

Richmond Conservation Commission  
Minutes from April 21, 2023, meeting  
Meeting was held in person at Richmond Town Hall at 4:00 PM  
1529 State Road

**Members Present:** Ernie Smith-Chair, Tom Potter-Vice Chair, Karen O'Donnell, Rebecca Lord, Pat Seckler, Adam Weinberg, Ron Veillette, Shep Evans-(Agent).

**Others Present:** Toni Thomas (Lee, MA. Conservation Commission)

Mr. Smith opened the meeting at 4:07PM. He stated that the meeting was being recorded.

The Commission held this special meeting to consider a proposed Restoration Plan for the Lenox Mountain High-Point Access Easement submitted by Mass. Department of Conservation & Recreation.

Mr. Smith stated that all members and DCR were sent the final listing for the Special Conditions for the restoration project. This was all documented and agreed upon at the February 14, 2023, meeting.

This is taken from the February ,14, 2023, minutes. Mr. Smith read it to the members.

Mr. Smith asked Mr. Lowell and Ms. Putnam if they had any issues or questions concerning the Special Conditions. They responded that they did not. Mr. Smith then asked the Commission members if anyone had any questions or issues with the Special Conditions. The members responded they did not have any. Mr. Potter made a motion to approve the Special Conditions, the motion was seconded by Ms. Lord and passed unanimously by roll call vote. Mr. Evans explained to the members that what he will be doing is creating an approval of the restoration plan and conditions as presented. Ms. Putnam stated that DCR will notify the abutting neighbors and the Commission when they are starting the work and they will be keeping all parties informed on the progress of the ongoing work.

The members spent a lot of the meeting discussing what was in the special conditions and what was in the finalized restoration plan. It was confusing for them because the dates on both the restoration plan and the engineering had never been updated when changes were made to those plans. They discussed what was stated at previous meetings.

Ms. O'Donnell made a motion to accept DCR's Restoration Plan with the attachment of the Commissions Special Conditions approved at the February ,14, 2023 meeting. The Commission is also requiring that both the dates on the revised Restoration Plan reflect the most current date of revision and the Survey Plan done by Berkshire Engineering also reflect the most resent revision date.

The motion was seconded by Adam Weinberg. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Evans will write the Order of Enforcement as voted for by the Commission to be delivered to DCR.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:50PM.

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Mr. Ernie Smith -Chair

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Mr. Tom Potter-Vice Chair

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