

PROVINCETOWN CONSERVATION COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
March 23, 2021
6:00 P.M

Members Present Virtually: Alfred Famiglietti, Nathaniel Mayo, Oriana Conklin, Joseph Cooper, Brett McNeilly, Thomas Skinner, and Loretta Butehorn.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Tim Famulare (Conservation Agent).

Conservation Agent Tim Famulare, as the moderator, introduced the remote participation meeting and called the roll, determining that a quorum was present.

Chair Alfred Famiglietti called the Work Session to order at 6:04 P.M.

Mr. Famulare explained why a virtual hearing was being conducted and how applicants and the public can view the meeting on PTV and participate by calling a number that is shown on the screen and then entering a conference ID number. He asked that all participants keep their phones on mute when not speaking.

1) **Public Comments** on any item not on the agenda below:

2) **Public Hearing:**

a) **CON-21-14 Conwell Street from Route 6 to Cemetery Road**

Local Wetlands By-Law Application filed by the **Provincetown Dept. of Public Works** pursuant to the Provincetown General By-Laws Chapter 12, Wetlands Protection By-Law for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Improvements Project along Conwell Street, to include pavement milling and overlay, grading, installation of granite curbing, installation of a sidewalk, line-striping, and drainage system upgrades. Work to take place within a Buffer Zone to an Isolated Vegetated Wetland.

Presentation: Robert Capurso, the Town's engineer, and Rich Waldo, the DPW Director, were in the meeting to present the application. Mr. Capurso reviewed the project. He said this project has been ten years in the making and explained that the Mass Dept. of Transportation would not entertain an application for a permit until the Commission approved the project, which it has done. After that approval, there was a long public comment process. The Mass. DOT permits were issued, however the Commission's permit expired in 2019. When he attempted to renew it, he found out that it needed to be applied for again. He explained that the current application is the same as the original application, as are the documents, however the difference is that the contractor, Lawrence Lynch, is now known. He said that he has submitted Lynch's pollution and stormwater prevention plan. The contractor has a good reputation for following stormwater runoff protection protocols. He said the project will improve pedestrian and bicycle travel along Conwell Street and will cause a slight increase in impervious area. There are two gutter inlets on Conwell Street, however none are near the wetland area, and there is also not much of a Cape Cod berm along the road. This gives free rein to silt and sand from the road to run into the wetland. The project will include a Cape Cod berm and granite curbing. The current gutter inlets will be

improved with deeper catch basins, which will collect silt and be routinely pumped out every six months. Three additional gutter inlets, which collect stormwater runoff, will also be installed. After the silt and sand has been separated out, the stormwater will drain into the wetland. Mr. Famulare said that now the stormwater just sheet-drains off the road into the wetland. The Commission questioned Mr. Capurso. Mr. Famulare reviewed photographs of the area. Mr. Capurso said that the silt runoff from Conwell Street would empty into the catch basins and any oils would also be captured in them and settle out as sludge or evaporate out. This would minimize the amount of oils that would end up in the wetlands. Filters would be put into catch basins and silt socks placed around the wetlands for protection during the construction phase to catch any runoff. He said that the Town would like to start the project in April and try to finish by early June.

Public Comment: None.

Commission Discussion: The Commission questioned Mr. Capurso. A few trees may be affected, in front of the liquor store and in the Hensche Lane area, but he is meeting with Margaret Murphy, of Trees Provincetown, to discuss replacements for those trees.

Nathaniel Mayo moved to approve the local by-law application, CON-21-14, pursuant to the Provincetown General By-Laws Chapter 12, Wetlands Protection By-Law for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Accommodation Improvements Project along Conwell Street, to include pavement milling and overlay, grading, installation of granite curbing, installation of a sidewalk, line-striping, and drainage system upgrades, Oriana Conklin seconded and it was so voted, 5-0 by roll call.

3) **Work Session: Discussion of proposed revisions to the Provincetown Wetlands Protection By-Law to be included on the warrant of the May 1, 2021 Annual Town Meeting:** Mr. Famulare reviewed a few changes from the initial draft. He presented the final language to the Commission.

4) **Conservation Agent Update:** Mr. Famulare said that there would be another special meeting scheduled on April 13, 2021. There is a regular meeting on April 6, 2021 and he will have a Work Session for Commissioners to review the entire warrant and then discuss or ask questions about the articles. They can then decide which articles on which they may want to comment. On April 13th, there will be a public hearing on the articles and it will be open for public comment on what the Commission wants to recommend. The Commission will then vote on the recommendations.

Some Commissioners have contacted Mr. Famulare about the MACC conference. He will confirm that there is enough money in the budget to fund the requested courses.

Mr. Famulare gave an update on the B Street Gardens. He said that the contractor has done a mock-up for one of the new garden beds. He will look at it and determine if it is to the requested specifications and the work should proceed within the next week or two. The completion date is scheduled for May 15th.

5) **Any other business that shall properly come before the Commission:** None.

Nathaniel Mayo moved to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:30 P.M., Oriana Conklin seconded and it was so voted, 5-0 by roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen C. Battaglini

Approved by _____ on _____, 2021
Alfred Famiglietti, Chair