

Heath Conservation Commission (HCC)  
Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2024

I) Call To Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:01PM. Chair welcomed newly appointed member, Susan Draxler. Susan noted she had not yet been sworn in and was not yet eligible to vote.

Members Present: Brian DeVries, Chair, Members: Kerrie McNay, Pam Porter, Susan Draxler, Heather Row

Others Present: HCC Consultant, Bill Latrell, also Glynis Arnold, Doug Arnold, Jeson Helam and Courtney Allen.

II) Review of Request for determination filed by Glynis and Douglas Arnold for construction of a new residence at 26 State Farm Rd. Consultant Bill Latrell reported that he had visited the site and that the wet lands are minimal and 75 feet west of the grading. River front area is 275 feet away. He recommended a negative determination without conditions. Motion for same was made by Pam Porter and seconded by Carrie McNay. Vote for neg. determination without conditions was unanimous.

Applicants were informed of the 10 day waiting period. Chair will email the determination to applicants.

III) Review request for extension of Order of Conditions (OOC) for nuisance aquatic vegetation treatment in Papoose Lake.

Consultant Bill Latrell reported that the current order expires July 31, 2024. A request must be filed with the HCC and **received** by June 30, 2024. A hearing can then be scheduled between June 30 and July 31. Chair will communicate this to Mohawk Estates. Bill said that a new company is handling the project and is doing a better job of maintaining aquatic plants. A question was raised about milfoil found in Papoose lake. Bill suggests the commission ask about this at the hearing

It was noted that HCC member Heather Row is a member of the Mohawk Estates Association and HCC member Kerrie McNay is an abutter. They will have to recuse themselves from any votes related to this request.

IV) Consultant Bill Latrell reported there is a property on the south side of Davenport Brook that the owner wants to sell. There are many wetlands issues with this lot and HCC should keep it on our radar.

- V) AT&T needs to amend the Order of Conditions to its access road off Rowe Rd. It may be necessary to schedule a hearing. Chair will contact AT&T lawyer, Ed P\_\_\_\_\_.
- VI) A site visit for the Shapiro land trail was discussed. No action taken.
- VII) Bill Latrel is working on a wetlands workshop for Hcc members. Rowe, Charlemont and possibly Colrain will be invited to join it.
- VIII) While Chair is away in May, Bill Latrell will handle any posting if one is needed.
- IX) Bill Latrell asked if members of the HCC wanted to be informed of site visits so they can join him if they wished. Members said yes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Pam Porter, seconded by Heather Rowe. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Pam Porter, HCC member