

# Buckland, MA Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

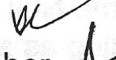




September 12, 2022, 6:30 pm

Via Zoom

## Agenda

1. Open Meeting
2. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
3. NOI for Culvert Repair at 32 Charlemont Rd., Buckland
4. Other Items within 48 hours
5. Public Comment

## Attendees

Kathy Lytle, Chair   
Alex Meade, member   
Steve Howland, member   
Jim Eagan, member   
Mary Knipe, member   
Heather Butler, Buckland Town Administrator  
Bill Storti, Weston & Sampson Engineers, consultants  
Rajo Vasamsett, Weston & Sampson Engineers, consultants  
Jody Scalise, 31 Charlemont Rd., public

1. Chair Kathy Lytle opened the meeting at 6:40 pm

## Items

2. Minutes of July 11, 2022  
Member Alex Meade moved to approve the minutes as written; Member Steve Howland seconded the motion; all voted in favor; motion passed.

3. NOI for Culvert Repair at 32 Charlemont Rd., Buckland  
Heather Butler of Town of Buckland and engineers from Weston & Sampson

This project continues the improvements on Charlemont Rd., including roadway, drainage and culverts. The NOI relates to a DER grant awarded to Buckland through Mass Fisheries and Wildlife, and is for engineering only (not construction) for the culvert just above Avery Rd. The terms of the grant required complete environmental permitting even though there is no timeline for actual

construction, and no plans for any construction in the near future. The intent is to complete the work of the grant, including establishing an Order of Conditions.

Mr. Storti spoke of the first grant from MassWorks, which, with another grant from DER allowed an emergency repair of the failing concrete culvert which is now stable (an emergency NOI was issued for the work last year).

Mr. Scalise asked if it is anticipated that the entire project would be re-done in the future - i.e., is what has been done a permanent or temporary fix? Ms. Butler stated that the intent is that the next round of MassWorks funds would continue road work above/northbound towards Charlemont. The current focus is on closing out this particular grant with the current work that has been completed with an Order of Conditions for the design of the current solution.

Mr. Sorti noted that the current fix does not meet Massachusetts Stream Crossing standards. Mr. Sorti and Mr. Vasamsett reviewed the comments submitted by Thomas Gruszkos of MassDEP and how they would be addressed with additional documentation.

After reviewing the options available for action by the Conservation Commission, member Meade moved that the Order of Conditions for the NOI for Culvert Repair at 32 Charlemont Rd., Buckland be issued including as an addendum, that the concerns noted by Thomas Gruszkos be addressed to the satisfaction of the Commission before any work commences, in addition to the standard additional conditions requested by the Commission.

Member Howland seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the motion was passed. Member Meade reminded Commission members that this required inked signatures, and the documentation would be available the following day.

#### 4. Other Items within 48 hours

- A. Member Meade noted that the current owners of 121 Ashfield Road submitted photographs of the re-vegetation of the property as required by an enforcement order issued May 3, 2021 to the previous owners of the property. There were a number of conditions that were to be met by the previous and subsequent owners of the property; condition # 14 required photographs to be submitted for 2 years/annually. It was also noted that the new owners would be submitting a new NOI for proposed work.

Member Meade moved that the minutes of this meeting record the photographs, as required, have been submitted and reviewed to the Commission's satisfaction. Chair Lytle seconded the motion; all voted in favor; the motion was passed.

- B. Ms. Butler gave an update on the current status of the Conway St.

Riverwalk. The section of sidewalk closest to the iron bridge was included in the project at the last minute as "sidewalk replacement" without an understanding that the wall and sidewalk were engineered as one piece, with rebar stitching them together. There is now a concern that actions taken to remove the sidewalk by cutting at the base of the wall may have destabilized the wall. This will require additional engineering and expense. Previously, the project as reviewed by the Conservation Commission did not anticipate any part of the project encroaching on, or on the river side of the wall. Ms. Butler will keep the Conservation Commission apprised of progress on this issue following conversations with MassDOT engineers and the Select Board.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Member Howland moved to adjourn the meeting; member Meade seconded the motion; all voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alison Cornish, Boards Clerk

Documents Referenced

09/08/2022 Comments, MassDEP File Number WE 121-0109

6/15/ 2022, Notice of Intent, Town of Buckland, MA, Charlemont Road Culvert Replacement at Taylor Brook, Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.