



# Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

**Monday, February 25, 2019 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM**

Present: David Haines, Sabrina Moreau, Eric Wojtowicz, Heather McCann, Associate member Doug Beach; Conservation Administrator Erica Cross and Secretary Cayla Paulding. C. Paulding took minutes.

Absent: Mike Cavatorta, Jon Clements, Edward Knight, Associate member David Lamb

D. Haines called to order 7:00 PM

**7:00pm**

**Notice of Intent Con'd – Requested continuance to 3/25**

Lot 2 Allen St, Single family house with driveway with stream crossing and sewage disposal installation and private well, Map 231, Lot 19.01

Jeffrey A. Bessette

E. Wojtowicz motions to continue until 3/25; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

S. Moreau recused herself as an abutter

**Notice of Intent – DEP # 104-1054**

62 Maple St, Addition to single family house including garage

Map 243, Lot 83

Douglas & Pamela Tarnawa

7:04 PM

Doug Tarnawa is here to present project. D. Haines asks if there was ever an OoC on this property. No. The delineation was done by Ward Smith. D. Haines is concerned that how the addition is situated, it is inside 50' buffer, but it could be situated another way outside of buffer. D. Tarnawa says that the topography of the area means that positioning the addition elsewhere would cause a very steep slope that would cause a lot of work in grading that would have substantial impact. D. Haines says it makes sense to have the garage at the end of the driveway. E. Cross is satisfied with alternatives analysis. D. Tarnawa says they will allow regrowth of other wetland area in exchange. D. Haines would like some form of permanent marker for the wetland bounds. D. Tarnawa is happy to place a permanent marker for the wetland bounds. D. Haines wants another 5 ft of wetlands, but that will not work for applicant. E. Cross says house was built in the 70s and she suspects that the hydrology of the land has changed since then. E. Wojtowicz asks if it can be recorded that forested land (existing tree line within 50' buffer) stays intact and the wetland will be allowed to revegetate naturally. D. Haines asks about the hay roll erosion control. D. Tarnawa says due to the topography, only the downhill will be affected. D. Haines says the erosion control also ensures that contractors do not go into the wetland by mistake. There will be a drain placed to help with the water. The erosion control will extend to encompass the limit of work.

E. Wojtowicz would like to move to issue an order of conditions; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

**Notice of Intent Con'd – DEP# 104-1051 Requested continuance to 3/11**

260 Ware Road, Solar Array construction, Map 245, Lot 62.00

ZPT Energy Solutions II, LLC

H. McCann motions to continue until 3/11; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

Discussion Items: Bills, Minutes and Miscellaneous Matters

- Emergency Orders
- Enforcement Actions
  - 86 Underwood St.

Owner presents restoration plan. This year, the homeowners plan to monitor the stream that is mapped perennial but is potentially intermittent. They presented two restoration plans, one for each stream type determination. The stream must be dry for 4 consecutive days when there are no drought conditions for it to be determined intermittent. The restoration plan is to maintain the 50 ft wetland boundary with a wetland seed mix and blueberry plants and will remain untouched. There will be permanent boundaries (boulders) to demarcate the 50 foot wetland boundary. The area between 50'-100' will be planted with wildflower seed mix. If the stream is intermittent they may seek to develop more of the property. If the stream remains perennial, the owners propose to mow the red shaded area on the plan twice a year. If the stream is intermittent, the red shaded area will be treated as the yellow shaded area on the plan and will be developed into lawn. D. Haines says commission is in favor of this plan. E. Cross will write up approval. Applicant asks about dead trees on property and on town property that may need to be taken down. D. Haines says some dead trees make good habitat so it is important to prioritize trees that could pose as dangerous or nuisance to owners. S. Moreau is concerned that additional development in this riverfront parcel is now being permitted for a homeowner when the original buildable area was not permitted for developers as they subdivided a much larger parcel to maximize house lots. D. Haines is happy with the restoration plan because it provides a lot of ecological value as varying successional habitat. S. Moreau is concerned that permitting development in this riverfront parcel sends a message to developers that it is okay to impinge on wetlands and future homeowners will have a sympathetic plea to the conservation commission and then more development will be permitted. D. Haines says this habitat is an improvement from previous agricultural land that was frequently mowed 10 years ago prior to residential permitting. S. Moreau is still concerned about precedence this is setting for developers and reminded the commission that converting agricultural land to residential was a change in land use; therefore, has different standards than agricultural use. . The commission comes to a consensus to proceed with replanting within the 50 ft area and wait until the summer, for the stream type determination, before deciding on allowed mowing the Riverfront Area. The commission did not approve any mowing at this time until we resolve this issue.

- Request for Certificates of Compliance
- Forest Cutting Plan
  - Prepared by Rob Rizzo for Louise Butler; 399 Chauncy Walker Street
- New Business
- Extension
  - Lake Holland extension
    - D. Haines thinks this is a good idea.
    - E. Wojtowicz motions to extend the permit; H. McCann seconds; all in favor

8:00 S. Moreau motions to adjourn, E. Wojtowicz seconds, all in favor

4/8/2019: H. McCann motions to accept amended minutes; S. Moreau seconds; all in favor

**NEXT MEETING Monday, March 11, 2019**