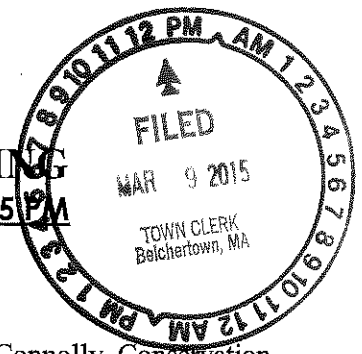


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2015 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM



Meeting Minutes

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

- 7:05 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation, Cont. – wetland delineation, Sabin St., Map 248, Lot #10.00, Stan Pearson, applicant – The applicant was not present for the meeting. The Commission has questions regarding this delineation and Keith Morris, the new wetland consultant, will review the wetland delineation in the spring of 2015. D. Haines recommended continuing this hearing to the April 13th meeting when the snow has melted. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this hearing until the April 13th meeting, with the applicant’s approval; L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6:0).
- 7:15 Request for Determination – house construction, Emily Lane, Map 229 Lot # 32.00 (5), David & Vanessa Micka, applicants – The applicants were not present for the meeting. Alan Weiss was present to represent the applicant. M. Cavatorta conducted the site visit. The Commission is using the wetland delineation initially approved during the Emily Lane Subdivision development. The limit of work is 75 f. from the wetland and located within the original building envelope as proposed in the Subdivision build-out. No work is being proposed in the Riverfront Area. E. Knight motioned to issue a Negative Determination, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6:0).
- 7:30 Notice of Intent – Propane distribution facility, 1066 Federal St.(Route 9), Map 216, Lot #157.00, Surner Heating Co., applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Robert Coluccio, the applicant’s engineer was present and presented this development to the Commission. D. Haines conducted the site visit. Wetlands were flagged but D. Haines noted that wetland flag #CS8 stops short and needs to be extended all the way to the property line. Also noted was the silt fence being located at 14ft from the wetland and grading within 25 feet from the BVW. The limit of work and the silt fence needs to be moved back and outside of the 25 ft. no disturb zone. The applicant indicated that the plan is to replace the wooded area with hard pack gravel and deep sub catch basins for storm water to create an infiltration rate to match post-development conditions to pre-development conditions. The applicant is working with the Town’s engineer Tighe & Bond, to address all of his concerns and comments. The Commission had concerns about the plans and requested a revised plan showing all work outside the 50 foot buffer zone, or an Alternatives Analysis if that is not possible. Comments from the audience raised the question of Natural Heritage’s Priority Habitat on the property. L. Connolly will contact Natural Heritage for confirmation. With the applicant’s permission, it was recommended that this hearing be continued until the February 9th meeting. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue the hearing to the February 9th meeting at 7:15PM, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- 8:22 Request for Determination, Cont. – seasonal dock, 87 Metacomet St., Map 104, Lot #33.00, David Fuhrman, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. The applicant has already sent to the Commission revised plans for the dock and a copy of the waterways application information as requested. The Commission reviewed the plans and the application. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- 8:27 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Solar Panel Array Access, Springfield Rd., Map 255, Lot #126.00, Housatonic Solar 1 LLC, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. There is an existing farm road/cart path that crosses a Perennial Stream and Bordering Vegetated Wetlands and this work includes the replacement of an existing culvert crossing with a timber wooden bridge. D. Haines conducted the site visit. The applicant provided the revised set of plans with additional crossing detail, as requested by the Commission from the prior meeting. Currently the existing cart path is 8 feet wide and will increase to 10 feet in width

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at a maximum. The existing culvert is 48 inches in diameter and blocked with debris and silt. The Commission had concerns regarding two depressions on either side of the cart path and D. Haines stated that they look like wetlands; therefore, the silt fence needs to be extended to protect these areas. The Commission required that straw wattles are added in addition with the silt fence along the crossing in certain areas. The Commission needs something to demarcate the edge of gravel. Geotextile fabric will be placed down on the existing cart path prior to the placement of any gravel and final grading. All disturbed areas, slopes and proposed landscape areas shall be loamed and seeded or stabilized through the use of erosion control blankets or other approved means. The existing culvert must remain in place until the footings for the bridge are installed. Site grading and construction shall be scheduled to avoid periods of high surface water and be done during low flow conditions. Then clean out and remove the existing culvert and install the 20Ft. long, 12Ft. wide timber bridge. The applicant submitted additional replication information. The applicant stated that the work is expected to be done in July or August, during a low flow period and should be done within a month's time. J. Clements motioned to issue an Order of Conditions with the described construction sequence, J. Henry seconded. L. Leduc abstained. The motion passed by majority, (5:0) – 1 abstained.

- 8:55 Request for Determination - Forest cutting stream crossing, 62 Kimball St., Map 220, Lot #4.00, Charles White applicant – The applicant was not present for the meeting. Mr. Page was present for the hearing, representing the applicant. The applicant would like to put in a permanent crossing. D. Haines and L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The Commission had concerns that this does not meet the forestry crossing guidelines and needs guidance from DCR. The Commission also needs more information from Doug Hutchinson, the Service Forester, who was also present for the meeting. The applicant's representative will look into the proof of an existing agricultural crossing. Mr. Page stated that this roadway had been used in the past for agricultural activities. All of this information is needed before the Commission can make a determination. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue the hearing, with the applicant's permission, to the February 9th meeting, L. Leduc seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Partial Certificate of Compliance - George Hannum St., house construction, 34 Hickory Hills, Map 238, Lot #3.33 (33D), DEP #104-863, Jean Duquette, applicant – D. Haines and L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The lot is stable, mulched and hydro-seeded. L. Connolly recommended to release of this lot from the subdivision's Order of Conditions. Permanent markers, a silt fence and straw wattles are in and an As Built Plan has been recorded at Hampshire County Deeds. M. Cavatorta motioned to release this lot from the Hickory Hills Subdivision Order of Conditions, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Certificate of Compliance - George Hannum St., house construction, 34 Hickory Hills, Map 238, Lot #3.33 (33D), DEP #104-873, Jean Duquette, applicant – L. Connolly and D. Haines conducted the site visit. The permanent markers installed were not what the Commission had requested in the Order of Conditions. Instead of boulders, Berkshire Designs planned for 4 ft. pins but only 1ft pins were installed and were not placed according to plan design. This lot is not vegetated. D. Haines was also looking for information regarding grading. M. Cavatorta motioned to take no action at this time, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – There were no bills.

- ✦ Minutes -The Commission voted unanimously, (6:0) to approve the 12/15/14 draft minutes as amended.
- ✦ Miscellaneous Matters – There were no miscellaneous matters.
- ✦ New Business – L. Leduc will not be at the Jan 26th meeting.
- ✦ Soja Conservation Restriction, George Hannum Rd. - The land was gifted to the Town for \$1 and the Town will be holding the Conservation Restriction. The Conservation Commission will monitor the site. J. Clements motioned to accept the Conservation Restriction as outlined in the document, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).
- ✦ Chapter 91 Appeal, Lake Metacomet Water-skiing Slalom Course, DEP Hearing Update – There is no new information at this time.
- ✦ Site Plan Review- 1066 Federal St., Surner Heating Company, propane storage facility – The Commission

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reviewed the Site Plan.

- ✦ ANR Lot – North Liberty St., Gregory Gardner, applicant. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.

Discussion Items, Cont.

- ✦ MACC Annual Conference- February 28, 2015 – Information was presented to the Commission regarding the annual conference workshops. All are encouraged to attend.
- ✦ Open Space Maps Update – They are delayed due to a revision of the New England Scenic Trail. They should be ready this week and will be sold for \$2 per map.
- ✦ Forest Cutting Plan - Kimball St., Charles White, applicant - The Commission reviewed this forest cutting plan.
- ✦ Forest Cutting Plan -Mill Valley Rd., William Riedel, applicant - The Commission reviewed this forest cutting plan.
- ✦ Forest Cutting Plan - Daniel Shays Highway, Devon Lane Farm, LLC, applicant - The Commission reviewed this forest cutting plan.

Commissioner J. Clements motioned to adjourn the meeting, M. Cavatorta seconded. 9:36 PM.

NEXT MEETING Monday, January 26, 2015