

Egremont Conservation Commission Minutes, meeting of 5/17/18		
CALL TO ORDER: 7 pm		
	Commissioners Present	Bill Tynan (Chair), David Seligman, Alina Hsu
	Guests	Will Steinert of Steinert Tree Care for Emlaw
CITIZEN INQUIRIES		
1	N/A	
PROJECTS (NEW AND ONGOING)		
2	Mass DOT Rt 23 resurface RDA	For the NYS line to Smiley's Pond portion: we had a pre-install inspection to review planned erosion controls, a post-installation inspection of erosion controls - very well done, approved to begin work, a post milling inspection - no issues, and a post paving inspection - no spatter at all. Excellent work. For the Egremont/GB town line to Creamery Rd portion: Mass DOT requests that they be permitted to amend the RDA. However, RDAs can't be amended. Since this work is road maintenance, and technically exempt, we will request that they submit a Project Review Form, so that we can identify the work to be done & approve it as an exempt project. Bill conducted a site visit of this additional section of road. Pending the Project Review Form, we unanimously approved their continuing their work.
3	196 Egremont Plain Rd Solar Panel Installation RDA	David conducted a site visit. Trenching is complete, but there is ongoing vehicle traffic, so we unanimously agreed that the erosion controls should be kept in place.
4	Cather 64 Prospect Lake Road NOI 153-0198	Bill reported on a site visit: there was a small washout that needed to be fixed, and plantings were inspected. All ok. We unanimously agreed that it's ok for Helia to remove the silt fence and other protective devices. We will schedule another site visit in the fall to monitor the plantings.
PUBLIC HEARINGS		
5	Palmatier Prospect Lake Dam NOI 153-0212	Requested continuance until 6/28 at 7:30 pm. Unanimously approved.
6	Steinert/Emlaw Tree removal NOI 153-0214	Hearing opened 7:35 pm. Will Steinert presented: remediation plan from landscaper; drip edge calculation and illustration; and revised page 3 of NOI. We were concerned about the adequacy of the proposed compensatory plantings, and would like guidance from DEP on this. Hearing stopped at 7:53 pm, continued until 5/31 at 7:30.
PROJECTS -- Continued		
7	Blue Bear LLC 47 White's Hill Rd RDA	Bill and David inspected the rain garden. They noticed a tree that had fallen some time ago, the roots of which were at the stream edge, and the top of which had been removed. They confirmed that the tree will remain in place. They also confirmed that exterior work on the house and garage has been completed, and approved removing the silt fence and wattles.
8	Shemshack 13 Nicholson Rd NOIs 153-0197 and 153-0204	We received notice of recording the Certificates of Compliance.
9	Oggiani 26 Undermountain Rd NOI 153-0151	Shannon Boomsma, representing the owner, requested an extension. The request was timely, and we unanimously approved extending the OOCs for 3 years, until 6/25/2021. (Note: the original NOI was issued on 7/6, but the prior extension was granted only until 6/25/18. This may have been a clerical error, but since extensions may be granted for no more than 3 years, the 6/25 date is valid, and we can only grant a new extension for 3 years

		from that date.)
10	Ryan 35 Prospect Lake Rd RDA	Bill inspected the installed erosion controls. The straw wattles were installed as per spec, and were nicely butted at the joints. We received the MOU from the contractor. All ok to proceed with work.
CORRESPONDENCE		
11	Baldwin Hill subdivision	Charlie Proctor was concerned that there might be wetlands within the new lot within the former Burdsall property. Bill inspected the site and found that there were no wetlands. No action needed.
12	Prospect Lake aquatic plant management	We received notice of this year's planned treatment of Prospect Lake by Solitude Lake Management. This was permitted under DEP File No 153-0165. (Note: some residents have expressed concern about the herbicides being used. The treatment plan meets all DEP and EPA requirements, so the Conservation Commission has no grounds for objecting.)
ADMINISTRATIVE		
13	Erosion Control field guides	Bill distributed these to the Commissioners present.
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MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING		
10	Approval	N/A - prior minutes not available due to technical issues, will be submitted at 5/31 meeting.
ADJOURNMENT		
11		Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:51 pm.
12		Next meeting: 5/31/18

Respectfully submitted,

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