

Buckland Conservation Commission  
April 4, 2022 - online meeting via Zoom  
Minutes

Attendees

*AM* Kathy Lytle, chair  
*AM* Alex Meade, member  
*SK* Steven Howland, member  
*WK* Mary Knipe, member  
Jim Bernardino, CMG Engineering, Inc.  
Pamela Guyette, Town Assessor and Pool Committee Member  
Victoria Fong, Kuth Ranieri Architects  
Rob Marcalow, Kuth Ranieri Architects  
Chris Stoddard, Kuth Ranieri Architects

Chair Kathy Lytle opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

Commission members reviewed minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting. Steve Howland moved to approve, seconded by Alex Meade; unanimously in favor.

Kathy Lytle opened the agenda by expressing appreciation for the work of the former board clerk, Mary Bolduc, and welcomed new board clerk, Alison Cornish.

Item 1 - RDA for 195 State St. Buckland, for replacement of fuel storage tanks.

Jim Bernardino of CMG Engineering, Inc. represented the applicant, Neighbors Convenience Store.

Overview of project: remove 2 (two) existing underground fuel storage tanks at 4,000 and 8,000 gallons and install:

- 1) 1 (one) new, 3-compartment, 14,000 gallon underground storage tank with leak, overfill and spill protection;
- 2) new underground piping to dispenser;
- 3) new dispenser;
- 4) new concrete pad; and
- 5) positive limiting barriers next to tank pad.

Referencing site plan drawings, Jim noted that the site is located within the 200' riparian zone associated with the river, and the limit of the work area is delineated - 5,000 sq. ft. of redevelopment with no new impervious surfaces or amenities. There are no proposed changes to the topography. The work area is outside the 100' riparian zone. Erosion control during the work will include protection of catch basins and straw wattles to be moved as necessary.

Questions:

What is the timeline of the project?

Anticipating 4 - 6 weeks.

Will there be dirt piles on site for that period?

Although there may be some construction material storage on site, the driveway and parking area are too limited, and therefore materials will likely be trucked out and back.

What is the real address of the property - 115 State St. or 195 State St.?

Both addresses appear on documents. Assessor confirmed that the actual address is 115 State St., to be used in Conservation Commission documents - likely Mass DEP documents will need to be adjusted.

There were no abutters or members of the public to speak to the application.

Motion: Alex Meade moved that the Conservation Commission issue a WPA Form 2 (determination of applicability) with a Negative 2 finding, for the RDA. Steve Howland seconded, unanimously in favor.

As this does not need to be filed with the County Clerk or Registry, digital signatures suffice. Paperwork to be emailed to Jim Bernardino.

## Item 2 - Discuss Railroad Application

Alex Meade reported having been in conversation with Keith Morris re: a new RDA to mark the boundaries of the wetlands in advance of proposed spraying as the map submitted with last year's application was not detailed enough, and the RDA could not be processed because the railroad would not allow the Conservation Commission access to the property to verify the wetlands locations. (Buckland, Amherst and another community refused to process the railroad's RDA. There's a new law being proposed to require the railroad to submit better maps and grant access).

### Questions:

Will the maps also include spray boundaries? How will access be provided to the Conservation Commission? When will there be an inspection? Is this really an RDA? Or should it be an NOI?

There was a reminder that the Conservation Commission cannot pass judgment on spray boundaries.

## Item 3 - NOI for Buckland Recreation Center Form 8A

Pamela Guyette submitted Form 8A, which is in the packet of information. This, along with the letter from Mike Rose of Rose Engineering, allows the Conservation Commission to issue an WPA form 8B (Certificate of Compliance) for the completed parts of the NOI. This would close out the old NOI. This will require actual signatures as the completed form will go to the Registry of Deeds.

Steve Howland moved, and Kathy Lytle seconded, unanimously in favor.

Item 4 - Continuation of hearing from the last meeting, new NOI for the Rec Center Pool, File Number 121-0107, and Order of Conditions (now that the previous NOI has been closed)

Alex Meade made a motion to issue an Order of Conditions for NOI file number 121-0107. The motion stipulated that specific conditions will be included on the Order of Conditions, which will be filed with the Town and at the Registry of Deeds. Steve Howland seconded; unanimously in favor.

Once signed, Order of Conditions will be delivered to Pam, and sent to DEP.

Item 5 - Complete Certificate of Compliance for Apple Valley Rd. Project

Alex Meade and Steve Howland have gone to see the project, and agree the work looks good. Steve Howland moved that the request be granted; Alex Meade seconded, unanimously in favor. WPA form 8B Certificate of Compliance will be issued.

Meeting closed 7:12 pm, moved by Alex Meade, seconded by Steve Howland, unanimously in favor.

Documents Referenced:

RDA for 195 State Street for Replacement of Fuel Tanks:

- Letter of Transmittal 3/22/2022
- Cover Letter 3/22/2022
- Site plan 3/22/2022
- WPA - Form 1

NOI for Buckland Rec Center:

- 3/18/2022 Letter Rose Engineering
- WPA Form 8A

New NOI for Buckland Rec Center:

- NHESP letter
- NOI form (NOI - Filing)
- Drawings
- Stormwater Report
- Narrative
- DEP File Number Issuance letter with comments from Tom Gruzkos (DEP)L
- Long term pollution plan

Respectfully submitted, Alison Cornish, Board Clerk