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Conservation Commission



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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**December 19, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Sebastian Valera, Greg Davieau, Lionel Cloutier, David Whitaker

Conservation Agent David Koonce

Doneen Durling Recording

**ABSENT:** Steven Chace, *KYLE BRADLEY*

Materials

Meeting Agenda December 19, 2013

Legal notice and Plans for septic upgrade 16 Lakeview Dr.

Minutes November 20

Legal notice and plans for 727 Spring St.

**7:01 CALL TO ORDER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES;**

November 20, 2013

*Move to approve; Cloutier/Whitaker*

*Valera (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) Davieau (Y) 4 - 0*

*Approved*

Meeting minutes pending Oct. 24

**Approval of payment for recorder:**

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*Moved for payment Cloutier/Whitaker*

*Valera (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) Davieau (Y) 4 – 0*  
*Approved*

## **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE # 345-0372**

Site 1271 Alger St. (previously 371) new house.

David Koonce said he was seeking a provisional signature from the board because he did not have a chance to inspect the site due to the snow. He said that after inspecting the site he would only issue if he has found compliance.

*Motion to sign Whitaker/Cloutier*

*Valera (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) Davieau (Y) 4 – 0*  
*Approved*

## **REQUEST FOR DETERMINATION OF APPLICABILITY**

**Hearing opened 7:05**

Seb. Valera read the legal notice posted in the local paper.

Mark Popham RS represented applicant Agnes Caron for property on 16 Lakeview Dr. The project would include the abandonment of a substandard septic gravity-fed system with a leach field existing, according to recent testing, right at the water table. Owner is upgrading the system to pump and will be putting the house on the market. The system will be a pumping system and required a variance for Title 5 because of where the well is situated. The variance was approved by the BOH. A new leaching area would be placed roughly 77 feet from the owner's existing well while maintaining 100 feet from the neighbors on each side. It pushed the leaching area as close to the road as possible. The new leaching area would be closer to the wet pocket on the other side of the road than to the lake. No part of the new system is any closer to the lake than it was before. The watertight unit tank and pump chamber will go where the existing leach field is. Tank is 70 feet from the shoreline.

Construction will include a silt fence to protect the area on the other side of the road. Proposal includes placing the leach field on what constitutes the existing driveway and keeping the crushed stone and driveway as part of the storm run-off management. Mr. Valera asked if any abutters were present.

There were none. Mr., Koonce said abutters had been notified.

Mr. Koonce confirmed well locations. He said the plan meets all the requirements and would place the customary conditions.

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Mr. Popham said work would most likely not be done in the winter. Mr. Koonce asked if Mr. Popham understood that standard operating procedure was the issuance was not given until the plans were signed and stamped by the BOH.

***David Whitaker moved for a negative determination/Cloutier***

***Valera (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) Davieau (Y) 4 – 0***

***Approved 7:17p.m.***

## **7:18 NOTICE OF INTENT**

727 Spring St.

***Greg Davieau recused himself from the table due to conflict.***

The board decided they could not make a determination because of the number present but could hear the presentation.

Legal notice from local paper read by Mr. Valera.

Applicant Matthew Guinn of Bethany Bible Chapel not present. Representative John Walker present with Lauree Applin of the Bethany Bible Chapel

Plan includes removal of the trees including stumps and grading to create a playground in the 200' riverfront area of the Millers River.

John Walker said it was s a simple project that became complicated. There has already been clearing for the project prematurely. Large pines are down. Mr. Walker did a wetland survey of the property. There is border vegetative wetland on both sides of the property with the Millers River to the south. A portion of the rear of the church has been cleared with the intention of adding a playground and area for outside activity. There are future plans for an expansion of parking. A big portion of the property is in the river zone. Mr. Walker suggested they put in a graveled area for overflow parking. He showed the area already cleared with stumps removed or ground up. He said the area would be loamed seeded or bark-mulched for whatever is appropriate ground cover. The parking area would be graveled so there would

Total area 86,450 square feet or 1.9 acres. There are 2 spots they will need to cut into, zones A & B. 7,353 square feet. There will be hay bales or silt fence around the complete perimeter of the area as the project goes along.

The whole back yard according to Mr. Walker is in the priority habitat. He called Fish and Game and the woman told him she believed it was some kind of turtle. The project has been filed with Fish and Game.

Mr. Walker said it is a very straight forward project; cut the trees and grind the stumps and grade. He said the area is flat until the river.

Mr. Koonce asked if there was digging. Mr., Walker and Ms. Applin said they did not believe there would be digging.

Mr. Koonce said he believed there would have to be information from National Heritage as the hearing continues at a later date.

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*Motion to continue the hearing to January 23, 2014 at 7:05 pm. By Valera*

*Valera (Y) Cloutier (Y) Whitaker (Y) 3 – 0 Approved 7:32 pm*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Discussion on concerns of storm water runoff from 409 Maple St. to 407 Maple St. caused by construction of a new garage.

Area flooding is on property on which is being constructed

Property owner Patricia Wedum said there has been a drill hole on the survey that had been passed off as a property line for years.

Board members agreed there seemed to be no cause for complaint and noted a survey by a reputable surveyor was completed showing property lines and where the impact was most likely.

There is a plan to build a stone wall on the property line.

Mr. Koonce said the only thing he would request is a written response to the letter that states intention when spring comes.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Land Gift Map 3C-1 Parcel 11.** Located where the old white schoolhouse used to be off Glenallen. Mr. Koonce said it is a parcel with river frontage. The flow comes out of Monomonac, and goes to Whitney Pond. Looks like a good piece of property that could be used for a kayak launch.

Mr. Koonce said that as long as there are no title issues or dumping, his recommendation would be to have the commission accept the gift.

*Valera moved to accept the gift contingent upon title and ground inspection./Whitaker*

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Approved*

## **Annual Report/Marchmont Conservation Restriction.**

The DCR sent a letter of reminder which was forwarded by the agent to the board members. David Whitaker printed a map and highlighted in yellow where he has gone during hunting season. He offered to take photos of the interior.

*Mr. Whitaker will scan what has been completed. Mr. Koonce will finish for the report.*

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### **Discussion on Kiosk**

Lionel Cloutier presented a packet including information on a kiosk for kiosk off River Street. Info came from Keith Davies of Millers River Watershed. Cost would be for kiosk and a \$75 map.

The board discussed and agreed that funding would come from Con Com.

The board requested a quote knowing the estimated cost of \$675 for the kiosk, including the map.

The quote was requested for the next meeting.

### ***Motion to move to next meeting***

***Valera/Cloutier***

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***Approved***

### **Discussion on the construction at the intersection of Route 12 and 140 – breach in fence**

The chairman said they were keeping an eye on construction and the silt fence erosion issues. Lionel Cloutier said he spoke to the contractor Mr. Miller who has replaced the silt fence and hay bales from Route 12 to the full back. He will seed in the spring. Mr. Cloutier said there was no more erosion.

Discussion brought up by Mr. Valera on policies for completion of projects and enforcement.

The board agreed that town bylaws and state laws cover most enforcement issues but that some time limitations could be placed on the order of conditions.

Mr. Valera said the Environmental Handbook is available online for a \$15 fee. David Koonce said he would establish an account so members have access.

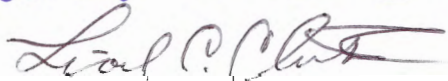
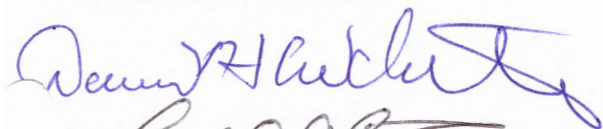
January's agenda will include information on the conference in March.

### **Move to adjourn Whitaker/Cloutier**

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**Approved**

**ADJOURNED 8:07**



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