

Worthington Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
April 21, 2016

1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 04/21/2016 07:05:12 PM

2 Attendance

2.1 Members

Jim Molyneux, Peggy O'Neal, Mary Gerken, Ed Lewis

2.2 Guests

Katie Dahill, Eugene Hall

3 Public Hearing - 98 Scott Road

The Conservation Commission conducted a public hearing to hear a request for determination of applicability of the Wetlands Protection Act (RDA) for proposed work at 98 Scott Road. Landowner, Katie A. Dahill filed the request on April 12.

The hearing opened at 7:06 PM.

Secretary's note: Commission members Molyneux, O'Neal, Gerken and Lewis conducted a site visit with landowners Katie and Edward Dahill earlier this evening.

Ms. Dahill outlined her plans to extend a driveway to provide access to land in back (generally south) of the house.

The site visit revealed that the proposed work likely crosses a "finger" of wetland that borders a nearby pond. The expected wetland likely would be classed as a "bordering vegetated wetland"

subject to protection by the Wetlands Protection Act (WPA) due to the apparent presence of hydric soil.

The commission advised the applicant that they would need to conduct a wetland delineation prior to commencing further activities.

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Ms. Gerken seconded that the commission issue a positive determination of applicability stating "The area described on the referenced plan(s) is an area subject to protection under the Act. Removing, filling, dredging, or altering of the area requires the filing of a Notice of Intent." The commission approved the motion unanimously.

Mr. Lewis offered a motion that Ms. O'Neal seconded that the public hearing be closed. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

The public hearing closed at 04/21/2016 07:26:14 PM

4 New Business

4.1 Proposed Shed- 142 Dingle Road

Mr. Hall would like to construct a building having an area of approximately 250 square feet on his property at the former site of a barn and junk pile. Mr. Hall has been removing the junk consisting of rotten wood, tires and related debris for the past several years which was left behind by a previous landowner.

This work which is located near latitude 42.440292° longitude -72.954807° lies within 200 feet (60m) of a perennial stream marked on the USGS topographic map of the area.

The commission recommended that Mr. Hall engage the services of a wetland scientist to prepare an RDA or Notice of Intent (NOI) for proposed work.

4.2 Notice of Intent - Miscellaneous Highway Work

The Worthington Highway Department through its agent, White Engineering of Pittsfield, MA submitted a Notice of Intent on April 15 requesting public hearing on May 19. The NOI addresses four significant pieces of highway work. The projects are located on Buffington Hill Road, Old Post Road, Radiker Road and Cudworth Road.

Secretary's note: commission members received a transmittal of the NOI via various several e-mails issued on April 15. Mr. Lewis compiled these into a cohesive bookmarked PDF document which is available to commission members on a shared Dropbox file at: <https://www.dropbox>.

<com/sh/17q5j70r17pduu0/AADXocQVgaoXv25QC3Z3MR1Ia?dl=0>

The commission agreed to conduct a site visit for Thursday May 5 meeting at 5:00 at Town Hall. Ms. O'Neal agreed to inform and invite Shannon Boomsma who prepared and filed the NOI.

5 Old Business

5.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting - March 17

Mr. Molyneux offered a motion that Ms. Gerken seconded that the commission approve the minutes as presented.

The commission approved the motion unanimously.

5.2 Wolf - Old North Road

Mr. Molyneux met with Mr. Wolf explaining that is logging work for personal consumption area is exempt from WPA provisions. However, to avoid any future problems, culverts should come out. Mr. Wolf explained that he indeed wants to avoid future problems/complaints from downstream landowners. Mr. Molyneux agreed to provide Mr. Wolf with a copy of the Massachusetts Forestry Best Management Practices Manual which provides guidance on culvert construction and removal.

Once the culverts are removed, the commission will conduct an inspection which would fully discharge the outstanding complaint against Mr. Wolf.

6 Adjourn

Ms. O'Neal offered a motion that Ms. Gerken seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The commission approved the motion unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 04/21/2016 07:59:16 PM