

**SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

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**As Approved**

**Present:** Bill DeLuca, Chair; Neva Tolopko, Vice-Chair; Garth Schwellenbach, Member; Tom Dennis, Member; Mary Grover, Member; Kathleen Davis, Member; Aldo Villani, Associate Member; Anne Capra, Director of Planning and Conservation Department; Rebekah Cornell, Conservation Administrator; and Colleen Canning, Senior Clerk Planning and Conservation Department

Chair DeLuca called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and reviewed the virtual meeting protocols.

**Agenda Item #1 --- Open Public Form**

No members of the public indicated their interest to speak during the open form.

**Agenda Item #2 --- Introduction of new Conservation Administrator/Planner**

Since the Commission's previous meeting, Rebekah Cornell had been appointed as the Town's new Conservation Administrator. She was in attendance at the meeting and introduced herself by sharing her experiences working within other municipalities in the region. Starting at the Commission's next meeting, she would take the staff lead in administering the meetings.

**Agenda Item #3 --- Public Hearing Continuance for an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) filed by South Hadley Electric Light Department (SHELD) for 545 Granby Road/Route 202**

Mike Soares, Fuss & O'Neill, was present at the public meeting. He explained that the applicant was requesting a continuation of the public meeting. Due to recent inclement weather conditions and limited staffing availability, it had taken a while for all necessary parties to get on site to revise the delineation. However, the Commission could expect submission of a revised delineation within the upcoming weeks.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to continue the public meeting to October 6, 2021 at 6:00PM. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion. Six (6) out of six (6) Commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

**Agenda Item #4 --- Amended Enforcement Order issued to Val Shvetz at 80 River Road**

Val Shvetz, 80 River Road, was present at the meeting along with his consultant, Mike Mocko. Anne Capra issued an amended Enforcement Order to the property under the site's open Order of Conditions following conversations with the regional DEP circuit rider, Mark Stinson. The Enforcement Order required removal of a dock and associated boardwalk with requirements for restoration plantings. The applicant had complied with conditions of the enforcement having

removed the unauthorized structures and re-seeded the disturbed areas with a native wetland mix. As the conditions of enforcement had been complied with, the Commission did not need to pursue collecting fines from the property owner. Any new construction on site would require filing a Notice of Intent. However, as an open Order of Conditions remained tied to the property, the property owner would peruse closing the Order before seeking new permitting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Dennis moved to ratify the amended Enforcement Order issued to the property at 80 River Road. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Six (6) out of six (6) members voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

**Agenda Item #5 --- 6:30 PM Public Hearing for a request to Amend Order of Conditions #288-0468 field by FSi Oil and Propane, Inc. for the construction of a 50’x60’ accessory building within Riverfront Area to Buttery Brook at 27 Gaylord Street (Map 18, Parcel 110)**

Christopher Carny, R. Levesque Associates, was present at the meeting. He explained that the Commission previously issued Order of Conditions for the construction of an accessory building at 27 Gaylord Street. The applicant was seeking to amend the Order because the building’s location needed to be shifted slightly to accommodate the design of the building’s oil and water separator. Members of the Commission observed that the new siting of the building was beyond the limit of work defined in the original Order. The Commission could issue the amended order with a condition requiring the original limit of work be maintained.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to issue amended Orders of Condition #288-0468 for the construction of an accessory building at 27 Gaylord Street with special conditions to include: 1) the limit of work as defined in the original Order of Conditions must be maintained and 2) all improvements to outflows as defined in the original Order of Conditions must be performed. Commissioner Grover seconded the motion. Six (6) out of six (6) Commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

**Agenda Item #6 --- Minutes**

Draft minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting were sent to the Commission prior to the meeting.

**Motion:** Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to approve the draft minutes of the August 4, 2021 meeting Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion. Four (4) out of six (6) members voted in favor of the motion through roll call. Chair DeLuca and Vice-Chair Tolopko abstained from the vote as they were not in attendance at the August 4, 2021 meeting.

**Agenda Item #7 --- Administrator’s Report**

Anne Capra detailed the following items:

- *Kiosks* – New kiosks were being installed at Bynan and Black Stevens Conservation Areas as well as at the Hahn-Warner Arboretum.
- *Trail Mapping* – Rebekah Cornell was working on creating trail maps for the Newton Carver Jones Conservation Area.
- *MVP Grant* – The Town was recently awarded a grant to study the feasibility of removal of the Queensville Dam

**Agenda Item #8 --- Other New Business**

Anne Capra detailed the following items:

- *315 Amherst Road* – The Commission needed to carve out time on a future agenda to explore naming the newly acquired property
- *Forest Cutting Plan* – A Forest Cutting Plan along River Road had garnered a lot of public interest. Even though the State Forester was the permitting authority, the Commission could request a site visit. Anne Capra had spoken with interested residents regarding possible avenues for protection or acquisition of the property. However, this could of course only be done in working with the current property owner.

**Adjournment**

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**As Approved**

Colleen Canning, Senior Clerk

Planning and Conservation Department

<b>Document</b>	<b>Document Location</b>
Q&A Report	No Q&A comments
545 Granby Road - ANRAD	Conservation Files
80 River Road – Enforcement Order	Conservation Files
27 Gaylord Street – Amended OOC	Conservation Files