Representative is Alison Cesar of Sitec, Inc.**



Mr. Steve Gioiosa was present in place of Alison Cesar representing Jose Castelo. Mr. Gioiosa stated that they made the changes the Commissioners recommended from the last meeting. The plans showed how they shrunk the amount of impacted area from 300,000 Sq ft to 230,000 Sq ft by running the utilities under the driveway and moving the replication area closer to the driveway. By doing this, all work is being compressed to the front portion of the site and eliminating the activity in the back portion.

Agent Perks asked about utilities and pole layout. Mr. Gioiosa stated that once this is approved, they would send the plans to Eversource which in return would let them know how many poles and where poles would be placed. Agent Perks also question about the trees being planted. He suggested keeping the same size trees but reducing the tree number from 8 & 8 to 4 & 4.

Agent Perks recommends issuing an *Notice of Intent* that includes the *Standard Inland Resource Area Special Conditions* and 2 Special Conditions that states Agent Perks be notified in writing when Eversource gives location of utility poles and the reduction of number of trees planted from 8 & 8 to 4 & 4.

Commissioner Carney made a motion to issue an Notice of Intent with the Special Conditions as read by the Agent.

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

NEW HEARINGS:

NONE



AGENT UPDATES/GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Vice-Chairman Peter Blanchard's Community Preservation Act Liaison Re-Nomination

Commissioner Carney made a motion for Re-Nomination.

Motion was seconded by Rebeca Linhart.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

2. Meeting Minutes 1/18/22 to vote in.

Commissioner Carney made a motion to accept 1/18/22 meeting minutes.

Motion was seconded by Vice -Chairman Blanchard

Vice -Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.

Commissioner Rebeca Linhart- Vote in favor.

Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.

Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.

All in favor. Motion carries.

3. Commissioner Scott Grant Jr. joins the Commission-Welcome.'

4. BBC Land Trust Convocation Feb. 5, 2022 ZOOM- 9am-10:30am.



ADJOURN

*Commissioner Carney made a motion to adjourn at approximately 6:57pm.
Motion was seconded by Vice-Chairman Blanchard.*

Roll Call Vote:

*Vice-Chairman Peter Blanchard-Vote in favor.
Commissioner Sean Carney-Vote in favor.
Commissioner Kimberly Rioux-Vote in favor.
Commissioner Rebeca Linhart-Vote in favor.
Commissioner Scott Grant Jr-Vote in favor.
Chairman Dennis Audette- Vote in favor.*

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Alves, Administrative Coordinator



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