

DEERFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
1967 – FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS AND COUNTING – 2024
Non-Quorum Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024

Attendees: Davis Brush, Erroll Rhodes
Members Absent: Haley Andreozzi, Ken Cohen, Josh Freed, Serita Frey, Chloe Gross
Visitors & Guests: Jeanne Menard

Lacking a quorum, **Finance Officer Erroll Rhodes opened the session at 7:10 pm** as the acting presiding officer.

Guest Jeanne Menard presented documentation of her concerns about the Eversource G146 Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands Permit Application dated February 24, 2024 (GZA File No. 04.0191410.34). The application was prepared on behalf of Eversource by GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. and filed with the Deerfield Municipal Clerk on February 28, 2024, pending Eversource submission of the application to the NH Department of Environmental Services (NH DES) for review.

In order to temporarily suspend NH DES action and ensure DCC's ability to comment on the wetland application within the prescribed time frame, **DCC must notify NH DES of its intent to comment on the project within 14 days following the date the application is filed with the municipal clerk.** Mr. Rhodes will respond to the DES on behalf of the DCC **on or before March 13th** to comply with the statutory requirement. This will enable the members to investigate new information being provided, and to give feedback to the DES regarding the application. **Feedback must be given to DES within 40 days of the date the application is filed with the municipal clerk, which in this case is April 9th.**

Ms. Menard accepted an invitation to attend the next scheduled DCC meeting, date yet to be determined, so her concerns can be more fully addressed by the membership.

The above-referenced wetland permit application is related to the March 2023 Eversource application for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). DCC reviewed the 2023 CUP application at its April 10, 2023 regular meeting and submitted recommendations to the Planning Board on April 18, 2023, prior to Planning Board approval of the CUP on June 14, 2023. **DCC was notified by the Planning Board on February 29, 2024 of an Eversource request to amend the original 2023 CUP,** and although the Planning Board was in favor of approving the amendments, it was giving DCC an opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments. The amendments will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

All other agenda items were tabled until the April 8th regular meeting. **Please check the website for interim meeting scheduling updates.**

The session adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 PM on Monday, April 8, 2024

(Please check the website townofdeerfieldnh.com for scheduling changes) These minutes were prepared and submitted by Judy Marshall. Revisions, if any, will be contained in the minutes of the next meeting and posted to the Town website, after approval by the Deerfield Conservation Commission