

Buckland, MA Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

Via Zoom

Agenda

1. Review Previous Meeting Minutes
2. Discuss NOI for Depot St. and Parking Lot Reconstruction
3. Other Items within 48 hours
4. Public Comment
5. Close Meeting

Attendees

Kathy Lytle, chair *KL*
Alex Meade, member *ADM*
Steve Howland, member *SH*
Mary Knipe, member (joined meeting after item # 1) *MFK*
Jim Eagan, member *JE*
Heather Butler, Buckland Town Administrator
Mike Carter, GCG Associates, Inc.
Lucas Brickman, GCG Associates, Inc.
Nancy Dole, public

Chair Kathy Lytle opened the meeting at 6:30 pm

1. Minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting were reviewed.
Member Steve Howland moved the minutes be approved; member Alex Meade seconded the motion; K. Lytle, A. Meade, S. Howland and J. Eagan voted to approve the minutes.
2. NOI for Depot St. and Parking Lot Reconstruction
Town Administrator Heather Butler introduced the project, which will be part of Buckland's application for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Ms. Butler noted the application is due in March, and it is important to have permitting in place and show support of the community in the application.

Mike Carter of GCG noted he had met with Conservation Commission members Howland and Meade as well as Ms. Butler at the site to review the plans, which propose reconstruction of Depot St. (including additional sidewalk, curb, and designated parking lane) and parking lot. (As the parking lot falls outside the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction, Mr. Carter's presentation focused on the plan for stormwater drainage.) The drainage plan includes a new drain in the parking lot, with the intention of recharging water on site with conventional sumps, and a new catch basin and pipe to tie into Conway St. drains to prevent water flowing directly onto the street.

Conservation Commission members expressed concern about possible runoff during the construction period, and necessary coordination with the ongoing work on the Conway St. project, particularly in tying the new drain into the new pipework under the street. Mr. Carter said these concerns would be addressed with silt sacks/erosion control installed prior to construction, and maintained throughout the project, including on Conway St. if the protection there has been removed by the present contractor. Conservation Commission members noted the specifics for erosion control were not submitted as part of the NOI package; Mr. Carter noted the oversight, and accepted the proposal to include them in the Order of Conditions.

Member Meade moved that an Order of Conditions be drafted for File # 121-011 based on the discussions at this meeting, and upon the receipt of documentation for the placement of erosion/sedimentation control; member Howland seconded the motion; all members voted in favor of the motion.

3. Other Items within 48 hours

Member Howland brought to the Conservation Commission's attention an upcoming NOI for a new bridge for an East Buckland Rd. property, and noted flagging would happen after the snow season in advance of a March site visit.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Close Meeting

Member Howland moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by member Meade; all voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Alison Cornish, Boards Clerk

Documents Referenced

Notice of Intent, Stormwater Management Report, for the Depot Street portion of the Depot Street and Parking Lot Reconstruction Project in Buckland, Massachusetts, January 24, 2023, Prepared by GCG ASSOCIATES, INC., 84 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and accompanying plans.