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Conservation Commission

109 Front Street Winchendon, Massachusetts 01475-1758

Regular Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2019
2nd floor auditorium
109 Front Street 01475

Members Present:

David Koonce, Kyle Bradley, David Whitaker, Tony George

7:00 Meeting called to order

Approval of minutes from October10, 2019-unanimously approved.

Chairperson of the board has resigned- the board will now reorganize

Tony George recommends Kyle Bradley as Chair, David Whitaker to second-unanimous approval.

Tony George also recommends appointing David Whitaker as Vice Chair of the Commission-vote was unanimous Appointments were in effect immediately.

No bills to pay this month

606 School Street

Single family home is being constructed the applicant requested an extension on the order of conditions for DEP file # 345-0644; order expires 1/23/2020. Decision for the extension was unanimous.

7:05pm Request for Determination of Applicability, 150 Lakeshore Drive

Property Owner Mike Lang present

Request was for permission to construct a 312 square foot detached garage on a concrete slab.

Site inspection was performed by David Whitaker and Tony George, they both see no problems. The area as stated is an uphill slope from the garage to the wetlands, present is lawn between the garage and wetlands as well.

Tony George made a motion to close the hearing, David Whitaker second the motion

Motion to closer the Determination of Applicability by David Whitaker, second Tony George

7:10pm Barkley Enterprises, LLC, Notices of Intent (3)

Chris Guida from Fieldstone Land Consultants present

There is no riverfront area involved on the property; there are ponds on the plans, not rivers.

Abutters were notified, a return receipt was no completed-however according to ConCom agent, and this meets the law requirements.

There has not been a DEP file number issued yet for this project.

The engineer points out on the plans and old railroad area as well as the spur that runs thru the property along with a bridge that crosses Tannery Pond. Chris made mention that the plan was signed off on and there was an approved ANR

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from the Plaining Board in the packet. There was a man made pond on the property pointed out that was a ditch to the railroad, this contained isolated wetlands not disturbing of the 50' buffer. There will be 2 homes build on Spring Place and one on Spring Street. David Whitaker points out to the engineer that the deck on one of the homes is within the 75' no build and within the 20' setback, it is motioned by Dave Whitaker to allow pending DEP number and changing of the house configuration.

Engineer Chris will have new plans prepared and the request will be continued till the December 12, 2019 meeting. This was motioned by David Whitaker and second Tony George to move the house to accommodate deck.

7:15pm New England Auto and Truck Recycler, Notice of Intent

Mark Arigoni, Milone & MacBroom, Inc. present representing the applicant as well as the GM in the audience DEP file number has been assigned, # 3450677. Megan Raymond, Environmental Scientist reports there was a verbal from the DEP that there are no formal comments from them.

Motion to close made by Tony George, second David Whitaker-unanimous

7:20pm-All American Builders, LLC, Notice of Intent

Trevor Fletcher presents to represent the applicant

A few small changes were made to the wetland areas, one flag added one moved closer to the construction site. The Septic and retaining wall was moved from the 50' no disturb, a silt fence was added. Motion to close the hearing; made by David Whitaker. Order of Conditions motion to close was made by David Whitaker, Tony George second.

7:25pm 291 Glenallen Street, Notice of Intent

Darren Senecal and Trevor Fletcher present

Changes to the planting areas have been made, replanting more native forestry, removing fruit trees, not disturbing the bed to the North. A drywell has been installed on the property as of 11/4. There was a 100 year hydro analysis completed as well. It was requested that instead of the 25 white pines, that arborvitaes be planted, privacy was the goal for the pines and the applicant feels that arborvitaes would provide the same results. The abutter Mr. Paquin came to review and agreed on the use of the arborvitaes the plan to maintain the area would be to rototill the area 2x per year, keep the silt fence up while the walkway was being finished. Unanimous motion made to close the hearing and order of conditions.

7:30pm 185 Baldwinville Road, Notice of Intent

Request for continuance, significant changes were made-the project is pending peer review.

Old Business

Steven Curtis was called in to address the retaining wall that he is building on his property. ConCon was unsure as to why he was appearing before the commission; a wall was being constructed within the 100' buffer. Although the retaining wall makes sense the wall was not on the original plan therefore Conservation Commission members will go to the property to observe the wall a site visit was performed by David Whitaker, he did not see an issue with this wall, not felt it had an impact. The wall at the time of this meeting was complete an amendment to the Order of Conditions and an as-built will be requested.

Tony George recused himself due to being an abutter.

John Bussiere of 336 Monomonac Road West (resident) of where trees were being reported being taken down The Conservation Commission took a look at the property to determine if they will have an after the fact filing. John was instructed to come into meet with Agent by the following week to file paperwork. It was instructed not to cut anymore trees before coming to the commission first.

Recording secretary Brianna Roberts status? Will she be attending meetings going forward?

It is suggested get a thank you card for the previous recording secretary and chairman.

New Business

Richard Zwalhen, proposed deck at 62 Webster Street. Applicant was not present at meeting; proposed building of a 12x12 deck within 50' of the wetlands. DEP wetlands supersede town map. Field inspections are determined by jurisdictions. Applicant needs to file with the commission.

Kathleen VanDyke is looking for a Certificate of Compliance for the Millers Run Subdivision. The wetland replication will be complete. A check of the replication is due on May 2020 and September 2020. The Certificate of Compliance will be on the April Conservation Commission Meeting agenda. Tony George had concerns about the road first being approved as a private road, then eventually going before town meeting to propose acceptance as a public way, is this road sufficient? The conservation commission member David Whitaker made it known to Tony George that the road is not in the Conservation Commissions jurisdiction and it was the Highway Department responsibility for sign off; the concern at hand that evening was the wetland replication.

April Mills is a potential new member of the Conservation Commission, David Koonce urged to ConCom to encourage her application. She needs to send a letter of interest to the BOS

DEP issued a superseding order of conditions for the dam; the appeal under the town bylaw needs to be settled by Town Council, which they are working on.

No further business.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

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