

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, October 24, 2016 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners: Mike Cavatorta, Nicholas Burns, Ed Knight, Joseph Babineau and Jon Clements. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, recorded the minutes. Commissioner John Henry was not present for the meeting. Associate member Linda Leduc was present for the meeting.

7:15 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Bardwell St., commercial flower production, DEP #104-0998, Arthur Della Torre, applicant, Map 268, Lot #29.09 (9). The applicant was present for the meeting. D. Haines conducted the site visit with the applicant. The site was flagged for wetlands and the Riverfront Area by Emily Stockman & Associates about 6 years ago. Most, if not all, flags are still present. The applicant measured 50 ft. from the wetland flags. The applicant presented an alternatives analysis to the Commission. The Commission reviewed the assessor's map that showed additional wetlands on the back of the property. The Commission wants to do another site visit to view the areas marked by the applicant. The Commission requested the applicant to submit a more detailed plan. The Commission, when it conducts its site visit, will be approving the work as shown in the field and not specifically the plan. The applicant explained that his farm plan includes contour farming and that it's identified as permaculture. The Commission, with the applicant's permission scheduled a site visit for this Saturday at 11:00 AM. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue the hearing, with the applicant's permission, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

7:43 Commissioner Babineau arrived.

7:45 Request for Determination – 200 Boardman St., septic repair, Map 252, Lot #14.00, John Pawlikowski, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. Neil Jackson was present representing the applicant. E. Knight conducted the site visit. All work is on existing lawn and the limit of work is 80 ft. from the Bank of Weston brook. The leach field is outside the 100 ft. buffer zone and the grading is at 80 ft. Once the project is done, the area will be returned to existing lawn and there will be no change in grade. E. Knight motioned to issue a Negative Determination for work as proposed, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

7:50 Request for Determination, Cont. – 192 Daniel Shays Highway, tree cutting/driveway, Map 231, Lot #28.00, Joseph & Sandra Fitzpatrick, applicants. Mr. Fitzpatrick, the applicant, was present for the meeting. J. Babineau conducted the site visit. The Hemlock trees are dead and pose a safety hazard. All work is on existing lawn area. There will not be any stumping, and there will not be any grading. The applicant no longer intends to install a black top driveway 10 ft. extension, but will instead use porous packed gravel. All work is on existing disturbed land. The applicant submitted a revised plan as requested by the Commission. The Commission reviewed the plan and requested the silt fence be moved closer to the tree line and that no machinery will work on the Jabish Brook side of the silt fence. The applicant said that the bucket truck would be parked on the existing lawn. The applicant agreed to submit a revised plan showing the shift in the silt fence. The Commission suggested placement of a small berm at the end of the driveway extension or a slight increase in elevation to deal with possible extra runoff. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Negative Determination as discussed, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

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Discussion Items: Bills – The Commission voted unanimously, (5:0), to pay the bills.

- ✚ Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (5:0), to approve the draft minutes as amended for the 10/12/16 meeting.
- ✚ Miscellaneous Matters - J. Babineau and J. Clements notified the Commission that they won't be present for November 14th's meeting.
- ✚ New Business – There was no new business.
- ✚ Emergency Certification – New Artesian Well, 114 Turkey Hill Rd. – L. Connolly provided the Commission with background information. The Board of Health issued the Emergency Certification with the conditions of erosion controls and a catch basin. The work is just outside the 100 ft. buffer zone. J. Clements motioned to ratify the Emergency Certification, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- ✚ Extension Request – DEP #104-828, Federal St., house construction, Map 205, Lot #38.16 (16), Victoria Febonio, applicant. L. Connolly informed the Commission about the history of the lot. It's the last lot at Hunter's Ridge on Rt. 9. The applicant does not have enough funds to build the house yet and asked for an extension of three more years. The driveway is cut in already. The Commission discussed previous extensions history. E. Knight motioned to approve the extension request, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- ✚ Certificate of Compliance –225 Old Springfield Rd., DEP #104-950 & 104-954, Solar Facility, BE MA Solar LLC, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The Commission was provided an As Built Plan. L. Connolly looked at bridge, noticed the erosion controls were taken down and that the facility was all stable. J. Clements motioned to issue a Certificate of Compliance, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- ✚ Mass Environmental Trust RFR – Lake Arcadia & Holland Pond. L. Connolly informed the Commission that the letter to apply for the grant is being mailed this coming week.
- ✚ MACC Fall Conference - 10/29/16 – Attendance was discussed and it was determined that the Commissioners will be attending the site visit on Bardwell St. instead.

8:10 PM M. Cavatorta motioned to adjourn, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, November 14, 2016