

Minutes
Lee Conservation Commission
32 Main Street via Zoom
October 21, 2020

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; John Philpott; Stu Dalheim; John Coty, Jr., Marilyn Hansen
Members of the Public Present (via zoom): Mike Kulig, Berkshire Engineering; Joshua Stanton, Melissa Kaplan, BSC Group (for Eversource)

- **Notice of Intent David Askew Eversource DEP #196-0472 Replacement of three (3) existing structures along the 1421 transmission line in Lee (Phase 2)** Ms. Kaplan presented.
Eversource is proposing to replace three of the existing electrical transmission structures. These are located between Cape Street and Greenwater Brook. Construction of a short access ramp to Structure 32134 is needed for stable travel and work surface. needed. Part of the access road is within the 200' Riverfront area and the 100' buffer zone to the Inland Bank of Greenwater Brook. Once the construction is complete, the access road will be restored to pre-construction conditions; seeded and mulched. Greenwater Brook crosses the 1421 transmission line right after the structures. The contractor is the same as the one who has done the work behind the Outlet Mall. There were questions as to the name associated with the project—is it Eversource or Western Massachusetts Electric Company? Western Massachusetts and Instar are subsidiaries of Eversource. **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Coty to approve the Notice of Intent DEP #196-0472 with the acknowledgement of the correct name of the project and the notification of the Commission when the work is to start. Unanimous approval**
- **WPA Notice of Intent SMA Notice of Intent Joshua Stanton 155 Chestnut Street No DEP number Construction of a single-family home, septic system, well and installation of a new driveway**
- Mr. Kulig presented the plan of the overall site. DEP comments from Mr. Stinson include the fact that the stream crossing for the driveway required a separate fee. Also, the measurements for the bankful measurements and locations need to be on the plan. Mr. Kulig's understanding is that if the stream crossings are met then the bankful standards are met. The 7' culvert that is proposed will meet the standards. The openness ratio is .85' meets the required minimum standards. The driveway will be 13' wide after the flare, which is 22' in length—this wider flare is needed to accommodate larger vehicles such as firetrucks. The culvert is to be partially covered using existing stream bed material.
The proposed work falls at an elevation above 1280' and is within Mapped Mountain Region "C" of the Lee Scenic Mountains Act. There will be cutting of trees, site grading and construction of approximately 300 sq.ft of the home as well as installation of a septic tank and related piping. The owner would like to cut the trees up to 75 feet from the back of the house for safety reasons. The location of the house was discussed and the plan shown appears to be the only area for its location when considering the intermittent stream, the grade of the land and the septic and well setbacks. There are questions as to the visibility of the house from other places. Mr. Kulig will stake out the area and get responses to Mr. Stinson. A site visit was set up for this Saturday, October 24th at 10 AM. **Motion made by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Philpott to continue the WPA Notice of Intent and the SMA Notice of Intent until the next meeting on November 4, 2020. Unanimous approval**

- **Request for Certificate of Compliance Lexington Manor Apartments DEP #196-0002
Installation of a sewer line
Motion made by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Coty to issue a complete Certificate of
Compliance Unanimous approval**
- **Request for Certificate of Compliance Lexington Manor Apartments DEP #196-117 Clearing
debris from a brook
Motion made by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Coty to issue a complete Certificate of
Compliance Unanimous approval**

Renee Dowd would like to be on the agenda next meeting for 915 Pleasant Street. She needs to submit the information on the location of the proposed fence. Once that is done, she will be put on the agenda

The Eagle Mill will be submitting paperwork for changes in their project

Ms. Hansen reported on the water main installations. There is nothing specific to the Commission happening.

The next Commission meeting will be done via Zoom.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Philpott at 8:05 PM. Unanimous approval