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Conservation Commission

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Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

May 9, 2024

Town Hall 2nd Floor Auditorium
109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

PRESENT: Chair- David Whitaker, Vice- Chair Lionel Cloutier, Melissa Blanchard, Glenn LaRochelle
Nicole Roberts- Land Use and Planning Coordinator

ABSENT: Matthew Marro- Conservation Agent

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00PM- David Whitaker called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

MINUTES: 4/11/24

Melissa Blanchard motioned to approve the minutes from 4/11/24, 2nd by Lionel Cloutier
Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) 4-0

DISCUSSION: 96 Royalston Road North

Matthew, property owner, was present. There was an enforcement order in place due to work done in a wetland area. No work is to be done until the property owner speaks with the Conservation Commission and Agent. Matthew has spoke with Matt Marro, instead of having him file an NOI, they will carry out the enforcement order with a clean up and stabilization.

HEARINGS:

Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) New Hearing

Applicant: Jason Tenney

New Hearing
Assessor's Map 5A2, Parcel 22

Project Address: 63 Pearl Street

Project Description: The proposed work includes construction of a single family home within the 100 foot buffer zone.

M. Blanchard read the public hearing notice. D. Whitaker opened the hearing.

N. Roberts stated the area has been staked and hay-baled. M. Marro visited the property and measured the distance from the wetlands to the edge of the existing foundation, it measured 77ft. The house will

then go towards the left side of the property, further away and out of the wetlands. Shaun Dame, contractor, was present.

L. Cloutier motioned for a negative determination with a standard order of conditions, 2nd by G. LaRochelle

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Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) New Hearing

Applicant: John Harrison

Assessor's Map 7B4, Parcel 27

Project Address: 310 Main Street

Project Description: The proposed work includes replacing an existing 10x8 deck with like, adding an 11x5x4 wrap around deck to back door within the fifty foot buffer zone.

M. Blanchard read the public hearing notice. D. Whitaker opened the hearing.

N. Roberts stated Matt Marro took a look at the plans. The house is in the existing footprint, the current deck is in the 50 ft zone and the proposed plans include a new deck that will be in the 50 ft zone as well. John Harrison said they plan on putting erosion control with silt fence 10 ft around the work area.

G. LaRochelle motioned for a negative determination with a standard order of conditions, 2nd by

L. Cloutier

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Notice of Intent (NOI) Continued from 4/11/24, DEP #345-0789

Applicant: Ben Olson

Assessor's Map 8, Parcel 247

Project Address: 49 Doyle Avenue, Map 8, Parcel 247

Project Description: The proposed work includes construction of a single family dwelling and septic system to service it along with a driveway within 100 foot buffer zone.

Notice of Intent (NOI) Continued from 4/11/24, DEP #345-0790

Applicant: Ben Olson

Assessor's Map 8, Parcel 239

Project Address: 365 Hitchcock Road, Map 8, Parcel 239

Project Description: The proposed work includes construction of a single family dwelling and septic system partially within 100 foot buffer zone.

Notice of Intent (NOI) Continued from 4/11/24, DEP #345-0787

Applicant: Ben Olson

Assessor's Map 8, Parcel 237

Project Address: 369 Hitchcock Road, Map 8, Parcel 237

Project Description: The proposed work includes construction of a septic system requiring grading within the 100 foot buffer zone.

The comments from DEP have been reviewed and were satisfied by the applicant in terms of stormwater and what DEP requested. DEP is still awaiting results on the 401 water quality test. It was recommended that a standard order of conditions be issued for all 3 lots and no work is to be done prior to the 401 water quality test results and is satisfactory via DEP.

L. Cloutier motioned to approve all 3 lots (49 Doyle Ave, 365 & 369 Hitchcock Rd) with a standard order of conditions, pending satisfactory 401 water quality test results, 2nd by G. LaRochelle.

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) 4-0

Notice of Intent (NOI) Continued from 5/11/23, DEP #345-0772

Applicant: ZP Battery DevCo, LLC **Assessor's Map** 2D2, **Parcel** 11,12,27

Project Address: 256 Murdock Avenue, School Street & Off School Street

Project Description: The proposed work includes construction of a solar energy storage system within the 100' buffer zone

The applicant submitted an acceptable replanting plan in lieu of the waiver that they are requesting be waived. The waiver came about because there is an existing road between the wetlands and proposed site that they cannot take away, as it is the means for trucks to get around that operate at Saloom Furniture, so in lieu of the 50 ft access waiver, they wish to keep it as is and to replant/replicate another area.

Mike Giovannucci of River St read the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) 855, Standard for the Installation of Stationary Energy Storage Systems. D. Whitaker responded that the Fire Chief has reviewed and provided a thorough report, available to the public, and the Commission has found it to be acceptable.

Christine Haslem came forward to voice her concerns with the project and future solar battery proposals.

D. Whitaker asked for a motion to approve the waiver. The motion failed.

Denise Tossi of 44 Cross St came forward and expressed that Winchendon is a farming community, not industrial. She asked to reconsider industrial projects such as this.

L. Cloutier motioned for a positive determination, 2nd by M. Blanchard

Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) 4-0

Notice of Intent (NOI) Continued from 4/11/24, NO DEP # ISSUED

Applicant: Steven Powell **Assessor's Map** 9, **Parcels** 93&99

Project Address: Teel Road Map 9, Parcels 93&99

Project Description: The proposed work includes clearing and grading for the purposes of an earth removal operation in addition, an existing damaged culvert will be replaced with a proposed bridge within the 100 foot buffer zone.

The hearing will be continued to the next meeting.

Notice of Intent (NOI) New Hearing, NO DEP # ISSUED

Applicant: Shaun Savard **Assessor's Map** 5A4, **Parcel** 51

Project Address: 302-308 Maple Street

Project Description: The proposed work includes installation of a replacement septic system for an existing single family home within the 100 buffer zone

M. Blanchard read the public hearing notice. D. Whitaker opened the hearing. The hearing will be continued.

L. Cloutier motioned to continue the hearing to the next meeting, 2nd by G. LaRochelle
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UPDATES:

- Map M6, Parcel 53 Violation

The property was unable to attend the meeting. The Commission will give him until May 30th to file, after that a \$100 per day fee will incur.

- New England Power Company NOI
Standard tree/utility work.

- Review new ConsCom member interests prior to BOS meeting
Michael Kearns expressed his interest in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission.

Christine Haslem expressed her interest in becoming a member of the Conservation Commission.

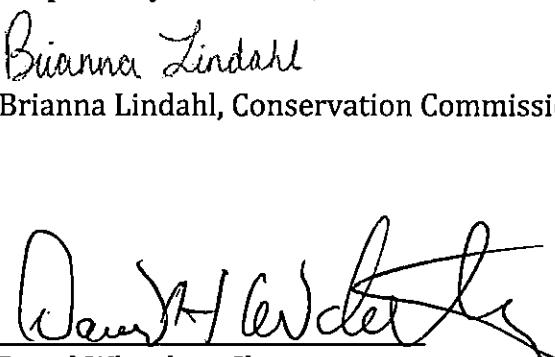
M. Blanchard motioned to recommend Michael Kearns as a member of the Conservation Commission, 2nd by L. Cloutier

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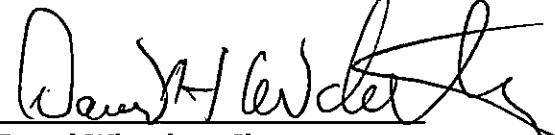
ADJOURN: 7:01PM

L. Cloutier motioned to adjourn, 2nd by G. LaRochelle
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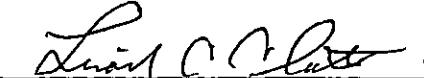
Respectfully submitted,


Brianna Lindahl

Brianna Lindahl, Conservation Commission Recording Secretary


David Whitaker, Chair


Melissa Blanchard


Lionel Cloutier, Vice-Chair


Glenn LaRochelle