

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, March 19, 2018 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Draft Meeting Minutes

Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Present were Commissioners: Mike Cavatorta, John Henry, Sabrina Moreau, Eric Wojtowicz. Commissioners, Jon Clements and Edward Knight were not present for the meeting. Conservation Administrator Erica Cross was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak, was present for the meeting. Associate member David Lamb was present for the meeting.

- 7:05 Request for Determination - 111 Sargent St., Map 237, Lot 6.00, Proposed Expansion of Hardpack Parking Area, Travis Watts. The applicant was present for the meeting. E. Cross conducted the site visit. Donny Hess from Do All Construction was present for the meeting representing the applicant and he informed the Commission that an As Built plan was done and will be submitted to the Commission. The proposed work is to improve the gravel surface which goes to the wooded line. They'll be scraping the surface and will put the hardpack back and refurbish it. The grass area stays grass; nothing changes and is classified as previously disturbed area. There will be no change in grade or soil conditions. Also, the applicant will be putting up a chain link fence and agreed to adding a silt fence/wattles. Boulders mark the no disturb zone. The stream was originally classified as a Perennial Stream and the limit of work is 105 ft. from the stream. J. Henry motioned to issue a Negative Determination with conditions of an installed silt fence, but a Positive Determination declining to confirm the resource lines shown on the plans, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 7:10 Notice of Intent – Cont. DEP #104-1031, 40 Front St., Map 243, Lots 178.03 & 178.04 Proposed Infiltration Basin, Fabbo Properties. The applicant and his sister were present for the meeting. Keith Terry from Sherman & Frydryk was present representing the applicant. Tighe & Bond looked over the project and submitted comments and agreed that it met the requirements of Stormwater management. However, soil evaluations have not been done yet and Tighe & Bond is waiting for that information. Recommendations were that the basin had to be raised and enlarged. M. Fabbo explained to the Commission the history of the initial drainage plan and why it wasn't done because it was dependent on road development that never occurred. The Commission was reminded that the original project was for two lots together and the applicant has found a buyer for the building and parcel. No improvements to the parcel are proposed; just the removal of material in the storage area. All stormwater is contained on Lot 2. The flagged wetlands are based on the original Notice of Intent in 2005. The Commission informed the applicant that any new work on Lot #1, will have to be reflagged. The old Order of Condition, which predate the 50 ft. requirement, will be closed tonight. The Commission discussed limitations to add to the OOC regarding reasonable access. Any work in the Buffer Zone has to be as far as possible from the wetland and no work closer than 25 ft. M Cavatorta motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0)

7:35 Notice of Intent – DEP #104-1033, Lot 7, Old Enfield Rd., Map 232, Lot 111.00 Proposed Single Family Home, Laliberte Home Builders. The applicant was present for the meeting Keith Terry from Sherman & Frydryk was present representing the applicant. E. Cross conducted the site visit. This parcel has a mobile home on it and the proposed work is to remove the mobile home and abandon the well. The proposed new well, driveway, single family home, and the septic system in rear, are just outside the 100 ft. A rain garden will be installed to maintain the impervious surfaces within 100 ft Buffer Zone. There will be a sediment barrier at the 50 ft. and permanent markers at the 25 ft. Flags were done by Keith Morris this year.. Silt fence/hay bales show on the plan for erosion controls. A 3:1 slope for fill around the system is being proposed and an impervious barrier on the south side. The neighbor gave permission to fill and blend their 2 lawns and wants to plant a row of trees there as a buffer. Dan Claus, from audience, had questions for the Commission unrelated to this location. M Cavatorta motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0)

7:55 Notice of Intent – DEP # not issued, 87 Metacomet St., Map 104, Lot 33.00 Proposed Water Ski Course, David Fuhrman. The applicant was present for the meeting. D. Fuhrman explained his attorney stated that the plan is the same, no wetland impacts. The current permit doesn't expire until June and a new active permit is needed to get a waterways permit. The Commission requested all current and new information be submitted, including photographs, design and specs and square footage. Fran Bodzinski from the audience asked a question. Mr. Fuhrman stated L. Connolly, previous administrator, was present for initial installation & took videos but that information was not confirmed during the meeting. The Commission questioned pictures of the anchors and information about them (how many, dimensions, square footage) to determine their effect on the bottom of the lake. The Commission reiterated that the bottom of the lake and shoreline falls within its jurisdiction Photographs of the system was requested by the Commission. The applicant stated that three 5 gallon pails filled with concrete are being used as anchors (mooring weights). The initial Chapter 91 stated weights can stay in winter. The Commission asked if there has been any impact on the shoreline from the course's use. Linda Cote from the audience claimed an impact from new weed growth. Spencer Shumway from the audience denied evidence of erosion from his property at 51 Metacomet. Kenneth Douglas from the audience also had questions. The applicant will provide specs and video for the next meeting. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue until the April 9th meeting, with the applicant's permission, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:34 Notice of Intent – DEP # not issued, 122 Federal St., Map 108, Lot 25.00, Proposed Expansion of Convenience Store, Vrajeshkumar Patel. The applicant requested a continuation. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue until the April 9th, meeting with the applicant's permission, E. Wojtowicz seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0). There was no discussion held on this hearing.

8:35 Notice of Intent, Cont. – DEP #104-1007, Bondsville Dam, Map 109, Lot 26.00 Proposed Dam Repair, Belchertown Land Trust. The applicant was present for the meeting. E. Cross and D. Haines conducted the site visit with representatives from the dam, today. Scouring from the overflow from side of abutment was discussed. The number of trees and area to be cut was discussed. There were concerns about the portage area and fencing to keep people off of the dam. A suggested solution was to come across from the Belchertown

side. The Commission encouraged the applicant to look into moving the location but informed the applicant that either location for a portage would be acceptable and directed that any Order issued be so conditioned. The means and methods of the work were discussed, including the use of a zero swing machine for excavation and riprap placement. Work will utilize the existing railroad bed for access, with approximately 10 loads of fill and riprap expected. Any disturbance will be restored and the Commission discussed certain points on the embankment they are requiring to be armored with textiles, swales and rip rap. A tracking pad is also to be required. Sediment barriers such as turbidity curtains will be used. A coffer dam with heavy sand bags will be constructed on the Palmer side of the dam to dewater areas for work. The emergency spillway, and all other disturbed areas will be with loamed and seeded suggested options with a fast-growing seed mix, such as fescue/ rye ornative wildflowers, and to be mowed once a year. The issued Order shall be conditioned to avoid interfering with fish breeding periods as determined by the Dept. of Fish and Wildlife. Work will be conducted within the next calendar year. M. Cavatorata moved to issue an Order of Conditions as described, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).

8:55PM Mike Cavatorata left the meeting.

Discussion Items:

- Bills – None
- Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (4:0). to accept the 3/19/18 draft minutes amended.
- Miscellaneous Matters - None
- Certificates of Compliance: 40 Front Street – As discussed at the 7:10 hearing, the basin was the only part that was not done/completed. Some of the work was done but not all and the Order has expired. The proposed new work for the new NOI takes care of the leftovers from the original OOC. E. Wojtowicz motioned to issue a COC as discussed for DEP #104-0754, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously (4:0).
- Conflict of Interest Forms – The Commission was reminded to complete them as soon as possible.
- Mader Town Forest Update - It has been approved by the attorney and the Board of Selectman, and the Conservation Restriction has been approved.
- Internship Program – E. Cross presented an updated filing system option. The Commission approved of pursuing this option.
- New Business - None
- Forest Cutting Plan – Munsell St. The Commission reviewed this Forest Cutting Plan.

9:17 PM J. Henry motioned to adjourn, S. Moreau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (4:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, April 9, 2018



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Attendance Sign-In Sheet

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Name	Address and Email Address	Agenda Time/Hearing
CHRIS FABBO	FABBO PROPERTIES 40 FRONT ST	7:10
MICHAEL FABBO	FABBO Properties Inc	7:10
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Iain Knight	iaink4313@gmail.com	
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Don He	214 OLD ENFIELD BTOWN	
Tyler Biscorn	111 Sargeant ST Belchertown	7:05
Kerri Terry	S&F LLC	7:10
Brian Giggay	40 Front Street	7:10
MARTIN CALIBER	OLD ENFIELD RD	7:15
Don Kloe	Old E	7:30
Frank Bodin	252 BAY Rd	7:30



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Molly Shumway	51 Metacomb Street	7:30