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SITE VISIT MEETING MINUTES
240 Shrewsbury Street
MAY 24, 2016

Members Present: Jeffrey Walsh, Joe McGrath, Dan Duffy

Others Present: Mr. Mastrototora

Recorder: Dan Duffy

The members listed above met with Mr. Mastrototora (the property owner) at the rear of the main building at 240 Shrewsbury Street at 6:30 pm to conduct a site visit of the subject property. The site visit was in response to a concern raised by Mr. Davis of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and discussions held with Mr. Mastrototora at the Commission's May 16, 2016 meeting.

During the site visit the Commission members observed apparent recent and historic filling of wetland resource areas with wood chips placed on the site by several of Mr. Mastrototora's tenants. Mr. Mastrototora stated that he was using the wood chips for dust and erosion control over the unvegetated soil areas of the site; however it appears that the wood chips were placed in greater thicknesses (beyond a thin cover for the stated purposes) around the perimeter of the wetlands areas.

The Commission members present for the site walk suggested that Mr. Mastrototora develop a plan based on historic plans or aerial photographs to remove recently-placed wood chips from the wetlands and stabilize the disturbed areas. Further, it was suggested that Mr. Mastrototora establish some hard control (posts, boulders, etc.) at a certain distance (50-feet was discussed) from the re-established wetland boundary (after removal of the wood chips) to prevent encroachment in this area by his tenants in the future.

The Commission also observed a pile of salt located in close proximity to the wetland areas that was both uncovered and within the flow path of stormwater draining off the site. Mr. Mastrototora was requested to have his tenants move the salt to an area further from the wetland out of the stormwater flow path, and cover it with tarps.

The site visit was completed at 7:15 p.m.