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## TOWN OF WINCHENDON



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Conservation Commission

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### Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

February 10th, 2022

Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium

109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

**PRESENT:** Kyle Bradley, David Whitaker, Melissa Blanchard, Lionel Cloutier, Ken Wante  
Nicole Roberts, Land Use Coordinator/Planning Clerk<sup>1</sup>  
Matt Morrow, Conservation Agent (present via phone)

**MATERIALS:** Agenda & Notice of Meeting: February 10th, 2022, 12/16/21 & 1/13/22 Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** K. Bradley called the meeting to order at 6:00PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** L. Cloutier was appointed to the Open Space Preservation Appraisal and/or Survey Revolving Fund Advisory Committee and requested signatures from the members.

**MINUTES:** December 16th, 2021 and January 13th, 2022

M. Blanchard motioned to approve the December 16th, 2021 minutes, 2nd by L. Cloutier. All voted aye.

M. Blanchard motioned to approve the January 13th, 2022 minutes, 2nd by D. Whitaker.  
Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) Wante (Y) Bradley (A) 4-0-1 Abstention

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Discussion of Thursday meeting: Board decision of meeting day, 2nd or 3rd Thursday of the month**

The members decided to continue meeting on the second Thursday of the month.

### HEARINGS:

**6:05PM Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

**Applicant:** Brian Walsh

**Project Address:** 105 Monomonac Road West; Assessor's Map 9M, Parcel 11

**Project Description:** Removal of 5 trees

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice and opening the hearing.

The applicant was not present. The members agreed after seeing the trees in person, that they did not seem like an issue and do not agree with them being removed. They were not struck by lightning or diseased, and therefore are not a hazard. The members agreed to a positive determination after discussion from the board.

D. Whitaker motioned for a positive determination based on the discussion of the board, 2nd by L. Cloutier. All voted aye.

**6:15PM Notice of Intent (NOI)**

DEP #345-0748

**Applicant:** Robin Yates

**Project Address:** 407 Maple St; Assessor's Map 3D1, Parcel 35

**Project Description:** Replacement of Septic System

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice and opening the hearing.

Paul Grasewicz with Graz Engineering came forward before the board to explain the plans. He explained the location was difficult to work with due to the size/layout of the lot and there is also a river flowing next to the lot.

K. Wante motioned to issue a favorable order of conditions, 2nd by D. Whitaker. All voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

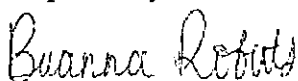
**Community Preservation Act (CPA) Discussion**

D. Whitaker mentioned when he used to work for the town of Templeton, they had accepted the CPA and it turned out to be a great decision for the town and community. K. Bradley showed the powerpoint presentation to the members that reviewed the current state statistics, details, and other incentives. Over half of the states towns have already accepted and implemented the CPA and no towns have revoked. The majority of members agreed the CPA seemed like a good idea but were interested in hearing more details. The discussion was left open.

L. Cloutier made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by D. Whitaker and all voted aye.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:42PM**

Respectfully submitted,



Brianna Roberts, Conservation Commission Recording Secretary


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Kyle Bradley, Chairman

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David Whitaker, Vice-Chairman

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Melissa Blanchard

  
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Lionel Cloutier

  
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Ken Wante