

Town of Southbridge
Conservation Commission Minutes
Meeting of February 2, 2023
6:30 p.m.

Present: E. Rumsey, Conservation Agent, Maureen Doyle, Co-Chair, and K. Pickren Vice-Chair
Absent with notice: N. Nowick, Co-Chair

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. The minutes of January 5th were not voted upon as N. Nowick was not present.
3. Certificate of Compliance – 108 Guelphwood Road

Gary Magnuson of CMG was present to discuss the completion of PCB remediation work on this site. Most of the contamination was windblown from a site across the street, some may have been created by trucks staging on that side of the road years ago. The cleanup was a success and is now less than one part per million. Three hundred and twenty samples were taken to confirm this result. Reports have been submitted to DEP and EPA. There is no requirement of continued monitoring and no restrictions on the use of the land going forward. It has been deemed clean of the PCBs. Other contaminants may be found, similar to those found on the Town Property across the street. All work was in a flat area where what little stormwater would flow goes toward the road and not the wetland.

Grass is not growing yet. Discussion was held regarding the desirability of allowing the area to revegetate on its own, perhaps with some grass seed initially to help it along.

A motion was made by M. Doyle to issue a complete Certificate of Compliance with the additional monitoring condition that Gary Magnuson of CMG will continue to update the commission monthly on the state of revegetation until the work site is revegetated or the commission agrees that reports are no longer necessary. K. Pickren seconded the motion. A vote was taken by a show of hands. The motion passed, unanimous in favor.

4. Update 87 Golf Street Remediation

No new remediation work has been noted since the last meeting. E. Rumsey is still playing phone tag with the company who we hope to hire for sampling the fill that was dumped at this site. Kevin Buxton of 28 Columbus Avenue as a concerned citizen noted that he is content if there is “careful, measured progress with oversight.” He showed pictures of where the water line was traditionally and made the point that the site should be returned to that state.

5. Tires

Discussion was held regarding tires that are also around the remediation site at Golf Street. The idea of having volunteers work to remove these by hand was discussed.

5. The next meeting will be held on March 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in the McCann Room. It was unanimously decided to adjourn. It was approximately 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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