

**SOUTH HADLEY CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2021**

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Present: Bill DeLuca, Chair; Neva Tolopko, Vice-Chair; Bill Bacis, Member; Garth Schwellenbach, Member; Tom Dennis, Member; Mary Grover, Member; Kathleen Davis, Member; Aldo Villani, Associate Member; 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 --- 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

The applicant's consultant, Matt Kissane of Fuss & O'Neill, was present at the hearing.

The hearing to consider the ANRAD was previously continued because field data sheets associated with the revised delineation had not been submitted. Since then, the applicant submitted the necessary documents which would allow the Commission to close the hearing and act on the filing. As was discussed at the previous hearing date, a finding-of-fact could be applied to the Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD) to indicate that the location of an Inland Bank within the delineated wetland was not confirmed.

Motion: Vice-Chair Tolopko moved to approve the Order of Resource Delineation #288-0469 filed by the South Hadley Electric Light Department for the property located at 545 Granby Road with special conditions. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Seven (7) out of seven (7) commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #3 --- Request for Certificate of Compliance of Local Wetland Bylaw for Line 1327-1428-1447 Structure Replacement Project by Eversource

Commissioner Grover recused herself from the meeting as she had a professional relationship with the applicant. The applicant's consultant, Melissa Coady of Tighe and Bond, was present at the meeting.

Order of Conditions under the South Hadley Wetlands Bylaw had been issued to Eversource for replacement of structures along their right-of-way. As the work had been completed, staff attended a site visit with the applicant's consultant to review the completed project. Timber matting to allow access through Resource Areas had been removed early in the growing season to allow the site to fully revegetate.

Motion: Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to issue a Certification of Compliance to Order of Conditions issued under the South Halley Wetland Bylaw to Eversource Energy for replacement of structures along lines 1327-1428-1447 within the right-of-way. Commissioner Dennis seconded the motion. Six (6) out of seven (7) commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call. Commissioner Grover abstained from the vote.

Agenda Item #4 --- Request for Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions #288-331 for Shadowbrook Estates, Unit # 27 by Nicole Bercume, Esq.

Andrew Bass was present at the meeting to represent the request.

A request for a Certificate of Compliance had been received to release Unit #27 within Shadowbrook Estates from Order of Conditions 288-0331. The OOC was for development of the residential complex and conditions would remain in perpetuity for operation and maintenance activities.

Motion: Commissioner Schwellenbach moved to issue a partial certificate of compliance to release Shadowbrook Estates, Unit 27 from Order of Conditions #288-0331. Commissioner Bacis seconded the motion. Seven (7) out of seven (7) commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #5 --- Request for Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions #288-418 for 87 River Road by Magdalena & Pawel Taraska

The applicant, Magdalena Taraska, was present at the meeting to represent the request.

Order of Conditions 288-0418 had been issued to 87 River Road for site work which included: connection to Town sewer, construction of retaining walls, and driveway redevelopment with associated detention basin. The OOC was issued in 2013 and the project had remained partially unfinished as the homeowners moved out of state. The sewer connection and construction of the retaining walls had been completed. However, driveway construction and associated detention basin did not appear to be installed. The landscaping plan for mitigation had been completed and the site was fully vegetated as the residence remained vacant.

The Commission discussed issuing a Certificate of Compliance to a project which had uncompleted items. It was identified that incompleteness of the new driveway led to lesser impact to the Riverfront Area. Additionally, issuance of a COC would allow the property to be sold to a new owner who could maintain the property.

Motion: Commissioner Grover moved to issue a Certificate of Compliance to Order of Conditions #288-0418 for site work at 87 River Road. Commissioner Tolopko seconded the motion. Seven (7) out of seven (7) members voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #6 --- 315 Amherst Road Conservation Area Name

At the Commission's previous meeting, potential names for the newly acquired Conservation Area at 315 Amherst Road were discussed. It was recommended that a site visit be scheduled to allow the Commission to walk the property. The site walk was scheduled for October 29 at 3:00 PM.

Agenda Item #7 --- Approval of October 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Draft minutes of the October 6, 2021 meeting were sent to the Commission for review.

Motion: Vice-Chair Tolopko moved to approve the October 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Davis seconded the motion. Six (6) out of seven (7) Commissioners voted in favor of the motion through roll call.

Agenda Item #8 --- Administrator's Report

Rebekah Cornell detailed the following items:

- *San Souci Enforcement Order* – Staff conducted a site visit to review the mitigation performed to remedy enforcement action taken against 56 San Souci for unpermitted tree removal and woodchip dumping. The mitigation plantings had been installed and the woodchips had been removed. However, boulders marking the Resource Area still needed to be installed.
- *Volunteer Work Parties* – Volunteer events would be hosted October 29 and 30 for maintenance of Conservation Areas.

Agenda Item #9 --- Other New Business

Commissioner Bacis stated that he would be resigning from the Commission and this meeting would be his last. The Commission thanked Commissioner Bacis for his years of service.

Adjournment

Chair DeLuca adjourned the meeting at 6:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Colleen Canning, Senior Clerk, Planning and Conservation Department

Appendix

Document	Document Location
No Q&A Report	---
288-0469 ANRAD	Conservation Files
RCOC – Eversource Bylaw Only work	Conservation Files
ROC -288-0331	Conservation Files
RCOC – 288-0418	Conservation Files