

**Rochester Conservation Commission
October 16, 2018**

Present: Michael Conway, Chairman
Christopher Gerrior
Laurene Gerrior
Maggie Payne
Chris Post

Absent: Daniel Gagne, Vice Chairman

Laurell J. Farinon, Conservation Agent
Margaret Gonneville, Board Administrator

The meeting was held in the Town Hall conference room. Chairman Conway called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and announced that the meeting was being televised.

Public Hearing

***(Continued from October 2, 2018)* DEP File # SE 272-0561 An Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation filed by Steve Long, Borrego Solar Systems, Inc., 55 Technology Drive, Suite 102, Lowell, MA 01851, for property located on 75 Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 23 on Assessor's Map 32. The purpose of the filing is to confirm 6,662 linear feet of Bordering Vegetated Wetland boundary. The property owner of record is Kiriakos A. Rentumis, 75 Vaughan Hill Road, Rochester, MA 02770.**

Steve Long of Borrego Solar Systems was present at the public hearing, and explained that he was present as requested to provide an update to the Commission. Agent Farinon had gone to the site with the Wetland Scientist yesterday to review the revised wetland delineation in the field, and there is still a significant area of disagreement. The missing wetland flagging stations noted in Agent Farinon's report have still not been re-established.

Mr. Long requested a continuation of the public hearing until November 20, 2018. A motion to continue the public hearing until November 20, 2018 was made by Member Christopher Gerrior and seconded by Member Laurene Gerrior. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (5-0-0).**

***(Continued from October 2, 2018)* DEP File # SE 272-0560 A Notice of Intent filed by Joseph Longo, CorGo LLC, 91 Sarah Sherman Road, Rochester, MA 02770 for property located at Mendell Road, Rochester, MA 02770, designated as Lot 2 on Assessor's Map 30. The applicant proposes construction of a single family dwelling, with associated driveway, septic system, and drinking water well within the 100-foot Buffer Zone of a bordering vegetated wetland. A portion of said work is within the 200-foot Outer Riparian Zone of Sherman Brook. Erosion control measures will be implemented. The property owner of record is Joseph Longo, CorGo, LLC, 91 Sarah Sherman Road, Rochester, MA 02770. The applicant's representative is Joseph Longo, JL3 Consulting, Inc., 414A Phinneys Lane, Centerville, MA 02632.**

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Ryan Correia and Joseph Longo of CorGo LLC were present at the public hearing. Mr. Longo stated that the ownership documentation for CorGo LLC has been submitted to the Commission as requested, and that they are still waiting for the Wetland Scientist to complete the narrative and alternatives analysis. Mr. Longo requested a continuance until November 20, 2018.

A motion to continue the public hearing until November 20, 2018 was made by Member Laurene Gerrior and seconded by Member Payne. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (5-0-0).**

Commission Business

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2018 was made by Chairman Conway, seconded by Member Laurene Gerrior and all were in favor. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (5-0-0).**

Voucher(s)

The following vouchers were approved for payment: Staples / Printer Ink / Office Supplies: \$230.06 and Laurell J. Farinon / Mileage and Transportation: \$308.57.

New Business

Informal Discussion with William F. Madden, P.E. of G.A.F. Engineering Representing Bartlett Consolidated Regarding Leonard's Pond Bridge Repair on Mary's Pond Road

Mr. Madden explained that he requested this appointment for an informal meeting to get feedback in preparation for a Notice of Intent to be filed by Bartlett Consolidated for the Leonard's Pond Bridge Repair on Mary's Pond Road. He reported that they will be filing this Friday, and that the project is time sensitive due to mandatory temperatures required for the stucco product they are using. Mr. Madden distributed copies of the proposed site plan, product information on the stucco, and detail on the temporary Siltsack for mitigation.

Mr. Madden explained that they will saw cut a portion of the new base plates, reset the anchor bolts and pour concrete. Mr. Madden then explained the process for putting the concrete onto the wall. He said that they will have to jack hammer from inside the bridge out. To keep the debris from falling into the river, they will make a hanger with the Siltsack. The debris will fall into a 3' x 3' Siltsack hung on rebar then slid down to each section as work progresses. This will capture most of the jack hammered material. Mr. Madden explained they will form the concrete and the forms will set for two days. A v-notch will be cut into the concrete on the bridge and they will hand trowel the stucco. Two weeks will be needed to do the work, and the Leonard's Pond Bridge on Mary's Pond Road will need to be closed. If it does not get done this fall, then it will be done next spring.

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Chairman Conway asked how they will prevent the Siltsack from getting too full, and Mr. Madden replied that they will keep an eye on it and empty as necessary.

Member Laurene Gerrior asked if the work was being done on only one side of the road, and Mr. Madden replied that work will be done on the east side of the road where the accident happened. Member Laurene Gerrior then asked if it will affect the integrity of the curb, and Mr. Madden replied that he does not think so.

Agent Farinon stated that they will be using the 3' x 3' Siltsack on the 78' and 48' sections of the bridge. She said that the project will be labor intensive and expressed concern about collecting all stucco material that drops during application.

Mr. Madden explained that the chiseled material will be picked by a front end loader and put in a dump truck to be hauled away. He said that there will be more than one setup of the Siltsacks with angle brackets. He explained that the stucco is a water soluble product. Mr. Madden informed the Commission that they would only be working in daylight hours.

Agent Farinon suggested that a number of Siltsacks and brackets will be required in order to properly protect the downgradient wetland, and can be conditioned in the Order of Conditions.

Change to the Forest Cutting Practices Act Regulations and the Forestry Memorandum of Understanding between Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Conservation and Recreation

Agent Farinon asked to continue this agenda item to November 20, 2018 when DCR District Forester Joe Perry will be in attendance.

Draft Guidance on Agriculture and Solar Energy under the Wetlands Protection Act and SMART Program

Agent Farinon stated that she included draft guidance from Vice Chairman Gagne in the Commission packet. It is a draft policy and she will keep the Commission up-to-date as the guidance is vetted publicly.

Confirm member availability for future site visits and meetings

Members present confirmed that they will be available for the next meeting on Wednesday, November 7, 2018 except for Chairman Conway and Member Post who will not be available. Members will go by the Leonard's Pond Bridge on Mary's Pond Road on their own to look at the site.

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Filing Fees

Agent Farinon went over the filing fees for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) with the Commission. If the COC request is filed for an Order of Conditions over 7 years old, then \$100 is added for each year in excess of the 7 years. A COC request over 20 years old could cost \$1,500 or more. Because she hopes to soon do a mailing to all property owners with outstanding Orders of Conditions, Agent Farinon asked the Commission members to consider reducing the fees on the older COC requests for a set period of time. Discussion ensued and this item will be put on the agenda for the November 20, 2018 meeting. Commission members asked Agent Farinon to discuss the matter with Town Counsel in advance of the meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. on a motion made by Member Christopher Gerrior and seconded by Member Laurene Gerrior. **The motion passed by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained (5-0-0).**

Margaret Gonneville, Board Administrator

Michael Conway, Chairman