

Minutes
Northampton Conservation Commission
Remote Online Meeting
May 13, 2021

Members	Present	Time
Kevin Lake, Chair	x	
Mason Maronn	x	
Randy Krotowski	x	
Jack Finn	x	
Jason Perry	x	
Alec Bernstein	x	
Jen Smith	x	
Staff	Present	Time
Sarah LaValley	x	

Meeting Opened At:

By:

5:32 p.m.

Mason

Minutes Approved:

Motion By:

Second By:

Unanimous:

February 11, 2020	Mason	Alec	Yes, by roll call vote
March 25, 2021	Mason	Alec	Yes, by roll call vote, with two abstentions

Public Comment

None

5:30 PM Request for Determination of Applicability to determine whether resource area boundaries are accurately delineated in accordance with MDAR Pesticide Board Regulations for use of herbicides in right of way maintenance. Pan Am Railway Rights of Way in Northampton

The Commission discussed the boundaries of resource areas shown, which are the same as those established in prior years. The work is governed by Pan Am's Yearly Operations Plan with MDAR, and any comments about the application of pesticides itself would need to be provided through that process. Staff confirmed that markings are painted. Randy moved to issue a determination to confirm resource area boundaries under 333CMR11 only. Seconded by Jason, the motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Review Revised Construction Plan, 176 Turkey Hill Road, DEP File 246-751

Rachel Loeffler, Berkshire Design, presented revisions to the plan that shift the limit of work to the treeline, and the required permanent no-disturb area to the area of the B44 flag. Alec moved to accept the plan dated May 10, 2021, as the plan of record for the permit. Seconded by Mason, the motion carried unanimously, by roll call vote.

Other Business

The Commission reviewed an op/ed piece prepared by staff regarding off-leash dogs, dog waste, and responsible use of conservation areas. The Commission agreed that the letter looks good and can be submitted to the Gazette.

Kevin noted that Broad Brook Coalition sent a brochure to dog owners along with the City Clerk's dog license mailing.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM