

Richmond Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at 6:33pm
Special Meeting Held by Zoom in accordance with Governor's Open Meeting Law

951 West Road pond -- Notice of Intent DEP #271_0227 from White Engineering on behalf of Vincent & Shawna Stango, property at 941 West Road, Map 407 Lot 56

The meeting was started at 6:33pm by Chairman Mr. Smith

Members Present: Shepley Evans-Agent, Ernie Smith-Vice Chair, Adam Weinberg, John Scorpa, Karen O'Donnell, Rebecca Lord- Associate

Members Absent: Chairman Ron Veillette, Tom Potter, Pat Seckler

Other Participants: Shannon Boomsma (White Engineering)

Mr. Smith asked Ms. Boomsma if she had any more information about the plan? She replied that she did not have any more information to share.

Mr. Smith then asked the commissioners if they had any concerns about the plan? There were several questions asked. Mr. Weinberg asked about the erosion into the pond and asked what was planned. Ms. Boomsma replied that the plan was addressed in the permit for the house. Mr. Weinberg also asked about the dewatering and the approach to be used. A question was asked about markers for the impacted resource areas and Ms. Boomsma stated that the markers are in place.

Ms. Lord asked about the dewatering standards from Fisheries & Wildlife (F & W) and the need to do drawdown by Dec. 1? Ms. Boomsma explained that the F&W material applies to large ponds and lakes and that the biologist's report states that draw down work should be done after the summer/fall and before egg laying in Spring so dates to draw down are Sept. thru Feb for this pond. Ms. O'Donnell had a question about the over the dam dewatering plan. That process or which process will be used needs to be finalized and shared with ConCom before proceeding with project, was explained by Agent Evans.

There was discussion about restoration of the area that would be disturbed in the process of dredging the pond. Ms. Boomsma replied that the only area that would be disturbed was the area for the road to go in to access the pond for the trucks and the area used by the excavator. They would try to use a *Long Reach* excavator to dredge the pond. Any trees injured or removed would be re-planted one for one, some bushes would be planted along the pond in the area that was disturbed and that the disturbed area would be reseeded with a local conservation mix.

There were no concerns about the *standard conditions* to be applied to the project.

Mr. Smith asked the Commissioners if there were any concerns about the *special conditions* that Chairman Ron Veillette had proposed. There was discussion about #9 in the special conditions especially #9B

Following the discussion, it was decided by the commission that 9B should read:

#9B. All trees that are removed during the dewatering of the pond will be replanted one for one with locally grown, native 6-8 ft tall trees. All shrubs and woody vegetation that is removed or destroyed during the dewatering of the pond -- in the area equal to that damaged or removed during the project -- will be

replaced with native shrubs. All other surfaces will be re-seeded with regionally grown native conservation seed mix to restore the vegetated area west of pond.

Motion was made by Karen O'Donnell that the Conservation Commission accept a plan with the conditions and special conditions as stated, *and it would be approved after we receive the information about the Dewatering of the pond.*

The motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Ms. Boomsma said that she would have the additional information to the ConCom by next week.

NEXT MEETING: Jan 10 2023, at 6:30 PM, **NEW SUBMISSIONS DUE:** Jan 5 2023

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16pm.

Ernie Smith _____

Mr. Smith-Vice-Chair

Date _____