

Montague Conservation Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Upstairs Meeting Room, Town Hall, One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA

Commissioners Present: Mark Fairbrother - Chair, Donna Francis, Justin Fermann and Alex Peterkin

Commissioners Absent: Deb Henson and Sean Werle

Staff: Walter Ramsey – Agent, Suzanne LoManto- Clerk

Mark Fairbrother called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

6:30 Approval of Minutes:

MOTION by DF to approve the minutes of October 10, 2019. Seconded by JF. AP abstains. Motion Passed.

6:32 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance NOI 2015-03- Firstlight Power affecting Connecticut River Camp 3E off Industrial Boulevard

Commission reviewed package submitted by SWCA which included before, during, and after photos. Agent recommended issuing the COC.

MOTION by AP to issue the certificate of Compliance to FirstLight Power for NOI 2015#03, Camp 3E Industrial Blvd. Seconded by JF. All approved. Motion Passed.

6:37 PM Request for Certificate of Compliance NOI 2015-07 filed by Firstlight Power affecting Connecticut River Camp 4E off Industrial Boulevard

Commission reviewed package submitted by SWCA which included before, during, and after photos. Agent recommended issuing the COC.

MOTION by AP to issue the certificate of Compliance to FirstLight Power for NOI 2015#07, Camp 4E Industrial Blvd. Seconded by DF. Approved. No Conditions. Motion Passed.

6:45 AGENT UPDATES

- **Review Staffing Plan Montague Conservation Commission.** Walter informs the group of Anne Stuarts transition to a full time position in the Health Department and Suzanne LoManto's new role as clerk. Responsibilities will be the same.
- **Millers Falls Road Erosion** (between 89/109 Millers Falls Rd.)
Agent briefed CC on a developing issue; a resident informed him of a delta forming on land owned by FirstLight Power on the Connecticut River. Town officials met with FL last week. DPW is assessing whether the erosion is happening from a failed roadway stormwater system. Project will be assessed. Priority #1 at this point is to identify the issue and prevent erosion at the source. Stabilization plan will be investigated when weather allows. MF inquired about state of recent town project on MF road. Walter will check with DPW. Town is also updating Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan- Persistent erosion on various parts of Millers Falls Road is also identified as a issue in that plan. AP suggested a vulnerabilities assessment.
- **Montague City Road Flooding Project** Town is submitting a 2021 FEMA Hazard Mitigation grant for this project. The project is currently receiving state approvals.

MOTION by DF to adjourn the meeting at 7:04PM. Seconded by JF. Motion passed.

Approved by: _____

Date: _____