

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – March 9, 2020**

Attending: Chairman Joseph Wigglesworth, Vice Chairman Michelle Sherillo, Dan Duteau, Robin Jewell, and Fred Bock

Absent: Klarissa Johnson

Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Clerk Kelly Gorham

Meeting called to order: 5:34 p.m.

Location: Community Room
Webster Police Station

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Duteau motion to approve the meeting minutes from February 3, 2020 with one edit regarding the stockpile at 182 Killdeer Road. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

At this time the Chairman announces that agenda items will be taken out of order.

Discussion

MACC Handbook – If a Commissioner needs a copy we can order one. There is pdf format on line. Once we find out the number of subscriptions we need, Mr. Wigglesworth will send an email and an invoice.

Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law – Packets and receipts are handed out to the Commission Members. Conflict of Interest training is required every two years and the Open Meeting Law Training is required to be done annually.

Ms. Jewell spoke with Randy Becker and she will recuse herself from voting on Webster Lake Association matters. She is a member of the WLA and feels it would cause a conflict of interest.

Interdepartmental Reviews – The Notice of Intent applications are now online on the Conservation website for public view. They are sent to other Town permitting departments for comments. Ms. Overholt would like to educate some of the departments regarding Conservation requirements. She needs to coordinate with the Building Commissioner and Viewpoint.

The Town Hall is celebrating **Earth Day** on April 18, 2020 from 9:00 – 11:00. Last year, Commissioners handed out the Living with Wetlands brochure and cleaned up trash. Mr. Duteau suggested recruiting Boy Scouts to help out. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends clean up at Stump Pond. Mr. Duteau suggests sending info to Nichols College. The area around boat ramp needs cleaning.

Ms. Sherillo asks about sending a letter to the State about the port-a-potty at the boat ramp. The port-a-potty is too close to the wetland. DCR takes care of that.

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Notice of Intent

61, 67 & 69 Cudworth Rd. – This hearing is for a 669 space vehicle storage lot. The applicant is NU Auto Auction Realty LLC. Glenn Krevosky from EBT Environmental Inc., representing the applicant, has a meeting conflict and is not available at this time. This item is postponed until March 23rd. The Conservation department is seeking a peer review. Audience member, Michelle Smith, will email Ms. Overholt with questions and concerns regarding stormwater management. Mr. Bock motion to continue the public hearing for 61, 67 & 69 Cudworth Road. Mr. Duteau second. A wetland scientist will be doing a peer review. There was logging done in the past on Cudworth Rd. and logs could be carrying beetles or parasites.

Discussion

Social Media Engagement – The Town Administrator doesn't recommend a Conservation Facebook page. There is a lot of work involved in maintaining it. The Conservation department can post updates on Town's Facebook page by requesting it through the Town Administrators office. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to post educational items and links to information.

Mr. Wigglesworth feels it would be helpful to send a letter to DPW regarding more dumping because the hours of the facility are not sufficient. People are dumping and filling wetlands because they cannot drop off their waste at the compost facility. There are many areas in town with large debris piles.

LKQ – Ms. Overholt and Mr. Duteau visited the site on Monday. There is a basin and a ramp and pump with flock socks. They are hydroseeding. At the other end of wetland there was a double row of flock socks. Photos are needed. Mr. Bock and Mr. Duteau noticed something coming from past the LKQ site. It's on Town property and we could put something there. Mr. Bock suggests a living wall. LKQ is working on long term solutions. The area might need another retention pond. Mr. Wigglesworth mentioned at the last meeting with them that he would like to see something by end of March. Something should be done on the opposite side of the yard. There is a lot of silt there. Ms. Overholt will get in touch with them. Maybe flock sock should be used further down the hill.

Wetland Setback Preparation for Meeting on March 16th – Brandon Faneuf from Ecosystem Solutions will have a PowerPoint presentation that should be used at beginning of the meeting. There should be a podium for questions from audience. Randy Becker asked for a time change for the meeting. This might not be possible due to posting on website and Facebook for 5:30 p.m. and may cause confusion. The meeting time will remain at 5:30 p.m. At the start of the meeting, the Chairman will mention the fire exits and other safety issues due to the size of the crowd and will make an announcement that there will be a two minute time limit for members of the audience to speak. Ms. Overholt will review setbacks from other towns. Town Counsel will be there to handle legal questions. Mr. Faneuf should provide an overview of the Conservation Commission. He will speak for about 15 minutes.

Meeting Recordings – Ms. Overholt spoke about how the Commissioners should speak into the microphones and stay on the agenda. Items that are talked about at meetings should be on the agenda so the public is aware. For some items, Commissioners can email or speak with the agent individually, just not in group emails. Commissioners are volunteers and use their own time.

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Ms. Sherillo mentions the Webster Lake Association. The abutter notification for a new Notice of Intent is expensive. This is the last year of the Clipper study. Can it be extended for the next season? They want to get the last year of the clipper study done. Abutter notification could be done via email through the Webster Lake Association mailing list and a public notification communication on the website. Or they could send a small notification to just the areas affected. The Board has allowed them to extend for the past 15 years. DEP has never heard of a permit that long.

Ms. Jewell leaves at 7:00 p.m.

Mass DEP is getting info from the Clipper study but is not directly involved. Mr. Duteau and Ms. Sherillo went over the Notice of Intent process and what is necessary for a new filing at the last working group meeting with WLA. Mr. Duteau and Ms. Sherillo will reach out to the WLA. This Commission has extended the permit twice.

Mr. Bock motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Next Meeting Date: March 23, 2020 – Selectmen’s Meeting Room

Documents:

61, 67 & 69 Cudworth Road – Site Plan of Land, Quinn Engineering, Inc., January 28, 2020, 24” x 36”, 11 sheets.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Clerk for the Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: _____ Date: _____
Chairman