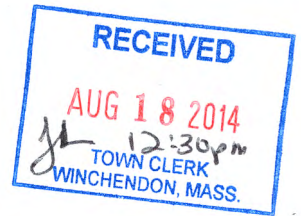


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES
4TH Floor Conference Room
4/24/24



Present: Garrett Davieau, Lionel Cloutier, David Whitaker Kyle Bradley and David Koonce
Absent: Stephen Chace, Sebastian Valera

The meeting was called to order @ 7 p.m. by Chairman Davieau.

Material Presented

Meeting Agenda
Meeting Minutes 3/27/14
Plans for 311 Rice Rd. (pool)
Plans for 50 Franklin St. (recycling facility)
Massachusetts fact packet for Kinder Morgan
Copy of Royalston Conservation Commission letter
M. J. Galet Contact Name Sheet

NEW BUSINESS

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley – **vote** unanimously approved the minutes of 3/27/14.
David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley – **vote** unanimously approved 4 bills submitted: \$1,200.00 bill to Paul Rice for the Kiosk at Bushey Bridge, \$108.00 to Creative Woodworking for Commission name holders, \$50.05 for mileage reimbursement to Lionel Cloutier and the bill to pay the secretary.

HEARING

7:05 p.m. RDA, 311 Rice Rd., Lynn Myers-LaPlaca, above ground pool
Applicant, Lynn Myers-LaPlaca represented herself.

The plans show the installation of a 27' x 54" deep above ground pool and 10' x 20' attached deck.
Agent Koonce has concerns about erosion control and the discharge from the filter back flush directed to an area outside of the buffer zone.
Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker – **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination.

7:10 p.m. RDA, 50 Franklin St., Shawn Bator, Recycling Facility
Applicant, Shawn Bator represented himself.

The project entails the operation of a recycling facility for materials from foreclosed homes including, but not limited to, furniture, paper and appliances. Wood materials will be broken down by a chipper into a marketable form which accumulates on-site until sold. A crushed stone driveway will be constructed for access by vehicles delivering and removing materials.

An enforcement order was issued to stop work and clean up area. Agent Koonce states the area has been cleaned. The chipping work is done in a 60' area with a 6' high fence. The Commission raised a concern about the rain run-off going into the no-disturb area not knowing what the content of the material being chipped. DEP will be doing a site visit and doing soil testing.
One of the conditions will be to abide by all solid and hazardous waste requirements.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by David Whitaker - **vote** unanimously approved to dissolve the cease and desist order. Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier – **vote** unanimously approved a Negative Determination with Conditions that all run-off flow will be outside of the 50' no disturb zone and will including DEP comments.

OLD BUSINESS

Partial Certificate of Compliance

Agent Koonce is asking the Commission to vote to approve a partial Certificate of Compliance for Order of Conditions # 345-0286, 14 Joslin Rd., to release Outlot B for conveyance.

Lionel Cloutier made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley – **vote** unanimously approved the partial Certificate of Compliance.

Deed Acceptance

Agent Koonce presented the deed to Map 3C-1, Parcel 11 (Glenallen St.) for the Commission to sign.

Kyle Bradley made a motion, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier – **vote** unanimously approved to sign the deed.

All will sign the deed except Lionel Cloutier since he will bring the document to a notary public.

Mass DOT

Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation may need approval from the Commission on work to be done.

The Commission may need to meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

Alliance Action Team Against the Natural Gas Pipeline

M. J. Galat, town resident, along with residents from other communities came to speak before the Commission against the Natural Gas Pipeline.

M. J. Galat presented information about the pipeline that would impact the community. The pipeline would move through many wetlands. The pipe is 30-36' wide needing an area of 100' that must be cleared. It will sit 36" below the ground. Many areas will need to be blasted to cut through. The blasting areas will effect up to 20'. The pipeline has been built through the southern portion of the state. The Transportation Department says that the pipes leak every 8 months. Compression stations will be constructed about every 50 miles along the pipeline. The sound from the stations can be heard up to 10 miles away.

Royalston Commissioner, Maureen Blasco, stated, "The Conservation Commission will have the only say where the pipeline goes". The Alliance Action Team is doing outreach to colleges and home owners to get the information out. They are approaching Gardner for the impact on their water shed. They recommend the Commission write a letter to Kinder Morgan to voice their concerns and ask for wetland delineation in the pathway of the proposed project. Chairman Garrett Davieau will attend the next Selectmen Meeting to request them to draft a letter asking other agencies such as DCR, EPO, DEP, DPW and the Fire Dept. what information they have.

The Commission wants to develop a new filing fee for utility work. Agent Koonce will ask DEP for information.

David Whitaker made a motion, 2nd by Kyle Bradley – **vote** unanimously approved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Driscoll, secretary

