

TOWN OF  
**STONEHAM**  
MASSACHUSETTS

Town Hall  
35 Central Street

**Stoneham Conservation Commission**  
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**STONEHAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**July 11 2022**

**REMOTE 7 PM**

Please join meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Access Code: **418-943-541**

Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, Norman L'Esperance, Thomas Valton (DCR), Alex Rozycki, Robert Lowell, Diann Ewanchuk, David Billo, Noel Lioce

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Pond St/ Virginia Wood**

*Diann Ewanchuk/David Billo*

Notice of Intent for rehabilitation

Robert Lowell Deputy Chief, Thomas Valton Director of storm water and Sovereign Consulting David Billo and Diann Ewanchuk as project manager. David Billo Middle Pond Dam Repair powerpoint. Came in February 2023 to introduce project. Virginia Wood in Middlesex Fells area. Spot pond brook in stilling pool in dam structure. Remove sediment and structurally rehabilitate walls with patching of leaks. Remove appx 18 inches of sediment. Low levels of petroleum, MWRA has history with Conservation Commission. Open DEP site. Responsible party MWRA. Water will be redirected with sandbags and pipe into stream. Access by limited number of power vehicles and workers on foot by Pond St parking area. Stay on upper fire road. Erosion control. Mini excavator and hand tools. Bobcat or excavator for uphill sediment transfer to container on fire road. DCR labor yard will store sediment. 100 cubic yards sediment removal. Work being done under a DEP submitted RAM Plan.

Ellen McBride asks if MWRA is onboard with future responsibilities?

David Billo answers this has been a delineated mass DEP release for years, MWRA keeping it in compliance. Some contaminated sediment will be removed, site will be improved but MWRA will still have it open.

Robert Lowell in discussions with MWRA that Spot Pond Brook discharge from pump station shows low levels of risk and has impeded repairs to the dam. Public access will be improved. 1984 was the former spill.

Ellen McBride says 12/30/2022 site visit says incorrect year so please send corrected date.

Ellen McBride asks why 8 inch pipe is being abandoned, David Billo believes it's not needed.

Ellen McBride asks about DCR working with MWRA Grimsby intersection needs flooding improvement efforts. West Wyoming properties may have helped folks on Philips Rd, wanted to mention help in that intersection.

DCR did some cleaning and removal of debris by West Wyoming of Spot Pond Brook last year, restoration plan there from DEP. Intersection of West Wyoming Thomas Valton adds parkway section is looking at this intersection and improvements are in design. Work DCR did improve Philips/West Wyoming cleaned culvert and downstream changes to Melrose.

Bob Parsons states Dam repair is purpose of project and then discovery of haz mat brought in Sovereign. Low levels limit work to immediate resource area. David Billo said Conservation Commission looked at it before. Sediment variables make it harder to say what it is acceptable. Bob Parsons asks once material is removed is there any condition? Robert Lowell replies restores spillway functionality, control and restore waterfall.

Alex Rozycki says all on DCR land, concern with getting equipment on fire access road perhaps not on a rainy day. Let fire department know road will be blocked. Thomas Valton verifies.

Bob Parsons is there any stabilization after sediment removed. Will be a dam, repointing will provide additional storage and no other reconstruction.

David Billo says it will be returned to original condition/intention.

Jessica Gerke asks about railings. Thomas Valton replies separate trails project.

Ellen McBride asks about dam repair. Answered dry conditions late summer, contractor lined up.

Alex Rozycki makes a motion to close public hearing and vote to approve contingent on DEP number. Seconded by Norman L'Esperance Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, Norman L'Esperance and Alex Rozycki 6/0

## **DISCUSSION**

### **3 Daniel Drive**

*Joseph Penney*

DCR report and Amended Enforcement Order

To be discussed at next meeting.

### **Storm Water Wetlands Restoration Project**

*Alex Rozycki*

DPW Conservation survey

Town of Reading moved to voting stage on a house bill with a similar project, time to reach out to local representation for Stoneham once design is complete. Earmarks are coming, grant writing is time intensive. Invite Mike Day and Jason Lewis to one of our next meetings to ask what we could apply for. Talk to Brett Gonsalves with projects were looking to fund per Alex Rozycki. ARPA money could be spent on stream clearing per Ellen McBride, water shed study discussed with Dennis Sheehan. Erin Wortman part of discussion to understand grant opportunities and funding sources. Bob Parsons mentions resiliency dollars, funding sources we could tap into. Ellen McBride mentions tree planting.

### **Newcomb Rd**

*Ellen McBride*

Letter to abutters

Encroaching to Whip Hill complaint, so Ellen McBride investigated with Jim Previte. Ellen McBride will send letter to all and then edit and mail to abutters. May put in paper or publish on website. Drought info from DPW sent out and posted on website.

### **Approve Meeting Minutes June 13, 2022**

Motion by Alex Rozycki seconded by Bob Parsons. Roll call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, and Alex Rozycki 5/0

Next Meeting August 8, 2022

Motion to adjourn meeting by Norman L'Esperance seconded by Alex Rozycki. Roll Call yes Ellen McBride, Bob Parsons, Rob Fotino, Jessica Gerke, Norman L'Esperance and Alex Rozycki 6/0