

# TOWN OF WINCHENDON



Conservation Commission

Telephone (978)-297-5402

## Regular Meeting/Public Hearing

April 13 2023

Town Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium  
109 Front Street, Winchendon, MA 01475

**PRESENT:** Kyle Bradley, Melissa Blanchard, Lionel Cloutier, Glenn LaRochelle, David Whitaker  
Matt Marro- Conservation Agent

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

- Vernal pool- Winchendon Community Park

M. Marro explained upon doing a site visit 2 vernal pools were located that are not on the map as certified pools. He wanted to let the commission know and see if they wanted him to work with the endangered species program to get them certified. K. Bradley confirmed and the rest of the members agreed.

- 255 Mellen Road- Certificate of Compliance

From 1990 for construction of single family house driveway access.

L. Cloutier motioned to approve, 2nd by D. Whitaker.

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

### PUBLIC HEARINGS: 6:05PM

#### Notice of Intent (NOI)

**Applicant:** Christopher Amenta

**Project Address:** 0 Baldwinville State Road

**Project Description:** The proposed work includes construction of a 12x20 foot retaining wall not at water's edge, but within the 50 foot buffer zone

**DEP#345-0767**

**Assessor's Map M7A4 Parcel 62**

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice.

Christopher Anderson with Hannigan Engineering was present on behalf of the applicant. He explained the proposed work includes construction of a single family home. The property is currently undeveloped and has historically been used as an agricultural field. It has been previously cleared with it being primarily brush and grass with woodland along the periphery. There are 2 areas of wetlands to be noted, a bordering vegetative wetland to the north of the site, which flows into a culvert system that goes

underneath Baldwinville State Road to the opposite side of the roadway. In addition, there is a perennial stream along the southeast corner of the property, that has its corresponding riverfront areas as well as a BBW associated with it. The property was created prior to the cutoff date of August 7th, 1996, which makes it exempt to the maximum extent practical from the state riverfront act requirements. The plan has the location of the home as far away from the river as possible while meeting the zoning setback requirements. There will be a paved driveway access off of Baldwinville State Road along with the corresponding septic system. There is approximately 29,000 sq. ft. of riverfront of the property and they are proposed to alter 6,600 sq. ft. relative to the development. As mitigation, they are proposing to plant additional trees along the 25 ft buffer zone to provide a more permanent demarcation upon the completion of construction. There would be no tree clearing for the construction of the home, but there will be some clearing for the septic system. They are proposing straw wall and silk fence along the perimeter of the earthwork area as well as a snow fence along the treeline of the northern wetland area. Once the construction is done, the area will be loamed and seeded for permanent stabilization.

The commission stressed the importance of not allowing building in the 50 foot no touch zone. If possible it was suggested to change the plans to remove any disturbance in the 50 foot buffer zone. C. Anderson agreed to discuss the change in plans with the applicant and come back before the board with a revised plan.

D. Whitaker motioned to continue the hearing to May 11, 2023 at 6:05PM, 2nd by M. Blanchard.  
**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

#### **Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

**Applicant:** Howard Stein & Hudson, Mass

Assessor's Map 4D4

**Project Address:** Main and Hale Street intersection

**Project Description:** The proposed work consists of pedestrian curb ramp reconstruction at the intersection of Main Street and Hale Street

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice.

Christopher Lyman with Howard, Stein, and Hudson and Melissa Lenker with MassDOT Highway Division were present before the board.

L. Cloutier motioned for a negative determination, 2nd by D. Whitaker.

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

#### **Notice of Intent (NOI)**

**Applicant:** John McQueston

Assessor's Map M3 Parcel 20

**Project Address:** 146 Second Street

**Project Description:** The proposed work includes construction of a 36x36 garage building within the 100 buffer zone

M. Marro stated there was no DET number issued and requested to continue to the next meeting on behalf of the applicant.



L. Cloutier motioned to continue to May 11, 2023 at 6:10PM, 2nd by G. LaRochelle  
**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

**Notice of Intent (NOI)**

**Applicant:** Traci Doiron

Assessor's Map 7A4 Parcel 57

**Project Address:** 12 Baldwinville State Road

**Project Description:** The proposed work includes construction of a septic system within the 100 buffer zone

D. Whitaker read the public hearing notice.

M. Marro stated there was no DET number issued and requested to continue to the next meeting on behalf of the applicant.

L. Cloutier motioned to continue to May 11, 2023 at 6:15PM, 2nd by M. Blanchard

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

**Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

**Applicant:** Town of Winchendon

Assessor's Map 4D4 Parcel 20

**Project Address:** 3 Beech Street

**Project Description:** The proposed work includes stabilization of the site after removal of a building and removal of soils as required by IRA from Mass DEP

D. Whitaker motioned for a negative determination, 2nd by L. Cloutier

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (A) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 4-0-1 Abstention**

**59 Gardner Road-** Discussion regarding performing work prior to filing an NOI

M. Marro stated they are still waiting for a DET number to be issued. The applicant will be present at the next meeting. M. Marrow pulled the water test results and there is a high volume of chloride and sodium in the swamp. He stated it is also a rare species habitat.

**Continued Hearings:**

**Notice of Intent (NOI)**

**DEP#345-0762**

**Applicant:** Robert Matewsky

Assessor's Map 7 Parcel 4

**Project Address:** 16 Second Street

**Project Description:** Razing and Rebuilding the existing 3 bedroom home, installation of a new drilled well and water/electric line

N.Roberts spoke to the applicant earlier and he requested to continue the hearing to the next meeting.

L. Cloutier motioned to continue to May 11, 2023 at 6:20PM, 2nd by G. LaRochelle

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0**

**Notice of Intent (NOI)****Applicant:** Andrew McCusker**Project Address:** 276 Lakeview Drive**Project Description:** The proposed work includes construction of a 12x20 foot retaining wall not at water's edge, but within the 50 foot buffer zone.**DEP#345-0769**

Assessor's Map 12 Parcel 33

L. Cloutier motioned to allow the construction of the retaining wall with the standard order of conditions, 2nd by D. Whitaker.

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0****Notice of Intent (NOI)****Applicant:** Erin Hague**Project Address:** 96 Monomonac Road East**Project Description:** Reconstruction of the existing wall at the shoreline, approx. 95 foot section of wall within the 50 foot buffer zone.**DEP#345-0768**

Assessor's Map 8 Parcel 4

Adam and Earl Haight were present before the board. Erin Hague was present via zoom. She explained they have owned the property since 1975 and since then, they have noticed continuous erosion along the shoreline, approximately 10-20 ft. When they first purchased the property, there was a stonewall along the shoreline but over time it has eroded out. Their property is "book-ended" by two concrete walls and that area has received a lot of boat wake and continued erosion causing trees to lean over and roots are undercut. They are proposing to put in a stone wall similar to the current stone wall they already have on their property, shown in the plans. They would have to back fill about 4 ft. and are proposing to then make the stone wall itself 4 ft. tall and place crushed stone and top fill as needed. DEP asked for a habitat evaluation, the applicant has been in contact with MaryAnn DiPinto with Three Oaks Environmental and it scheduled to do a preliminary site evaluation on April 14th, 2023. Most of the vegetation there is white birch and blueberry bushes, and they do plan on replanting some native species.

D. Whitaker motioned to continue to May 11, 2023 at 6:25PM, 2nd by L. Cloutier

**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0****ADJOURN:**

L. Cloutier motioned to adjourn, 2nd by D. Whitaker

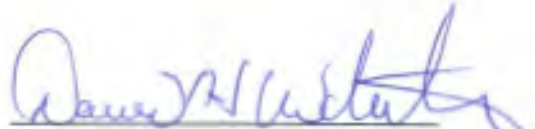
**Blanchard (Y) Cloutier (Y) LaRochelle (Y) Whitaker (Y) Bradley (Y) 5-0****ADJOURNMENT: 7:02PM**

Respectfully submitted,

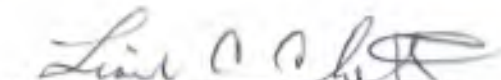
Brianna Roberts

Brianna Roberts, Conservation Commission Recording Secretary

  
Kyle Bradley, Chairman

  
David Whitaker, Vice-Chairman

  
Melissa Blanchard

  
Lionel Cloutier

  
Glenn LaRochelle