

**Plainville Conservation Commission
Minutes of September 26, 2023**

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A meeting of the Plainville Conservation Commission was held at the Plainville Town Hall on 09/26/2023. The meeting opened at: 6:01pm. The meeting was recorded.

Commission members present:

Lorna Bosworth, George Benz, Bob Davis, Dawn Denizkurt, Lou Droste, Jack Shepardson

Commission members absent/late:

Bob Moores

Staff: Chris Yarworth (attended remotely)

Kevin Baldwin, Assistant Conservation Agent

Meeting status: New Public Hearing

Time: 6:01 p.m.

Project: 36 Taunton Street – BASF Corporation – NOI
DEP #: SE 265-0428

Applicant/Rep Present: Paul Mattos, Allen & Major Associates, Inc.

Stephen Graham, Aries Engineering

Information submitted:

- a. Cover letter from Allen and Major Associates, Inc. dated 09/08/2023.
- b. Bound booklet entitled “Notice of Intent, BASF Facility, 36 Taunton Street, Plainville, MA” prepared 09/08/2023 by Allen and Major Associates, Inc. Booklet includes:
 - i. Section 1.0: Project Summary
 - ii. Section 2.0: NOI Application
 - iii. Section 3.0: Exhibits
 - iv. Section 4.0: Notifications
 - v. Appendix A: Stormwater Performance Standards
 - vi. Appendix B: Supporting Information
 - vii. Appendix C: Site Plans (attached separately)
- c. Plans entitled “BASF, 36 Taunton Street, Plainville, MA” prepared by Allen and Major Associates, Inc., dated 09/08/2023, sheets C-101, C-501, C-502, L-101L-501 & V-101.
- d. Plans entitled “Existing Condition Survey, 36 Taunton Street, Plainville, MA 02762” dated 10/27/2020 (Updated 01/21/2021) prepared by Alpha Survey Group – 3 sheets.
- e. Email from Paul Matos of Cover letter from Allen and Major Associates, Inc. dated 09/11/2023 requesting waiver of local application fee.
- f. Property Access letter from Natural Resources Trust of Plainville, Inc. dated 09/08/2023.
- g. Property Access letter from Linda Morton dated 09/15/2023.
- h. Property Access letter from Mike Cacciapaglia dated 09/19/2023.
- i. Mass DEP Notification of Wetlands Protection Act File Number form dated

09/25/2023.

Discussion: This project is a continuation of efforts to remove PCB contaminated soils from the BASF site. The work is classified as a limited project under the Wetlands Protection Act. Mucky soils in Turnpike Lake will be removed, as well as some adjoining soils in bordering vegetated wetlands and flood plain. A coffer dam will be installed in the embayment to hold back lake water. Drawdown will be by pumping to settlement basins. The final extent of soil removal will be unknown until after some work has commenced and additional testing can be performed. Silt socks will be placed as shown on the plans. A Water Quality Certification is required, and an Army Corp. permit may be needed. The Commission requested that, if possible, the lake muck not be replaced due to the invasive plants in the soil. A local fee waiver was requested by the Applicant.

Motion by Ms. Bosworth and seconded by Mr. Davis to continue the public hearing to 10/10/2023. Passed: 6-0-0.

Status: Continued to 10/10/2023.

General Business:

Kevin Baldwin introduced himself to the Commission. He has been hired to assist until the retirement the existing agent, at which time he hopes to become the primary agent for the Town. He is a local resident, a professional arborist, and will be taking the MACC classes to better understand the regulations.

31 Treasure Island Road – Deb Taylor

Ms. Taylor requested permission to remove a large pine tree on her property that is on the bank of Lake Mirimichi. Branches and sap are falling, and the root system is causing safety problems for her and her guests. She is also concerned about safety due to the proximity of the tree to her house if the tree should fall. She is willing to do replacement plantings if required. Mr. Baldwin opined that the tree was healthy, but there could be a possibility of limb damage. If removed, Ms. Taylor should plant a water loving tree with shrubs and woodchips added along the bank to replace the existing lawn. The Commission requested that she file a Request for Determination of Applicability for the proposed work.

Motion by Ms. Bosworth and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the minutes for the 07/25/2023 meeting. Passed: 6-0-0.

Motion by Ms. Bosworth and seconded by Mr. Davis to adjourn at 7:09pm. Passed: 6-0-0.

Submitted by:

Christopher Yarworth
Conservation Agent