

CHARLTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

February 20 2019

- I. Call to order:
 1. Arthur Bellerive called the meeting to order at 7:00
 2. Absents: Thomas O'Malley, James Allen, Ron Royer
 3. Present: Edward Nowak, Robert Hartwig, Mitch Dunn and Arthur Bellerive

- II. Consent Agenda:
 1. W.B. Mason Invoice was paid

- III. Scheduled Appointments:

7:00 Called meeting to Order

Certificates of Compliances

The certificate of Compliance for Peter Hauge, Jr. - 69 Stevens Park Rd was signed.

7:05 1 Doric Circle – LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc Request for Determination of Applicability

Andrea Kendal from LEC Environmental, Paul McLean and Adam Christie from ZPT Energy Solutions presented their project.

They stated their project included the installation of a photo-voltaic solar array depicted on the Plan Set and situated within the central-eastern portion of the Site within forested uplands. The arrays will provide a total of 5+ megawatts (AC) of solar power. All proposed work will be located outside the 100-ft Buffer Zone to BVW and bank to intermittent stream and outside the 200-ft Riverfront Area to an unnamed perennial stream, and therefore not subjected to jurisdiction under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Todd Girard had no concerns with the project and recommended a Negative Determination.

Arthur Bellerive requested a motion to issue a Negative Determination; Robert Hartwig made a motion to issue the Negative Determination; Mitch Dunn seconded the motion and it was voted in unanimous favor.

7:10 35 North Main Street – Michael Konan Sr. – Central Mass Builders Request for extension for Order of Resource Area Delineation

Todd Girard explained to the board that this project had not started and the Order of Resource Area Delineation issued in 2016 was about to expire. He recommended an extension.

Arthur Bellerive requested a motion to issue the Extension for a previous issued Order of Resource area Delineation; Mitch Dunn made a motion to issue the Order; Robert Hartwig seconded the motion and it was voted in unanimous favor.

7:15 10 H Putnam Rd Extension – Christine Abbott

Request for Determination of Applicability

David Abbott and Christine Abbott presented their project stating that it included the removal of (6) inches of dirt in 2 rectangular areas – 36'X36' each and replacement of the dirt with washed sand suitable for playing. The area would be graded to maintain suitable playing surface with a slight downward grade to promote drainage. A flexible drainage pipe would be placed and buried along the long border of the current grassed area. The disturbed grassed area would be re seeded and covered with mulch area to promote grass re-growth. Hay bales would be used for erosion control.

Todd Girard had no concerns with the project and recommended a Negative Determination.

Arthur Bellerive requested a motion to issue the Negative Determination; Robert Hartwig made a motion to issue the Order; Edward Nowak seconded the motion and it was voted in unanimous favor.

Discussion Items:

Request to install High Tunnels at Fay Mountain Farm

Todd Girard introduced Neil Johnson's proposal to install High Tunnels at the Fay Mountain Farm to benefit the upcoming raspberry season. The High tunnels would provide a rain cover to the raspberries so the farmers could control how much water would be given through drip irrigation. In addition, the tunnels would not allow the crop to be ruined by rainstorm.

A second benefit in installing the tunnels is bird control. Keeping the birds out would assure a higher number of raspberries and less contamination potential.

The last benefit is for the prevention frost late in the season. If a late season frost occurs, nursery mats could be used between the rows and the weeds would be kept down with a clean "pick your own" spot for families.

After discussion, the board decided to approve the proposal.

Arthur Bellerive requested a motion to approve the Request for High Tunnels Installation at the Fay Mountain Farm. Robert Hartwig made a motion to approve the proposal; Mitch Dunn seconded the motion and it was voted in unanimous favor.

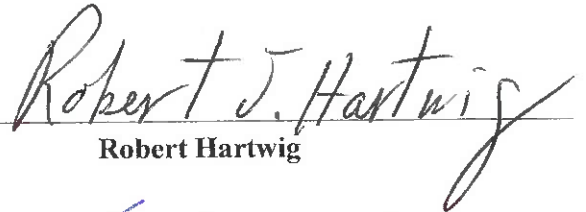
The meeting was adjourned at 7:45

Submitted by:
Rose Conway
Conservation Clerk

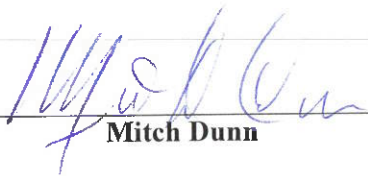
Accepted by Conservation Commission:



Edward Nowak



Robert Hartwig



Mitch Dunn



Arthur Bellerive