



# Hubbardston Massachusetts

## Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 4, 2022

**Location:** 7 Main Street, Library basement, Hubbardston, MA 01452

**Members Present:** Rick Green, Rich Clapham, Tony Coppola

**Members Absent:** Kayla Larson, Tom Larson

**Other Attendees:** Vicki Merriam, Allan Rantala (DCR-DWSP), Michael Votruba, Francois Steiger

### Call to Order – 7:03 pm

- 1) Minutes Approval – Motion to approve 9/6/2022 minutes, as written, by Member Coppola, seconded by Member Clapham, unanimous approval.
- 2) Public Hearing (Continuation from 9/6/2022) – Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) – Merriam, floating dock on Lovewell Pond.  
A description of the floating dock was provided by Vicki Merriam, and she wanted to know what else was required in order to get it approved. The Commission discussed jurisdictional issues and told Ms. Merriam that even if a negative determination was issued by the ConCom, approval would still be required from DCR-DWSP under the Watershed Protection Act. Allan Rantala confirmed that the two regulatory environments work independently and volunteered to contact Ms. Merriam to lead her through the process from the DCR side. Member Coppola suggested that perhaps a site visit would be appropriate. After further discussion, the Commission decided that a site visit was unnecessary to act on the RDA.

With no further comments from the public, Member Coppola made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Member Clapham, unanimous approval.

Commission determined that this was not a significant alteration, did not require filing of a Notice of Intent, and signed the Determination form.

- 3) Public Hearing – Request for Determination of Applicability, D2 Builders – wetland delineation on Ragged Hill Rd  
Michael Votruba presented revised plans showing wetland boundary delineation that was modified per requests from the Commission during their site visit. After discussion by Chair Green and Member Coppola to verify that all requested changes had been made, Commission agreed that this was an accurate delineation of the wetlands that they had viewed.

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Member Coppola made a motion to accept the wetland boundary delineation on the submitted revised plan, seconded by Member Clapham, unanimous approval.

- 4) Discussion of Order of Conditions for Cal-Mek, Worcester Road. Discussion of site visit conducted in September. Commission members were in agreement that the documentation was accurate and that Order of Conditions could be approved, with condition that erosion control measures conform to those presented in engineering plans. Motion by Member Coppola, second by Member Clapham, unanimous approval.
- 5) Discussion of Moosehorn Pond alterations – #47, #49 Healdville Rd. Chair Green described site visit conducted on 9/13, confirming the presence of disc golf course. Allan Rantala provided history, indicating that conversations had occurred with abutter Sisco, who had agreed to stop cutting vegetation. Member Clapham stated that he had a conversation with someone else familiar with the course, who didn't think that it was associated with Sisco. Another site visit will take place Tuesday 10/11, with Allan Rantala, Rick Green, Dan Clark (DCR) attending to discuss situation with landowner at 49 Healdville Rd. Depending on extent of the current course, Allan Rantala plans to follow up with as many abutting landowners as necessary.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM in the Library basement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Kresge  
Land Use Clerk