

Minutes
Lee Conservation Commission
Town Hall Meeting Room 32 Main Street
Wednesday August 19, 2020

Commissioners Present: Kathy Arment, Chair; John Coty, Jr. Marilyn Hansen; Stu Dalheim

Commissioners Absent: John Philpott; James Wickham

Members of the Public Present: Amer Raza, MassDOT; Al Zerbato, Lee DPW; Christine Reynolds; Erik Williams, Sean Curley

- **Request for Determination of Applicability MassDOT, Highway Division Interstate 90 Resurfacing and related work** Mr. Raza presented the plan. Work will include micro milling, hot mix asphalt overlay, pavement marking, guardrail replacement, drainage grate replacement, cleaning drainage pipes and structures, and other related work. Areas that are disturbed will be loamed and seeded. Erosion controls will be used. The Division of Fisheries & Wildlife determined that this project will not result in a prohibited take of state-listed rare species. **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Dalheim to issue a negative #2 determination. Unanimous approval**
- **David Partridge Tighe & Bond Work on Bradley Street water main.** Mr. Zerbato was present as a representative of the Lee DPW. The concern of the Commission is work is close to wetlands and resource areas and no notice was given to the Commission about this major project. It is understood that maintenance such as this can be done without a wetland permit but a notification of the Commission should be done. Mr. Zerbato phoned Mr. Partridge and concerns of the Commission were presented to Mr. Partridge—these included no notification of work very close to the wetlands and the cove; the equipment was staged right by wetlands; 8” trenching around the cove, the size of the straw wattles and the fact that some of these were in the wetland; equipment was driven into the wetland. Some of this was noted as not being exempted.
- **Christine Reynolds 631 East Street Questions about a stream filling with silt.** Ms. Reynolds described the property, 631 East Street. There is a stream on the property line that is filling with silt and the water that should be going in the stream is spreading into the backyard of the residence. The question is what to do about this problem. The Commission would like an RDA filed for the cleaning out of the silt (not dredging).
- **Changes on Interstate 90 culvert mitigation** The Commission has considered the changes in respect to the mitigation areas and has no problem with them. **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Dalheim to approve the changes in the mitigation areas as presented by Jacobs Engineering and J H Maxymillion Inc. in a letter dated August 5, 2020.**
- **West Road** Mr. Zerbato presented the plan for repaving West Road. There are two areas of wetlands on both sides. Wattles will be used for erosion control (he will send the size to the Commission before work starts).

- **Mr. Farley requested a continuance for his presentation.** Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Dalheim to grant the continuance.

- **Edith Warton Park** There have been concerns of people launching their kayaks and canoes into Laurel Lake from the park. A sign will be made stating “No boats (kayaks, canoes, etc.) can be launched from this location.”

- **Erik Williams from Canna Provisions** introduced a project titled “Roll-on in ‘A drive-In Experience’”. This would be a socially distant, drive-in movie and/or an art live event held at 987 Meadow Street (across from Drake’s Auto Parts). There would be no permanent structures. The Commission’s main concern is the wetland area on the property and the proximity of the temporary structures and vehicles. The Commission would like to see a map or plan that shows the location of the wetlands and the relationship to the land being considered for use.

- **Motion by Ms. Arment with a second by Mr. Dalheim to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020, the June 17, 2020, the July 1, 2020 and the July 15, 2020 meetings. Unanimous approval**

Documents: RDA MassDOT I-90 resurfacing; Changes to RDA for I-90 culvert mitigation; Roll On-in ‘A Drive-In Experience’