

**Town of Nahant  
Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM via Zoom**

**Meeting Opening**

**Attendance: Tom Famulari, Kristin Kent, Mark Patek, Colleen Collins, Eden Reiner**

**Kristin Kent: Opened the Meeting of the Conservation Commission at 7:07 PM.**

**1. Presentation of Nahant's Draft Mitigation Plan by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council**

Dennis Ball, Nahant's Emergency Management Director introduced the Plan. A presentation was provided by Du Van of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

**2. Continued Notice of Intent, 35 Castle Road**

**Construction of a garage, patio, retaining wall and walkways within buffer zone to Coastal Bank and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage.**

The Commission conducted a site walk with the DPW Director on 12/2/21. Permit conditions identified as installation of a drywell to collect roof runoff from the garage, flood panels in garage in compliance with FEMA regulations, walkways shall be stepping stones rather than continuous impervious surface.

Motion:

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions with the aforementioned special conditions.

Motion passes unanimously.

**3. Notice of Intent, 430 Nahant Road (047-0594)**

**Construction of a seawater pumping system, including a pumphouse and new intake and discharge lines within Land Under the Ocean, Land Containing Shellfish, Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and buffer zone to Bank and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands.**

The Northeastern University (NU) team gave a presentation of the proposed project, led by Dwight Dunk of Epsilon. The Commission asked questions about the new design orientation. Ms. Kent inquired as to whether LID principles could be utilized to treat stormwater (vegetated swales, etc), given the fact that the proposed Coastal Sustainability Institute would be LEED certified. Concerns were raised about temporary access to Nahant Road and the proposed sewer pumping station. The Commission stated that it wished to receive an updated opinion letter from the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) given the changes to the pipe locations and orientations.

Comments were taken from the public regarding pipe sizing and pumping capacity and whether the project changes required MEPA review. NU and the Chair agreed that additional MEPA review was not required.

The Commission wished to continue the meeting to allow for a site visit. NU stated that the Commission had visited the site in May of 2021 and no site visit was necessary. NU denied the Commission a

continuance to allow for a site visit and time to receive an updated letter from DMF. The Commission felt they had insufficient information to make a decision on the project.

Motion:

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions for the project under the Wetlands Protection Act.

Motion was unanimously denied.

Motion to issue an Order of Conditions for the project under the Nahant Wetlands Protection Bylaw.

Motion was unanimously denied.

**Other Business:**

Enforcement Order issued for 64 Willow Road on 11/17/21. The Order was issued for work in regulated resource areas without a permit from the Commission. The Commission will make contact with the property owners to arrange a site walk.

Motion:

The Commission unanimously voted to accept the Enforcement Order.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Kent, Chair

Meeting Minutes approved by the Conservation Commission on February 16, 2022.