

Conservation Commission Public Hearing Minutes – October 21, 2021

Time: 7:02 PM – 7:35 PM **Location:** Remote

Members Present: Colleen Hitchcock, Acting Chair; Toni Bandrowicz, Vice Chair; Jonathan Grabowski; Monica Lagerquist; Randall Hughes

Members Absent: Monica Tamborini

Staff: Marissa Meaney, Land Use Coordinator

The public hearing of the Conservation Commission was called to order at 7:02 pm.

The public hearing was video recorded.

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- 1. Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA): Humphrey Street (various spots)** – filed by Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA). Request for determination of Wetlands Protection Act for improvements to Humphrey Street Bus Stops within 100 feet of an inland and/or coastal wetland resource (Map 1, adjacent to 34-56 Humphrey Street)

Natasha Vance and Tess Paganelli from the MBTA were present, along with Samantha Hogan and Katie Moulton from WSP Engineering.

MOTION: T. Bandrowicz to issue negative determination for project as defined, with the finding that work constitutes Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, but will not have adverse impact. Commission to also propose alternate ground covers (i.e. plantings) instead of lawn. M. Lagerquist seconds motion; unanimously approved.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. MOTION: M. Lagerquist to approve June meeting minutes. T. Bandrowicz seconds; unanimously approved.
2. Harbor and Waterfront Advisory Committee Update – Next meeting is October 28th. Toni and Colleen will attend to inquire about living reef and get more general info.
3. School building – the project will eventually come before the Conservation Commission, and when it does, the Commission can ask for peer review to be conducted regarding surrounding wetlands and possibly earth removal.