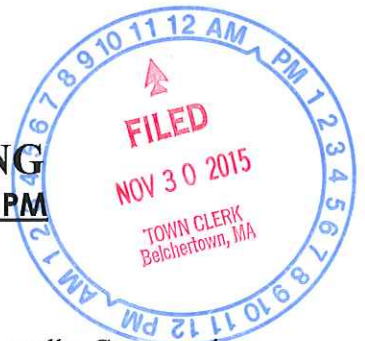


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, October 26, 2015 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Meeting Minutes

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

- 7:05 Notice of Intent, Cont. – South Liberty St., house construction & access common driveway, DEP #104-0965, Robert Van Zandt, applicant, Map 278, Lot #3.00. The applicant was present for the meeting. D. Frydryk was present representing the applicant. The Commission has heard from Town Counsel that the town can hold the Conservation Restriction. The final language has to be drafted, then submitted, reviewed and signed off by the Conservation Commission and the Selectboard. The applicant will incur the cost of the final Conservation Restriction. The draft now states that the total amount of wetland fill will be 3,755 square feet and will be the limit on the entire parcel. The Town Attorney will be looking for any outstanding liens. The applicant stated that there were no outstanding liens and will sign it as owner. The Conservation Commission will monitor the site once a year. J. Henry motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed by majority (5:1). E. Knight recused himself.
- 7:15 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Liberty St., house construction, DEP #104-969, Jeff Almeida, applicant, Map 268, Lot #52.00 (C). The applicant was present for the meeting. D. Haines conducted the site visit and expressed concerns about the delineation. He would like to meet with Mr. Kevin Brooks and walk the delineation especially in the area of flags #3, 4 & 5 and possibly #6. The Commission also had concerns with the placement of the septic system. With the applicant's permission, the Commission would like to continue until after the delineation has been confirmed. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue to the Nov 9th meeting, L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed by majority. (5:1) E. Knight recused himself.
- 7:30 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Various Town Roads, roadway maintenance, DEP #104-972, DPW, applicant, various town roadways. The applicant was present for the meeting. Since the last meeting, D. Haines met M. Stinson and Mr. Cameron, S. Williams and L. Connolly. Under DEP's bundling requirements, the Commission can include intermittent streams under culvert crossings as well as Perennial Streams as long as there is careful oversight from the Conservation Commission. They can refer to section 1053 (8) (A?) of Wetlands Regulations. There will be a checklist that the Conservation Commission will go over with the DPW which will include the Natural Heritage list of exempt and nonexempt work under routine maintenance. This Commission will review all Culvert Replacements in a public meeting for perennial and intermittent streams as a Discussion Item. L. Leduc motioned to issue Order of Conditions, J. Clements seconded. The motion passed by majority, (5:1). E. Knight recused himself. D. Haines suggested a draft of the Orders of Condition be sent to M. Stinson to make sure everything is covered. L. Connolly will send it to the Commission as well as DEP.
- 7:45 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-968, Robert & Tania Wojtczak, applicants, Map 249, Lot #93.30(3). The applicant was not present for the meeting. The applicant has requested a continuance until Nov 9th. There was discussion on this matter. D. Haines conducted the site visit. The silt fence is up but is not toed in. More work on stabilization needs to be done; the Commission has not received a revised plan and continues to have concerns about the wetland delineation. There are concerns as to whether or not seeding and mulching has occurred on both sides of the silt fence. L. Connolly is to email the applicant with the Commissions concerns: all the lots need to be stabilized and mulched by this coming weekend on both sides of the silt fence and the silt fence is to be toed in by this coming Friday. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this hearing, with the applicant's permission until the November 9th's meeting, J. Henry Seconded. The motion passed (5:1). E. Knight recused himself.

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- 7:46 Notice of Intent, Cont. – North Washington St., house construction, DEP #104-962, Robert & Tania Wojtczak, applicants, Map 249, Lot #93.20(2). This hearing was conducted concurrently with the 7:45 above, please see the above discussion.
- 8:00 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Blue Meadow Rd., road re-surfacing and drainage, DEP #104-967, Department of Conservation & Recreation, applicant, Map 246, Lot #1.00. The applicant was present for the meeting and provided the Commission with update information. The road reconstruction and paving of Blue Meadow Rd., specifically the reclamation and resurfacing of approximately 2,000 linear feet of road pavement and the replacement of an existing 24-inch culvert with a 35' by 24' corrugated aluminum arch pipe, located at the Quabbin Reservoir State Reservation. The Commission has determined that this design will meet to the extent practicable, the MA Stream Crossing standards by resulting in a 45% increase in bank-full channel capacity thru the crossing and a culvert bottom material that, in time thru the actions of sedimentation and deposition, will mimic the natural bed material found in the surrounding environment. During the review process for the 401 and 404 permits, if revisions to the culvert size are modified to improve and/or comply with stream crossing standards and design, the applicant will not be required to re-file with the Commission but will submit plans to the Conservation Commission for review. The applicant would like to pave starting this fall. The Commission was satisfied with the plan as it is currently but will accept culvert recommendations from the Army Corps as long as it's not for a smaller culvert size. The applicant indicated that Dave Foulis from DEP is satisfied with the current plan and how it follows the Stream Crossing intent. The Commission requested that the draft copy of the Order of Conditions be sent to D. Foulis and D. Cameron prior to disbursement. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, L. Leduc seconded. Motion passed by majority (5:0:1). E. Knight recused himself.

Partial Certificates of Compliance – Willow Lane, Woods Edge Subdivision, Map 248, Lots #1.14 & # 1.19, DEP #104-759, James Hayward, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The lots are not in the Buffer Zone, no building has occurred and the lots are stable. The applicant wants the PCOC in order to sell the lots. The subdivision is currently in compliance. J. Clements motioned to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance on both lots, L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – There were no bills.

- ✚ Minutes - The Commission motioned to accept the September 28th meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- ✚ Miscellaneous Matters – J. Clements and L. Leduc won't be at the November 9th's meeting.
- ✚ New Business – There was no new business.
- ✚ 319 Grant Award for Lake Arcadia – L. Connolly informed the Commission that the Town was awarded with a grant for stormwater improvements. DPW will be using matching funds from Chapter 90 funds. The Lake Committee will pitch in \$7,000 towards the endeavor.

Discussion Items, Cont.: Forest Cutting Plans – George Hannum St., Michael Soja, owner. The Commission reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan.

- ✚ Forest Cutting Plans - Rural Road, Donald & Francine Freeman, owners. The Commission reviewed the Forest Cutting Plan.
- ✚ ANR Plans- Route 9 & Old Enfield Rd., L J Development, LLC, owner. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.

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- ✦ ANR Plans - Kopic Ave., Jeff & Elaine Hubler, owners. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.

8:25 PM J. Clements motioned to adjourn, L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

NEXT MEETING Monday, November 9, 2015