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Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2020
Meeting via Zoom

Commissioners present - Todd Lynch, Andrew MacLachlan, and Joe Rogers.

Members of the public present - Lori McCarthy, Environmental consultant from ATC Group Services, for Cumberland Farms

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm

RDA for the former Cumberland Farms building at 41 Main Street.:

Cumberland Farms must remediate the soil, which is contaminated with chlorinated solvents. ATC is the firm hired to do the work. The plan calls for limited excavation within a portion of the building's interior and also on the southeast side of the building's exterior. Between two to five feet of soil will be removed. A contingency plan is to use a remedial additive to neutralize the solvents in situ, mixed in the soil with an excavator. Three commissioners reviewed the site with Ms. McCarthy. Mr. Rogers says that the work is in a jurisdictional area. Two questions/concerns are how to temporarily cap the culvert system and how to deal with runoff in case of heavy rain. According to Ms. McCarthy, Zan Riddle, the Senior Project Manager plans no excavation if a major rain event is expected. In addition, the plan is to cap both of the catch basins that are close to the building. A third catch basin runs under Route 9 and drains into forested wetlands. This one will be left open, with a filter placed over it. Any discharge water will be tested for contaminants

Ms. McCarthy said the standard protocol for temporary storage of contaminated soil is to lay 40 ml polyethylene sheeting on the ground, place excavated soil on top, surround soil by a wall of hay bales, then cover the

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entire area with more plastic sheeting. The stockpile will be on site for one and a half weeks at most. The excavation site will be covered with plastic, and stormwater will be funneled away from the excavation site. Monitoring wells in place will be tested after every rain event during the work. Phase 4, the actual excavation, will likely begin in September.

Although the site is within the Riverfront Area, the Commissioners agreed to permit the plan as a RDA with conditions rather than requiring an NOI. ATC is required to submit a phase 4 remedy plan to the Contaminant Division at DEP, so the work will have direct DEP oversight. In addition, the plan is very clear, and ATC showed significant planning. Commissioners issued a Negative 2 determination with conditions, including a pre-construction meeting.

Emergency Certification for town well's beaver flooding: The Commission voted to ratify the Emergency Certification for removing beaver debris at the water facility on Bisbee Road.

Review of the response from Berkshire Design in regard to the bridge at 86 Ashfield Road: Each Commissioner will look over the response and determine what the Commission wants to ask of them. Discussion planned for the August 13 meeting.

Feedback about 40 Goshen Road: Potential buyer has a lot of questions. Mr. Rogers gave him a run-down of wetlands regulations but made it clear that the Commission cannot give advice about a land purchase. He urged the interested party to hire a wetland consultant.

Minutes from June 25th, 2020 were approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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