

**Salem Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting**

Date and Time: Thursday, January 21, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Large Conference Room, City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street
Members Present: Dan Ricciarelli, Scott Sheehan, Malissa Vieira, Bart Hoskins, Tom Campbell
Members Absent: Chair Gregory St. Louis, Tyler Glode
Others Present: Brittany Dolan, Conservation Agent
Recorder: Stacy Kilb

Vice Chair Hoskins calls the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

I. ROLL CALL

II. REGULAR AGENDA

A. 0 Story Street – Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability for Stephen Lovely, Castle Hill Group LLC, 14 Story Street, Salem, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed soil testing for the proposed stormwater management for the property located at 0 Story Street within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance.

Chris Mello of Eastern Land Survey describes the project. There will be two test pits in each area with one in each proposed dwelling. No erosion is expected due to the time of year, and the area is relatively flat. Afterward, the area will be backfilled and graded.

A motion to close the public hearing is made by Sheehan, seconded by Ricciarelli, and the motion carries.

A motion to issue a Negative 2 and Negative 6 determination is made by Ricciarelli, seconded by Cambell and the motion carries.

B. Jefferson Ave, Wheatland St, and Lawrence St Proposed Gas Line – DEP # TBD (64-691 as of 1/21/20) – Public Hearing - Notice of Intent for Andrew Shelby of Boston Gas Company (National Grid), 40 Sylvan Road, Waltham, MA. The purpose of the hearing is to discuss the proposed installation of a natural gas line under Jefferson Ave. (Ocean Ave. W. to Wheatland St.), Wheatland St. and Lawrence St. (Wheatland St. to Friendship Lane) within an area subject to the Wetlands Protection Act MGL c.131§40 and Salem Wetlands Protection & Conservation Ordinance

Rick Canavan of Tigh & Bond represents National Grid. He outlines the location and scope of the work. This was previously approved by the Commission as an NOI, though it is exempt as utility in a roadway. There will be no net fill. This is a new Notice of Intent; the work never happened under the old Order of Conditions, and the Applicant was given an incomplete Certificate of Compliance. Brittany Dolan notes that DEP File # 64-497 was issued today.

Sheehan motions, and Ricciarelli seconds, to close the public hearing; the motion carries.

A motion to issue an Order of Conditions with Standard Conditions is made by Sheehan, seconded by Vieira, and passes with all in favor.

III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. Salem State University – Request for changes in Triannual Monitoring Program of former GTE/Sylvania site.

Tara Gallagher describes the monitoring process thus far. Monitoring had been occurring three times per year as required per a 1993 Order of Conditions; consistent data gathering has occurred since 1996. While she and the University take their responsibility seriously, they are seeking relief from what both she and the Board felt was excessive monitoring, which incurs an annual cost of more than \$25,000. The 30 year time frame would be complete in 2026 and she is requesting a reduction in the monitoring frequency to once a year between now and then.

No anomalies have been seen since 1996, with the one exception of a lab contaminant. There has been no seasonal variation. She did discuss monitoring with Tetra Tech, who conducts it, but did not ask what the minimum frequency of monitoring that they would recommend, would be.

The desired frequency of testing is discussed. The Commissioners have not yet reviewed the data that was provided at the last meeting, or the most recent test results.

Sediment, groundwater, and surface water all get sampled; however, it is noted that surface water is, essentially, the ocean. Options for both the frequency and content of monitoring are discussed. The Commission would prefer less frequent monitoring, say once per year of groundwater only until 2026, then groundwater monitoring every 5 years in perpetuity, but may not be able to require this. At the 30 year mark the Commission may issue the Certificate of Compliance, and would recommend infrequent inspections after that point. Ms. Gallagher notes that the University paid \$12,000 in 1018 to have some wells replaced and rehabilitated.

Bart Hoskins notes that Superfund does spot checks, but not necessarily sample, every 5 years, and then determines if they need to sample. Ms. Gallagher has the original Order of Conditions. Logistics of the wells is discussed.

A motion to provide the following is made by Tom Campbell:

- Sample once per year for the remainder of the 30 year period in or around December (through December 2026)
- Test Groundwater and Sediment for VOC using RCRA analysis
- One full round of testing (surface, groundwater, and sediment) shall be conducted at the end of the 30 year period

The motion is seconded by Vieira and passes unanimously.

B. Review previously issued Order of Conditions – DEP # 64-690 – 79 Columbus Avenue

The DEP would like a re-signed signature page with the date and new DEP file number, from the four Commissioners that were present at the last meeting. This is done.

C. Request for Certificate of Compliance – DEP # 64-47 – 130 Canal Street

The project was built in 1979 and the Certificate of Compliance was never obtained. Michael Donahue is present for the Applicant. Work appears to have been completed in accordance with the Plans.

A motion to issue the Certificate of Compliance is made by Sheehan, seconded by Campbell, and passes 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 26, 2019 & December 12, 2019

A motion to table the approval of the November 26 minutes, due to a lack of quorum on this item only, is made by Vieira, seconded by Campbell, and the motion carries.

A motion to approve the December 12, 2019 minutes is made by Campbell, seconded by Vieira, and passes 5-0.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn is made by Sheehan, seconded by Vieira, and passes unanimously.

The meeting ends at 7:15PM.

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Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Kilb
Clerk, Salem Conservation Commission