

Southfield Redevelopment Authority (SRA)
Board of Directors & Conservation Commission
Remote Participation Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022 @ 7:00pm

Directors Present: Tom Henderson, Chairman
David Rubin, Vice-Chairman
Pat O’Leary, Clerk
Chris Primiano
Monica Horan (*connected at 7:03 pm*)
Kevin Donovan
Joe Gratta (*connected at 7:03 pm*)

Not Present: Kelly O'Brien McKinnon
Bob Rizzi

Also Present: Jim Young, Land Use Administrator

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

The application Webinar #892-8831-6493 provided through ZOOM and a Passcode of 679373 will be used for this remote participation meeting.

The Zoom online link and dial-in instructions were provided 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Open Session Minutes

VOTED: Motion of Chris Primiano, seconded by Kevin Donovan, to accept the January 19, 2022 minutes as written.

5-0-0 unanimous roll call vote of those connected

Conservation Commission

7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING

Measure 22-05

Request for Determination of Applicability – Sewer Pump Station #1 Repair

VOTED: Motion of Chris Primiano, seconded by Kevin Donovan, to open the public hearing.

5-0-0 unanimous roll call vote of those connected

Appearing before the commission were Dale Horsman and Gene Crouch, of Vanasse, Hangen, Brustlin, Inc. (VHB).

Mr. Young said a substantial groundwater infiltration issue exists at the pump station. He said the existing pump station needs immediate repair.

Mr. Horsman, Project Manager, said they have to pinpoint the location of the infiltration, which currently is assumed to be at the pipe connection to the equalization tank. He said they are proposing a trenchless contractor who will, hopefully, resolve issues trenchlessly.

Mr. Crouch described the project and wetland protection:

- Work will be in close proximity to wetlands, within the outer 100 ft. of the Riverfront Area of the West Branch of French's Stream
- If work can come from within the structures, there will be no alteration to the area
- If there is a need to excavate, they would expect to receive (from the contractor) a dewatering plan and a plan for soil management

Jonathan Niro, environmental scientist with Beta Group, recommends:

- Compost filter tubes in lieu of straw wattles
- If dewatering is required, direct the water to a frac tank for testing
- Stockpile soil over poly sheeting away from the work site
- Provided special conditions are included, a Negative 2B or Negative 2 or Negative 3 would be appropriate

Ms. White, an independent observer of wetland filings, said in 2014 the Wetlands Protection Act was amended to permit work on public sewers, making it exempt. She recommended approval as exempt, or issue a Negative Determination, and stated that the resource areas cannot be impacted, or a Notice of Intent may be required.

Chairman Henderson noted that this property, including the pump station, is owned by LStar, and the project may not be exempt.

Mr. Horsman said they will not be shutting down the pump station; the pump station needs to be drained down, a temporary bypass system installed, and the operator (Williamson) will be there during the work.

Chairman Henderson recommended issuance of the Determination and said the project can be revisited if it becomes more complicated.

**VOTED: Motion of Chris Primiano, seconded by Dave Rubin, to close the public meeting.
7-0-0 unanimous roll call vote**

**VOTED: Motion of Chris Primiano, seconded by Dave Rubin, to approve the Request for Determination of Applicability for the Pump Station #1 Repair project, and to issue the Determination of Applicability as presented, with the conditions outlined by Beta Group by a letter dated February 10, 2022.
7-0-0 unanimous roll call vote**

Public Comments

Mary Parsons of Rockland requested copies of the documents discussed during the hearing.

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours before the Meeting: none

Next meeting: March 2, 2022

Adjournment:

**VOTED: Motion of Dave Rubin, seconded by Joe Gratta, to adjourn at 7:42pm.
7-0-0 unanimous roll call vote**

Patricia Fitzgerald, Recording Secretary

Tom Henderson, Chairman

Documents reviewed during the meeting:

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