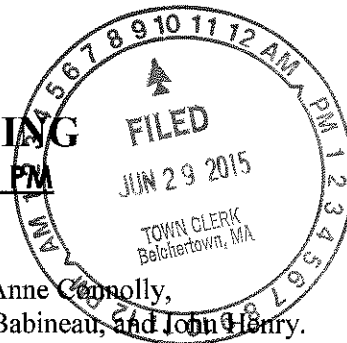


CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING
Monday, May 26, 2015 Town Hall, Room 101, 7:05 PM
Meeting Minutes



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

- 7:05 Request for Determination, Cont. – septic repair, 28 Ledgewood Dr., Map 255, Lot #64.00, Louis Kmon, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. Mike Pietras was also present on behalf of the applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. D. Haines had conducted the previous sight visit. The proposed work is 50 feet away from the wetland and it's a repair to an existing home. They are going to upgrade the septic system and all work will be on existing lawn. There are three trees total that will be removed; two are large pine, one has already been taken down. Due to their proximity to the septic tank, the trees will be stumped as the root systems have to be removed. The existing shed will be moved back 10 feet and is within the established lawn area. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Negative Determination, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 7:10 Commissioner J. Babineau arrived.
- 7:15 Request for Determination – house construction, North Liberty St., Map 273, Lot #30.30, Greg Gardner, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. Alan Weiss, Registered Sanitarian represented the applicant. L. Leduc conducted site visit. Mr. Weiss presented plans to the Commission. The limit of work is 75 feet. The siltation barrier has been doubled. Alan stated that this original RDA application was for the construction of only one house since the parcel had yet to be subdivided. However, since the RDA was filed, the property is now parceled into six house lots but the intent of the RDA hasn't changed. According to Mr. Weiss, the application applies to all six lots as this will be the only house lot constructed that falls under jurisdiction. Each lot has its own stormwater filing. The Commission had concerns about the application process, specifically the lack of wetland flags and the legal wording of the public notice advertising one lot versus six. The Commission requested additional information and a site visit. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this hearing until the June 8th meeting, with the applicants permission, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 7:45 Request for Determination – dock replacement, 558 Federal St., Map 102, Lot #46.00, Bonnie Strickland, applicant. – The applicant was present for the meeting. M. Cavatorta conducted the site visit. Mr. H. Clement the contractor, presented information to the Commission on behalf of the applicant. The dock is over 30 years old, was present when the home was bought in the late 70s and is deteriorated. The dock and deck are in disrepair and the wooden material is rotten. The existing support structures will remain in place. The existing piers in the water will remain and the landowner is replacing all the rotten wood with pressure treated wood. The repair of the existing wooden dock must remain in the existing footprint of the old dock and deck. The process should take 2-3 weeks to complete. The Conservation Commission must be notified within 48 hours of any work to review erosion controls measures. All demo material must be removed off of the property. The applicant must obtain a Chapter 91 license. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Negative Determination, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 8:00 Request for Determination – deck construction, 400 Harrington Way, (Pinevalley Plantation) Map 262, Lot #8.00, Stephen Whitlock, applicant. The applicant was present for the meeting. M. Cavatorta conducted the site visit. The existing lawn goes down right down to the edge of the Pond which has a stone bank. Shrubs next to the house might be removed but no trees. The intent is to build a 16ft X 18 ft. deck, 2 ½ feet high. All work is being done on existing lawn and sono tubes, and a silt fence will be installed to demarcate the limit of work. The limit of work is 50 feet. M. Cavatorta motioned to issue a Negative Determination, E. Knight seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0)

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- 8:10 Notice of Intent – Harris Way, drying sheds, DEP #104-956, Universal Forest Products, LLC , applicant, Map 230, Lot #31.30. Sean Simmer and Donald Frydryk were present for the meeting representing the applicant. L. Leduc, D. Haines, L. Connolly and N. Burns conducted the site visit. The applicant is proposing to build drying sheds for their finished product as required by the state. This work may or may not be in the Riverfront Area. The Commission has concerns that previous work done on this property was unpermitted. The Commission was informed that the applicant has filed for both outstanding Certificates of Completion. The work for the office addition has been done according to the Orders of Conditions. The parking lot was unpermitted and is still under discussion as the pavement went beyond where it was proposed under the original Orders of Condition. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting. L. Connolly did confirm that the pond is a Town designated fire pond. The applicant is required to designate the Riverfront Area on the property & determine how much work was done is in the Riverfront Area. Topo maps will tell if the stream is intermittent or perennial. The Commission wants the applicant to review pre-existing conditions for the driveway, gravel or dirt? They have to come up with mitigation for the driveway that was put in illegally. Discussions on the motions tonight, hold off on the drying shed. With the applicants permission, this hearing will be continued until the June 22nd meeting. Before we issued a new permit, they needed to close out the previous OOC's. L. Leduc requested a plan that shows all the work in the resource areas. Suggestions from the Commission are to remove part of the parking lot and restore the wetlands or mitigate by moving the existing parking lot away from resource area. Invasive plant management is also a recommendation from the Commission. M. Cavatorta motioned, with the applicant's permission, to continue this hearing until the June 22nd meeting, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 8:30 ANRAD, Cont., - Wetland Delineation, Sabin St., DEP #104-952, Map 248, Lot #10.00, Stan Pearson, applicant. The applicant was not present for the meeting. The applicant requested a continuance to the June 22nd meeting. M. Cavatorta motioned to continue this hearing, per the applicant's request, to the June 22nd hearing, J. Henry seconded. Motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- 8:35 Notice of Intent, Cont. – Stebbins St., house construction, DEP #104-957, Arcadia Construction, Inc., applicant, Map 240, Lot #112.04 (H). J. Henry conducted the prior site visit. The Commission was informed that the wetlands were re-flagged on the property. The Mean Annual High Water Line was determined by the wetland consultant, Keith Morris. The limit of work is outside the 50ft from the wetland and all work is outside the Riverfront Area. Permanent markers will identify the limit of work area. The Commission recommended the condition of a site visit prior to the start of work. M. Henry motioned to issue an Order of Conditions, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

Emergency Certification -122 Federal St., Sunoco Mini-mart, water main break, Belchertown Water District, applicant. L. Connolly conducted the site visit. There was a water line break and water had to be shut off to the building. The Town's Water District asked for an Emergency Certification for work to be done to fix and repair the water main. Silt socks and other erosion controls were in place. Emergency was abated. The owner of the property wants to do other work and was notified that they will need to file for a permit for any additional work. J. Babineau motioned to ratify the Emergency Certification, E. Knight seconded. The Motion to Ratify passed unanimously, (5:0).

Extension Request – Order of Conditions, 270 Barton Ave., DEP #104-885, Map 254, Lot #78.00, Gina Maggi, applicant. This is an undeveloped lot and the permit expires 6/13/15. The owner has a buyer for the property and is asking for a 2 year extension of their Order of Conditions. M. Cavatorta motioned to extend the Order of Condition for two years, J. Babineau seconded. The motion passed unanimously (5:0).

Discussion Items: Bills – There were no bills.

- ↓ Minutes – E. Knight motioned to accept the minutes as amended, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0).
- ↓ Miscellaneous Matters – There were no miscellaneous matters.
- ↓ New Business – There was no new business.

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✦ Discussion Items; Cont.

- ✦ LAND Grant application- Holland Glen – There is no new information at this time.
- ✦ ANR Plans – George Hannum Rd., Raymond & Marie Bronner, owners - The Commission reviewed the ANR plan and a standard letter will be sent to the applicant.
- ✦ Annual Appointment Process – Opportunity for reappointment of N. Burns, M. Cavatorta and D. Haines was presented. All three confirmed their acceptance of reappointment.
- ✦ 319 Grant Program, Nonpoint Source Pollution, Lake Arcadia – L. Connolly went before the Board of Selectmen and received support from the Board of Selectman for the 319 Stormwater Grant.

8:55 PM E. Knight motioned to adjourn the meeting, M. Cavatorta seconded. The motion passed unanimously, (5:0)

NEXT MEETING Monday, June 8, 2015