

TOWN OF WINCHENDON



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NOTICE OF MEETING & PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 23B of the General Laws, as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the following board, committee, or commission will be held on the date and time specified below. Said meeting will be open to the public and press. Note that votes may be taken on any of the agenda items.

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Conservation Commission

DATE: Thursday, January 14, 2021 **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Conducted by Remote Participation

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To participate in the Remote Meeting please follow the instructions below:

Meeting ID: 975 8689 0956

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Join Zoom Meeting via computer or smartphone with video and audio options

<https://winchendonk12.zoom.us/j/97586890956?pwd=UHMycFNQYXNpS2lyKzIzRIJmcnBXUT09>

To call in and participate in audio via any telephone

Dial +1 (929) 436-2866 and follow prompts for Meeting ID and Password above

Documents regarding agenda items are available on the Town website – www.townofwinchendon.com

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §20, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Winchendon Conservation Commission and Public Hearings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the town's website, at www.townofwinchendon.com. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to observe the meeting may do so via zoom using the information provided above

Agenda:

Call to Order

Minutes 12/10/2020 12/17/2020

Announcements

Lionel Cloutier has indicated his interest in being appointed to the Commission.

Public Hearings

6:05pm Notice of Intent Hearing DEP 345-0714

- Applicant: Scott Crichton
- Project Address: 206 Lakeview Dr.; Assessor's Map 10, Parcels 24
- Description: Removal of 5 healthy trees between 65' & 90' from wetland.

6:05pm Amendment of Order of Conditions Hearing DEP 345-0692

- Applicant: ECOS Solar – Rodney Galton
- Project Address: Spring Street; Assessor's Map 9, Parcels 97 & 98
- Description: Request to expand fenced in area for safety reasons.

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| 6:10pm | Amendment of Order of Conditions Hearing
• Applicant: West Street 1 Solar, LLC
• Project Address: West Street; Assessor's Map 2, Parcels 109
• Description: Request to permanently leave boulders covering sections of buffer. | DEP 345-0649 |
| 6:15pm | Notice of Intent Hearing
• Applicant: Diane Coulter
• Project Address: 55 Island Road; Assessor's Map 2, Parcels 8
• Description: Construction of a new retaining wall with steps in wetland buffer adjacent to garage. | DEP 345-0712 |
| 6:20pm | Notice of Intent Hearing
• Applicant: Barkley Enterprises – Jamison VanDyke
• Project Address: Gardner Road; Assessor's Map 12, Parcels 8
• Description: Construction of an access driveway within wetland buffer for forestry. | DEP # pending |

Certificate of Compliance Requests

566 Lakeview – Kameel Nasr (DEP #345-0710)
West Street – West Solar 2, LLC (DEP #345-0650)
49A Washington Avenue – Dan Paramenter (DEP #345-0700)
606 School St – Warren Field (DEP #345-0644)

Preliminary discussion of wetlands and scope for possible cannabis cultivation project on West St.

Preliminary discussion of possible project(s) at 16 Island Road – Ryan McCauley owner

Adjourn



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CHARLES D. BAKER
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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by "public bodies," as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH") have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.

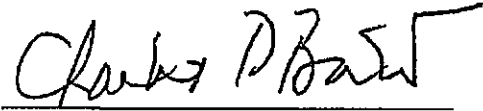
(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 8:40 PM this 12th day of
March, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles D. Baker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts