

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – May 18, 2020**

A meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Monday May 4, 2020 via conference call in accordance with Governor Baker's emergency order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A,§20 due to the public health emergency relating to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Attending: Chairman Joseph Wigglesworth, Vice Chairman Michelle Sherillo, Fred Bock, Hayden Brown, Robin Jewell, Brandon Faneuf – Consultant, Ecosystem Solutions, Inc.

Absent: Daniel Duteau, Klarissa Johnson

Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Kelly Gorham, Clerk

Meeting called to order: 5:41 p.m.

Chairman Wigglesworth reads the Governor's Orders regarding Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A § 18.

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Brown motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2020 as drafted. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE)

Request for Determination of Applicability

24 South Point Road – This determination is for the removal of 13 trees. Mr. Lefebvre, owner/applicant, is present. The trees are not healthy and some are dangerous. There is one tree on the neighbor's property and they have provided a letter of permission to remove that one also. The stumps will remain. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends birches and native plants closer to the water. Mountain laurel and high bush blueberry are recommended. The applicant will be in touch with Ms. Overholt regarding plantings. Ms. Jewell motion for negative determination on tree removal at 24 South Point Road, with a list of plants to be provided to Ms. Overholt. Mr. Brown second. Vote 4-1 by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock – Abstain)

37 Loveland Road – This determination is for the installation of a deck. Owner/applicant Ray Martin is present. He states that Chris Daggett will be doing the work on the deck. They would like to replace and expand. There will be a concrete slab under the deck. There are two small retaining walls on either side, with flower beds. They would like to add a fire pit in the future. They will plant 2 trees, maybe birch. They will be doing the siding and windows too. A gutter will be added. Mr. Wigglesworth suggest rain barrels for both sides. They also submitted a Chapter 91 dock permit application. A silt fence should be placed across the back and a wattle should be placed around the stockpile. Ms. Sherillo has questions regarding the Chapter 91 application. Is the ramp fixed or mobile? It is fixed to the dock but moves with the water. Some adjustments should be made on the plan for the application. The frontage is different on the application than on the RDA plan. There should also be 25 feet off the property line and the square footage of the dock needs to be added. There must be a profile view on the application also. Ms. Sherillo motion for negative determination for the deck and dock permit application of 37 Loveland Road with the following conditions; erosion control inspection, rain barrels under the downspouts, trees planted and an

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updated Chapter 91 dock application to the Commission. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock - AYE)

32 Jackson Road – This determination is for the approval of a dock for a Chapter 91 permit. The applicant is not present for this project. Carolyn Sedor, neighbor, is present and has concerns about the dock. Ms. Sherillo states that the Commission needs more information such as the dimensions. They are looking to have old docks removed also. Ms. Sedor questions the Chapter 91 legal notice and Ms. Sherillo explains that the state uses required but generic wording in all the notices. Ms. Sherillo explained some of the regulations and that more information can be found online. Ms. Sedor also has questions about the lot and Mr. Wigglesworth states she should speak to the Assessor about that. Ms. Sherillo motion to continue this to the next meeting on June 1, 2020. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock - AYE)

9 Loveland Road – This determination is for the approval of a dock for a Chapter 91 permit. Ms. Sherillo states that there are some issues with the dock application. The applicant is not present. Ms. Sherillo motion to continue this to the next meeting on June 1, 2020. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock - AYE)

263 Thompson Road – This determination is for repointing a retaining wall. Owner/applicant Carol Klauzinski is present. There are some water issues in the front. The lawn is packed and water flows to the retaining wall causing some holes between the lawn and the wall. Wave energy and ice are damaging the wall also. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends placing some rip rap at the bottom of the wall. A professional will need to add piping for the water. There is also a wall along the neighbor's property that they would like to fix. They would like to enclose the carport into a screenhouse area. There is some concrete around the house that is cracked and should be repaired. Mr. Wigglesworth recommend using rock there so water can percolate. They could replace the concrete walkway with stepping stones. They need to file for a Chapter 91 permit for the dock there. These items will be done in phases and they will need to speak with a contractor. A coffer dam should be used when the wall is fixed. They need to contact Ms. Overholt before beginning each phase. Mr. Brown motion for negative determination of applicability for 263 Thompson Road. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock - AYE)

Discussion

Union Point Road – Some vegetation is overgrown on the right hand side and is blocking the view of traffic. This could be a safety hazard and should be trimmed back. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to speak with DPW.

Some Commissioners still need to provide emergency contact information.

Site Visits - Mr. Wigglesworth would like to change the meeting spot for Site Visits so it is more convenient. He requests that Mr. Brown and Ms. Jewell should come on more visits if they feel it is safe to do so at this time. Mr. Bock suggests splitting in to 2 teams for the visits in order to limit the number of people on a site.

Mr. Wigglesworth mentions that there are more webinars coming up for the Commissioners at MACC.

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108 Thompson Road – Ms. Overholt has not received any more information. Mr. Wigglesworth saw a front loader and small boat there. The mulch was done with a 3 inch lip and a French drain system was installed in the back. There is rock in the detention basin. Red maple and cattails were planted in the wet area. They should check the soil for hydrology.

Twisted Piston has not applied for a permit yet.

Ms. Overholt looked at the trees that were cut on Klebart Ave. The cutting was done next to the wetland near 25 Klebart Ave. Stately Tree needs to file for a permit after the fact. They were sent a letter in the past regarding tree cutting near wetlands. They were done cutting at the time that Mary spoke with them and they said they removed 3 trees. Ms. Sherillo would like a phone call to Stately Tree and a letter needs to be sent to 25 Klebart Ave. and 37 Rawson Road.

There is a Conservation Commission meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21 2020. The Commission feels it is in our best interest to pull the warrant and put the Bylaw on the November warrant instead of June. There might be a waiting period to introduce Bylaw again. The Commission wants to take public input seriously. The Conservation Commission meeting to be held on Thursday, May 21 will be canceled. Next meeting agenda will have a vote to postpone the Bylaw on it. The Commission will also notify Selectman Randy Becker.

Ms. Sherillo asks about 0 Lower Gore Road at the Town Meeting. Ms. Overholt will remind Doug Williardson and Randy Becker. Mr. Wigglesworth states the Commission wants to name that property after Joe Kunkel.

Ms. Sherillo asks about the auction properties. Mr. Wigglesworth states the Commission is part of the open space plan. Ms. Sherillo states that more than half of those properties are wetlands.

Mr. Wigglesworth asks about Upper Gore solar. Ms. Overholt will look into it. The solar field would be better than 90 lot subdivision but there is concern about wells.

On Route 16 there was tree cutting and the work was more than 100 ft. from the wetland. There was a stop work order issued.

There is another lot where there was clearing, near Goya and Town Forest Road. Mr. Bock says there is a DEP number up near there. Mr. Wigglesworth will take photos. Mr. Bock thinks there may have been a forestry permit for that area.

Mr. Bock states that there was no water coming from the LKQ sedimentation tank. It looks good. We should follow up with them.

Mr. Bock motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Ms. Jewerll second. Vote all in favor by roll call (Mr. Wigglesworth – AYE; Ms. Sherillo – AYE; Mr. Brown – AYE; Ms. Jewell – AYE; Mr. Bock - AYE)

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Documents:

All documents associated with these files can be found in the Office of the Conservation Department.

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2020 – Location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Gorham
Clerk for the Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: _____ Date: _____
Chairman

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