

**Hamilton Conservation Commission
Minutes of Meeting of May 20, 2015
Meeting held at Hamilton Town Hall**

Commissioners present:

Richard Luongo, Chair, Keith Glidden, Bob Cronin, George Tarr, Virginia Cookson
(arrived at 7:20 p.m.).

Staff present:

Jim Hankin, Conservation Agent
Bill Redford, DPW Director
Shawn Farrell, Selectman

Others present:

HW Recreation Director Sean Timmons

Richard Luongo opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Request for Determination of Applicability

340 Bay Road (Patton Park)

Town of Hamilton DPW Applicant

Re-grade, expand, and pave existing gravel parking area at Patton Park

DPW Director Bill Redford spoke to plan for re-grading, expanding and paving Patton Park parking area near existing Town pool and mentioned that existing parking lot is undersized and overused. The Town would like to take advantage of existing design to create designated entrance and exit in the parking area with existing contours to remain as is. The edge of parking area is proposed at 50' from Weaver Pond where siltation erosion control barrier will be located. A combination of Town personnel and contractors will re-grade the area. The current grade drains over land to Weaver Pond. Proposal is for bituminous Cape Cod berm along the pond side of parking area to direct stormwater to catch basin in existing drainage system. The Town is discussing the drainage with the state to determine if stormwater would be directed to Weaver Pond outlet culvert or state highway culvert.

Mr. Redford described how the Town had received a state grant (\$50,000 for downtown improvements that no longer remains due to state budget cuts and \$100,000 for parking lot and security cameras which is being researched to understand if it is still available). The Town has authorization from Mass. DOT to use Chapter 90 funds and other funds available if needed for the project.

Discussion was on stormwater flow in the parking area with consideration for installation of two leaching catch basins. Currently there is a slight grade with packed gravel where stormwater flows through the grass to the pond. The proposed catch basins would have filtration (i.e., to catch oils) and be subject to maintenance management plan. The park is carry-in, carry-out trash but the DPW crew does manage trash pickup in some barrels with plastic bottles recycled. The current grade from pool to playground area will be continued and it was noted that bottom end of zip line at playground can get wet.

Discussion ensued on whether or not dredging would be done at Weaver Pond and if herbicide would be used in the pond. This was done several years ago along with use of hydro rake in the pond.

The Town has applied for a curb cut from the state. The current entrance will be left as a walkway from Winthrop School, and a drop-off area will be marked. The existing gravel road will remain and long term the DPW park garage will be taken out. Four trees will be taken down. No plantings are proposed for now but people are interested in donating trees at the back end of the parking lot.

Keith Glidden moved to issue a Negative #3 Determination of Applicability. Bob Cronin seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Cronin moved to adjourn. Mr. Glidden seconded the motion. The Commission voted unanimously in favor of the motion. Commission adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Minutes submitted June 8, 2015 by Jane Dooley