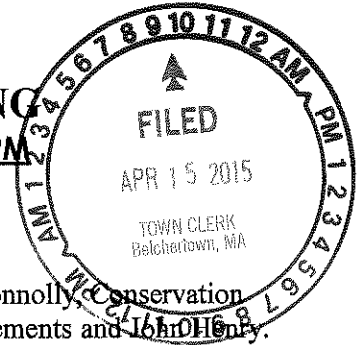


**CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, March 23, 2015 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM**



**Meeting Minutes**

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

7:15 Request for Determination – septic repair, 401 South St., Map 280, Lot #24.00, Estelle Benjamin, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. Alan Weis was present representing the applicant. D. Haines conducted the site visit. Mr. Weiss presented a plan showing the proposed work including the moving of the well and septic to 100 ft. from the wetlands. All proposed new work is out of the 100 ft Buffer Zone, except for the closing of the old septic tank, which is located 25-30 feet from the BVW. Manual labor will be used and the tank will be pumped, collapsed and filled with sand. The old well is on the edge of the buffer zone but the new well is more than 100 ft. from the wetlands. J. Clements motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0)

7:16 J. Babineau arrived.

7:30 Request for Determination – septic repair, 28 Ledgewood Dr., Map 255, Lot #64.00, Louis Kmon, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. D. Haines conducted the site visit. There was too much snow on the ground to confirm the wetland line. There were no wetland flags in place and the wetland boundary is approximate on the plan. The applicant's engineer was asked to flag and survey the boundary. There was no discussion on this matter. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this hearing until the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, J Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

7:45 Discussion Item - Healthy Hampshire, pedestrian planning process. Sarah Bankert presented information about the program to the Commission. Belchertown is part of a regional public health initiative known as Healthy Hampshire. This initiative is staffed by the Collaborative for Educational Services and includes the communities of Amherst, Belchertown, Northampton and Williamsburg. Healthy Hampshire will be embarking on a pedestrian planning process this spring (2015) with a focus on creating an "age-friendly" corridor from the town common down Route 202/State St to the courthouse. Ms. Bankert introduced her assistants, Micha Flannery and Pat Barry. An invitation to their April 14<sup>th</sup> meeting at 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in Town Hall was extended to the Commission. They will be discussing streetscapes and looking for input from the community.

Extension Request, Order of Conditions –50 Center St., DEP #104-789, Center St. Condominiums, Commons Group LLC, applicant. L. Connolly recommended extending their Order of Conditions for an additional 3 more years, to 10/31/2017. The Commission was informed that the last building is in construction now. The work on this development is in compliance and currently proceeding. J. Clements motioned to approve the extension request for an additional three years, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Partial Certificate of Compliance - house construction, Oakridge Dr., Map 263, Lot #22.50 (56), DEP #104-906, Neil Jackson, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. The house is built, and the septic and well and driveway have been installed. Due to snow cover, the lawn and landscaping was not visible. J. Henry motioned to issue a Partial Certificate of Compliance, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – The Commission voted unanimously (5:0) to pay the bills.

- ✦ Minutes - The Commission voted unanimously, (5:0), to approve the 2/23/15 draft minutes.
- ✦ Miscellaneous Matters – D. Haines informed the Commission that he will not be at 4/27/15 meeting.
- ✦ New Business – There was no new business.

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**Discussion Items, Cont.**

- ✦ Site plan Review - Christopher Heights, Berkshire Ave., new assisted living development located at the old Belchertown State School. L. Connolly presented the plans and informed the Commission that there is no proposed work planned within 100 feet of wetlands. The Commission discussed the plans. A letter will be written to the Planning Board with the Commission's concerns and comments.
- ✦ Special Permit Review - Wireless Communication Facility, off Aldrich St., Map 248, Lots #20.10 & #21.00. The Commission reviewed and discussed the plans. No proposed is within 100 ft. of any wetlands.

8:20 E. Knight left meeting.

- ✦ Motor Boat Bylaw Meeting March 25, 2015. It's an informational meeting at 7.00 PM in the Selectman's Meeting Room. The purpose is to present the proposed Motor Boat Bylaw at the Annual Town Meeting for a vote. The Lakes Committee has the support of the Selectman and most of the Tri-Lakes association. ++
- ✦ ANR Plan - Old Springfield Rd., Old Springfield Road, LLC, applicant. The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ✦ May 11, 2015 Meeting Date. Due to the Annual Town meeting, the Commission was asked to consider a meeting date change. There was no discussion on this item. The discussion is continued until the April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

8:30 Commissioner M. Cavatorta motioned to adjourn the meeting, J. Henry seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (6:0).

**NEXT MEETING Monday, April 13, 2015**