

# Montague Conservation Commission

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## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 24, 2018 5:15 PM

Across from 420 Millers Falls Road, Millers Falls MA

**Commissioners Present:** Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Donna Francis, Addie Rose Holland, Alex Peterkin and Sean Werle

**Commissioners Absent:** Deb Henson, Justin Fermann and Laurie Reid – Associate Member

**Staff:** Walter Ramsey – Agent, Tom Bergeron- DPW Superintendent, Will Stratford- DPW Foreman

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 5:15 PM.

### **Request from Montague Department of Public Works – Millers Falls Rd Bank Stabilization (NOI# 2015-02). Review and Consider Emergency Action plan to address bank failure at project site.**

The Commission investigated the extent of the bank failure and was oriented to the site by Tom Bergeron. The Commission reviewed the proposed action plan. The Action plan involves clearing for an emergency access drive at top of bank to install stabilization materials. This area is in the riverfront resource area. The plan also involves removing the washout delta that has settled in the Riverfront, beyond the initial limit of work. A contractor has been secured and work will begin over the next day or two. The Commission expressed desire to see the embankment stabilized with plantings rather than just grass, but they ceded that it may be appropriate to do the plantings in the Spring at this point. The commission also indicated that they want to see the riverfront/bank area cleaned up to the original limit of work as identified by the (partially buried) silt barrier fence. The Commission directed the Agent to conduct inspections to ensure that best management practices are being followed in the Riverfront Area. The Commission determined that the proposed Emergency Action work footprint and resource area impacts were outside the initial scope of NOI-2015-02 so they opted to consider this an Emergency Certificate request. DPW will have 30 days from the date of issuance to conduct the work. The Town has received approval from the state to procure a contractor on an emergency basis. The Selectboard has ordered the work to be done in order to save the roadway.

***Motion*** by Sean Werle to authorize the Agent to issue an Emergency Certificate to Montague DPW to repair a failed slope off Millers Falls Road in accordance with the Emergency Action Plan and in accordance with the following special conditions:

- 1) Commission must be notified at least 24 hours prior to work.
- 2) A planting plan to stabilize the affected slope area must be submitted to the Commission for their approval .
- 3) All debris from the washout that extends beyond the initial limit of work (defined by the existing silt barrier fence) shall be removed from the bank using best management practices.
- 4) New erosion control is required.

*Motion Seconded by Alex Peterkin. All Approved. Motion Passed unanimously.*

**Motion** made by Donna Francis to adjourn the meeting at 5:45PM. **Seconded** Sean Werle. **Motion passed.**

Enclosures: Emergency Action Plan, Emergency Certificate

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_