

May 30, 2014 Conservation Com. Meeting Minutes

Members attending: Myra Carlow Chair, Virginia Gabert, vice chair, Thom Chiofalo Secretary, Bob Clancy, Prue Berry

Guests: Dan Pallotta School Project manager, Suzie Zavotka chair School Building Construction Com., Michael Phillips, owns around Mill pond, Mark Stinson MACC DEP circuit rider, Rosie Gordon

6:00 Board Meeting called to order

1) Review and discuss Report prepared by Erosion and Sedimentation Control Monitor hired by the Rowe School Building Com. in compliance with Enforcement Order amended May 17th 2014.

Review of submitted Preliminary Report by Dan Rokowski of Tighe and Bond, Engineering and Environmental Consultants. of May 27th for the School construction site Stabilization and Wetland Restoration Report.

Virginia questions Dan Pallotta, Project Manager on a number of issues dealing with the progress of the Enforcement Order. See attached:

Questions on Restoration Plan will be discussed after review of future Engineer's suggestion and Tighe & Bond submitted plans.

Suzie announces that School Construction Committee will schedule a meeting next week to accept and sign a contract with Tighe & Bond.

First site monitor's report due Wed. June 5th 4th

7:10 Suzie and Dan leave.

Board discusses situation in light of earlier question and answers. Mark Stinson of DEP feels Site manager's enforcement lacking and not timely.

Myra suggests we give one week to watch if enforcement is done by June 7th.

Next Con Com Meeting, June 11th at 6:00

This discussion closed at 7:25

2) 7:30 Review of May 13th Meeting minutes. The Tom Danek logging question researched and found to be a non issue. Myra moves to accept min., Bob seconds and it is passed unanimously

3) 7:40 Review of May 21 Min. by Prue. Bob makes a motion to accept and Virginia seconds and is passed unanimously.

4) Virginia submits article to inform Rowe residents of the Wetland Regulations. Board happy with it and thanks her. The article will be in next Goal Post.

8:05 Meeting is adjourned.

Min. approved: My Bennett Carlow Date: 6/11/14

ATTACHMENTS - 2

Answers to questions asked by Virginia Gabert at May 30, 2014 Conservation Commission Meeting:

Subject: Rowe School Enforcement Orders

1. On the May 23 site visit, John Lawlor was unable to locate the SWPPP on site. Has one been located? Dan Pallotta provided a copy, but was not sure it was the final version. He also provided a copy of the EPA transmittal. He will email a copy of the final version early next week along with a copy of C4 plan. Email will be to Myra, cc Karen Hirschberg.
2. Did the School Building Committee(SBC) (and/or Project Manager(PM)) tell the Contractor to comply with the original EO? When? Dan Pallotta replied that a copy was sent to the Contractor 15 minutes after it was delivered. He also explained that his job is to limit liability to the Town. The Field Officer on site warned the Contractor to maintain E&S controls. The Contractor did not move as fast as they wished. When the question was repeated, Dan Pallotta replied that they were provided a copy, but he did not tell them directly to comply. He also needs to check Mike Delvecchio's notes.
3. When did SBC/PM start looking for E&S monitor/specialist as well as Wetlands specialist? Dan Pallotta reported that they initially talked with the engineer of record (Stevens & Associates, PC) to see if they had adequate measures. Tighe and Bond was contacted on or around May 11; contract has not yet been signed, but they do have the documentation. SBC does not have a meeting scheduled for next week, but will schedule one for this purpose.
4. Will Dan Rukokoski of Tighe and Bond provide both services? DP relied that someone from T&B would perform the services, but they do not know who.
5. Will Dan Rukokoski "appropriately size the detention basins" as described in memo? DP replied that T&B has the capability, but they are trying to determine whether T&B should do this or the engineer of record. The intent is that T&B will identify the environmental impacts.
6. Have recommendations from T&B been acted on? Which ones and when? This had been largely touched on in different parts of the discussion, but summary is as follows: Under Erosion Control:
 - a. Erosion control blanket has been installed along lower portion of slope only. No seeding done yet. No rip rap adjacent to slope entrance.
 - b. Erosion control blankets installed on some, but not most of the slopes.
 - c. Soil stockpiles not covered.
 - d. Detention basin sizing not definitively evaluated.
 - e. Soil/sediment WAS removed from behind erosion controls and filter sacks.
 - f. Accumulated sediment WAS removed from storm drains on site.
7. When will hydroseeding take place? DP reported that the seed mixture did not pass muster with the engineer of record. They are looking into sod for the horizontal. This should all take place next week. An erosion stopper seed mix was approved by the engineer of record.
8. Has sediment been removed from behind all controls? Yes.

9. Who will be submitting weekly reports? Tighe and Bond. Conservation Commission required reports to be filed on Wednesdays each week – emailed or delivered to Myra.
10. Virginia informed Susie Zavotka (SBC) and Dan Pallotta (PM) that the restoration plan was due May 28. We need to know what wetlands corrective measures will be taken when and where. This needs to be mapped out and clearly described. Both the SBC and DEW (Contractor) are now in violation of the Enforcement Orders, so this needs to be treated as a serious priority.

Timeline per Orders:

May 1 – initial EO issued to SBC; requiring site stabilization by end of day (May 1); restoration plan by May 13; emailed summary of expectations, including plan for monitoring E&S controls by May 13. (never received plan for monitoring and maintaining E&S)

May 13 – agreed to extend the deadline for restoration plan to May 28. (do not have it yet)

May 17 – amended EO to SBC following second violation; requiring:

- 1) Qualified E&S control monitor/specialist be hired and on site by Monday morning (May 19) and that the Commission be furnished with a copy of his/her credentials and a preliminary report including recommendations by the end of the day on Monday (May 19). (Site was apparently inspected on May 22; ConCom indirectly heard of identity; no direct notification until Tuesday, May 27).
- 2) Qualified Wetlands specialist be hired and on site by Monday morning (May 19) and that the Commission be furnished with a copy of his/her credentials and a preliminary report including recommendations by the end of the day on Monday (May 19). This specialist will also be required to furnish a report detailing any necessary restoration action and an appropriate restoration schedule. (no direct notification until Tuesday, May 27).
- 3) Weekly written reports are to be submitted from each professional, unless an alternate schedule is accepted by the Commission.

May 21 – issued second EO to DEW, compelling compliance with EO issued to SBC.