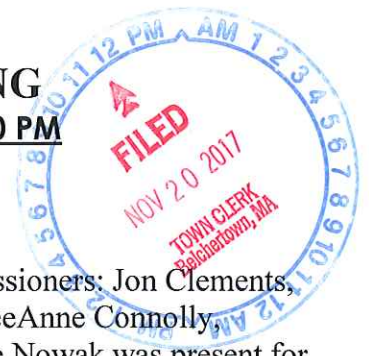


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday September 25, 2017 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes



Chairman David Haines called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Commissioners: Jon Clements, Edward Knight, John Henry, Nicholas Burns, Eric Wojtowicz and Mike Cavatorta. LeeAnne Connolly, Conservation Administrator, was present for the meeting. Conservation Clerk, Michele Nowak was present for the meeting.

7:05 Commissioners E. Knight and N. Burns arrived

7:05 Arthur Della Torre (DEP #104-0998) was present to discuss property status. A. Della Torre informed the Commission that he did, in fact, bring in loam, peat moss and composted manures because there was not enough topsoil where the peonies were to be planted. The loam is about 1 ½ feet thick. The Commission inquired about stabilization of the work area. A. Della Torre is looking into using micro-clover as it does not produce flowers and grows less than 6 inches, to be put in between the flower beds to stabilize. He said it's a strain from regular white clover and does not need fertilizer. The Commission requested that the disturbed area be stabilized in time for winter. There will be a silt fence installed and the property will be seeded this fall as well as mulched to stabilize the area. L. Connolly will check his Order of Conditions to determine if a new filing is needed for the construction of a house and will inform Mr. Della Torre of the results.

7:15 Notice of Intent, Cont. – River Rd., Bondsville Dam Repair, Swift River, DEP #104-1000, Map 271, Lot #27.00, Belchertown Land Trust, applicant. William Fay was present representing the applicant. He informed the Commission that the filing of a Chapter 91 license has created challenges. There have been amendments from the initial plan; they are going to put in a shorter dike and will no longer consider filling in the canal. He confirmed he has new, revised plans. Attorney Dan Beaudette is attending the Planning Board and Board of Health meetings and hopes to get sign-offs in 3 weeks but the Chapter 91 could be 6 to 9 months of wait time. The applicant has not done any work at all and won't until all permits are in and requested a continuance until March, 2018 to match the date of Palmer's continuance. Attorney Beaudette will be submitting a full set of revised plans to the Commission soon. The Commission and applicant discussed the date to continue the matter. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue, with the applicant's permission until the February 26th, 2018 meeting, N. Burns seconded. The motion passed (7:0).

7:30 Request for Determination – 532 Chauncey Walker Rd., septic system repair, Map 267, Lot #47.00, Bruce Officer, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Alan Weiss, Registered Sanitarian, was present representing the applicant. A site visit was not conducted. The property was established in the 1930's or so and the house was built in 1950. This is the first septic repair since its initial placement and it is gravity fed. The septic system repair meets Title V requirements with a 50 ft. offset and was approved by the Board of Health. It's 10 ft. off of the property exactly. The Commission was informed that there will be no tree clearing - only a stump removal, no site/earth work and siltation controls are noted on plan. The material is sand /gravel. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (7:00)

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- 7:45 Notice of Intent – 67 Metacomet St., dock installation, DEP #104-1020, Map 103, Lot #51.00, Jung Lee, applicant. Donald Frydryk, Professional Engineer, was present representing the applicant. M. Cavatorta conducted original site visit. The proposed dock is for a permanent placement. The Commission voiced concerns of ice damage to the dock and preferred it to be removable. The dock is attached to the end of the stairs and rests on the stairs. The Commission had concerns about how the dock would be anchored, concern of disturbance to the lake bottom, the size of the proposed cement slab and the lack of details on the plan. The Commission requested a revised plan showing all the missing details as discussed. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this meeting until October 16th, with the applicant's permission, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (7:0).
- 8:00 Request for Determination – Enoch Sanford Rd., shed construction, Map 247, Lot #12.10 (8), Brenden Eck, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. D. Haines conducted the site visit. The stone pad is already there and staked out. The applicant stated the purpose as being for a boat house on this vacant lot. The Commission had concerns about its proximity to a wetland and suggested alternate options for placement. The Commission requested the applicant re-dig the current area, remove anything installed, then spread soil back over the disturbed area, seed and stabilize it. The proposed shed falls under 'Water Dependent Usage' and is in the Commission's jurisdiction. The limit of work is 140 ft. from the Bank of the river. D. Haines requested the applicant call him prior to start of work for advice on placement. J. Henry motioned to issue a Negative Determination with conditions as discussed - location to be determined in the field by D. Haines, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (7:0).
- 8:15 Request for Determination – Pine St., house construction, Map 276, Lot #106.00 (5), Robert Morra, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. J. Clements conducted the site visit. Don Frydryk, Professional Engineer, was present representing the applicant. The proposed work is the building of a single family house. The limit of work is 85 ft. from the wetland and erosion controls are already installed. There has not been any disturbance in the 100 ft Buffer Zone. M. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, N. Burns seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (7:0).
- Partial Certificates of Compliance – 690 South Washington St., DEP #104-996, Map 280, Lot #4.01(4B), Kenneth Maryea, applicant. L. Connolly conducted a second site visit. She informed the Commission that the split rail fence is still not installed. L. Connolly recommended not to issue the PCOC. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting. The Commission voted not to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance and to continue this matter until the next meeting. The motion passed unanimously, (7:0).
- Partial Certificates of Compliance - 12 Dogwood Dr., DEP #104-863, Hickory Hill Subdivision, Map 238, Lot 3.49 (AR), Atty. Deborah Rhobes, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The lot is stable and is not in the Commission's jurisdiction. L. Connolly recommended release. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Partial Certificate of Completion, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0). (Voted prior to the arrival of two commissioners.)

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Discussion Items:

- ✚ Bills – There were no bills.
- ✚ Minutes – The Commission voted unanimously, (7:0) to accept the 9/11/17 draft minutes as amended.
- ✚ Miscellaneous Matters – There were no miscellaneous matters.
- ✚ New Business – L. Connolly presented the Commission with an update regarding Mr. Furhman at 87 Metacomet Street. Abutters at the Tri Lakes picnic mentioned tree cutting on the lake. L. Connolly conducted a site visit and confirmed trees were cut. The Commission did not receive a permit for tree cutting, on a steep slope. Mr. Furhman intends to connect to Town sewer/water. L. Connolly presented Mr. Furhman with an NOI permit application for current and future work. He confirmed he was going to get a silt fence and put it up, stabilize the area and file the NOI because he wants to put in an addition and a garage. He claimed the driveway was always there. The Commission agreed that all the trees cut should be on the plan he provides when he comes before the Commission.
- ✚ CPA Committee Representative – The Commission was notified that E. Wojtowicz sent a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen. The Commission is of the opinion that Eric is qualified for the position. M. Cavatorta motioned to accept E. Wojtowicz as the new CPA Committee rep., J. Clements seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (7:0).
- ✚ Scarborough Brook Conservation Area, Gulf Rd., Henry David Thoreau Event, Sept. 30th. L. Connolly informed the Commission about the event at 9 AM. It is a 1.8 mile loop where attendees commune with nature and read poetry. All are encouraged to attend.
- ✚ ANR Plan – Michael Sears Rd., Joseph & Brenda D'aguier, owners. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ✚ ANR Plan - North St., Shirley Pogodinski, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ✚ Standard letter. Map 205 lot 68
- ✚ MACC Fall Conference – 10/28/17 – L. Connolly reminded the Commission about the conference and encouraged attendance.
- ✚ Forest Cutting Plan – Amherst Rd., Roland Leclerc, owner. The Commission reviewed this ANR plan.
- ✚ Forest Cutting Plan -Franklin St., Melissa Miskiv-Keene, owner. The Commission reviewed this ANR plan.

8:30 PM Clements motioned to adjourn, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously (7:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, October 16, 2017

