

Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – January 6, 2020

Attending: Commissioners – Joseph Wigglesworth, Michelle Sherillo, Klarissa Johnson, Dan Duteau, and Fred Bock

Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Clerk Kelly Gorham

Meeting called to order: 5:40 p.m.

Location: Selectmen's Meeting Room
Webster Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Duteau motion to accept the meeting minutes from December 12, 2019 as drafted. Mr. Bock second. Ms. Sherillo abstained. Vote all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

113 Sutton Road – *Continued from December 12, 2019* - Owner Matt Lizotte is present to discuss this project. The previous 12 x 16 patio has been replaced with pavers. The patio size is not changing. They already started the project. An RDA should have been filed before the start of the project due to the proximity of the wetland. Is the slope near the fencing stabilized and erosion controls in? They have a silt fence up. Mr. Bock motion for negative determination for 113 Sutton Road. Ms. Overholt can check the stabilization in the spring. They should keep the erosion controls up. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

891 School Street – *Continued from December 12, 2019* – This project was continued due to concerns regarding flooding in the Kenneway Lane and Applebee Ave. area. Kenneth Arpin and Robert Borski are present with updated plans. A site visit was done on Saturday with the contractor. The new dwelling is shifted 15 feet back on the plans. Ms. Maureen Kenneway-Gaumond and Mr. Hayden Brown are present at the hearing and they also attended the site visit. The closest flag to the wetland is A7. No clear cutting will be done in the 25 ft. setback. A spill kit and the impervious calculations are included on the plan now. The calculations were done by a P.E. Water will perc and not run onto the roadway. They plan to put a 12 x 12 deck on the back of the home using pressure treated material. Mr. Wigglesworth suggested that they use Conservation medallions for wetland markers. They should be placed at A6, A7, A14, A15, and A16; along the limit of work line. The Commission should consider placing "No Dumping" signs along Applebee Ave. The silt fence on the plan needs to be moved back 15 feet to coincide with moving the house.

Mr. Wigglesworth opened the floor for public comment. Ms. Kenneway-Gaumond thanked the Board for having the neighbors on the site visit. She feels more confident that the water on her property will remain under control. Mr. Brown thanked the Board and suggested a border of native species along the 25 ft. line on the south side of the property, starting where the culvec is. Highbush blueberry would be good there.

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The owners would be interested in donating some of the land to Conservation. The locations of the medallions are marked on the plan. Mr. Wigglesworth asked about the stockpile area. They will be burning on site and material will stay on the site to be used as backfill. They will mark a stockpile area on the plan. Motion to close the public hearing made by Ms. Sherillo. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Bock motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions, including the medallions and planting native species. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

31 Wawela Park Road – This project is the construction of a single family home. Zac Couture from H.S. &T. Group contacted Ms. Overholt via email to request a continuance of the public hearing. Ms. Sherillo motion to grant the continuance to January 23, 2020. Ms. Johnson second. Vote all in favor.

Discussion

Beacon Park – This discussion is regarding a Minor Modification to DEP #323-1060 - repairs to the pool area. Christine Wojnar and Chris Grey are present to discuss the repairs. The 55 gallon drum drywells have been changed to trenches. They plan to build the trench wide enough to catch the water, 3-4 feet wide. Pea stone will be used around the perimeter. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends a larger stone since rainwater can move pea stone. Wetland plants could also be added. The ramp is the next part of the project. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends a wattle and silt fence for work on the wall. The ramp was already included in the original filing and the pool work is the modification. The Board was satisfied with the ramp at the last site visit. Ms. Overholt will look at the erosion controls in the spring. Ms. Sherillo motion to approve the minor modification, including the adjustments to the pool area. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

LKQ – Darrell Weston, Mark Woolcott and Craig Wood and Greg Rogowski from ESS Group Inc. are present to discuss the turbidity in Browns Brook and an unnamed brook in the area. There is turbidity coming out of a retention basin. There was construction and growth in the area. Mr. Weston states that Browns Brook has settled and their main focus is the unnamed brook. Nothing should be parked and no work should be done there. Mr. Weston reached out to 3 contractors and went back to ESS. They presented some proposals, different from the stormceptor. They want something effective, but not high maintenance. There is a lot of silt on the property. No sand was brought into the site; it was all native. They only plow the area in the winter with no sand or salt. There was no large fill. New vehicle arrivals are quarantined. The vehicles are cleaned out before reaching that area. They are still working through solutions. Mr. Bock stated that the catch basin overflows and the water just goes right over the top of it.

They would like to have a survey done first, maybe in a month. Glenn Krevosky, EBT Environmental Consultants, is present and would like to speak. He provided some photos. Red Maple swamp has 4-6 inches of silt now. Down gradient photos show turbidity. It may have been raining at that time. There is 15 acres or so of hydrologic soil group C. He looked at the site from the Town property. Material gets moved around through the lanes and brings fine dirt up to the surface. Mr. Krevosky pointed out the areas of water from rain events on 3 locations on the map. Red Maple swamp filled with sediment and sediment is flowing into Webster Lake. He feels they should be using something in the lanes that is coarser and that this is the largest source of sediment flowing into Webster Lake. Mr. Krevosky took a sample and there was 320mg/liter on March 13, 2019. Mr. Duteau added that the jersey fence and silt barriers on the west side are not working. They need a longer hold over time for the smaller silts. There are some cattails near the Town land.

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The water was murky in the retention pond and they shut that down. They were focused on Browns Brook and they are now working with ESS to resolve issues. ESS is an environmental consulting company, biologist and also civil engineer. They would like to have a remediation plan in place before the heavy spring rains. They have a wetland biologist and will address the situation comprehensively. Ms. Overholt asked if EPA gave them any requirements and who the contact person was. Mr. Weston was not sure but stated they will be working with DEP also. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to have another discussion with them in February.

62 Union Point Road – The owner, Matthew Zicaro, is present. A site visit was done on Saturday to discuss the beach area. The gutter downspouts and putting in a new wattle were also discussed. Mr. Wigglesworth thinks asking them to remove the beach sand may cause too much turbidity. Any adjustment to a resource area requires Commission review and approval. Ms. Sherillo asks how they will keep the pebble stone and sand from washing into the Lake. The owner states it gets pushed up against the wall with the waves. Ms. Overholt adds that some people remove sand by hand to reduce turbidity. About 4 inches should be removed. Mr. Bock recommends rough rip rap. For the perimeter of the house, they can put $\frac{3}{4}$ inch crushed stone and smaller stone can be used on the bottom. They need to meet with Ms. Overholt before setting up erosion controls. Asks about property at north pond. Mr. Zicaro asks about the old fieldstone wall that fell in the Lake. Mr. Wigglesworth suggests doing a site visit before work is done on that.

Recess from 7:25 – 7:30 p.m.

18 and 20 Westwind Drive – Mark Gardell of 18 Westwind Drive and Crissy Stinson of 20 Westwind Drive are present to discuss the beach area. The Commissioners did a site visit on Saturday. When the wall was pulled back, sand was left there. There was existing sand under the loam. It doesn't appear there was much sand left in the resource area and no need for remediation. Mr. Wigglesworth asks about Chapter 91 dock permits. At 20 Westwind Drive the grass level on the wall was too high, and the sod should be lowered. Erosion controls need to be fixed at 18 Westwind Drive. Chapter 91 permits were not in the original conditions. Ms. Overholt will visit in the spring when they will be ready for their Certificates of Compliance.

Webster Lake Association – Jason Piader is present. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to create a small working group to discuss the conditions and to meet at a more convenient time, rather than at the Conservation Commission meetings. The Commission wants to keep the discussion moving forward and to be more efficient. Mr. Duteau and Ms. Sherillo volunteer to be part of the working group. Email is best for communications and they should update the rest of the Board regularly. Mr. Piader agrees to the working group.

Board Reorganization – The Board has two new commissioners, Klarissa Johnson and Robin Jewell. A new Chairman needs to be elected. Mr. Wigglesworth volunteered. Mr. Duteau motion to elect Mr. Wigglesworth as the new Chairman for the Conservation Commission. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor. Ms. Sherillo volunteers for the position of Vice Chairman. Ms. Johnson motion to elect Ms. Sherillo as Vice Chairman for the Conservation Commission. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Ms. Overholt reviewed Conservation financials with the Board. There is some money available for a memorial sign for Joseph Kunkel. Mr. Wigglesworth will be sending information regarding filing fees to Ms. Overholt.

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The agent report is reviewed. At 8 Fairfield Street there is a wall under construction with about 4 feet of old rip rap. They need to determine how much rip rap is needed. Wave action isn't a problem there but ice is.
202 Killdeer Island Road is cleaner than before. They need some vegetation there.

Wetland Setback Policy – Town Counsel, Jay Talerman, contributed some edits. The Commission has the authority to have a policy in place. Scientific studies are cited. Ms. Overholt thinks there should be a section specific to the Lake. Mr. Wigglesworth would like to have an education session where a couple Commissioners can answer questions from the public.

Someone was advertising buildable lots for sale on Cooper Road. The Selectmen need to talk with the Town Engineer to see if they can build on the Conservation Land there. The Town would have to delineate it. The Board was planning on dedicating that land to Joe Kunkel.

Ms. Johnson motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2020 – Selectmen's Meeting Room

Documents:

891 School St. – Plot Plan, Levesque Geomatics Inc. revised January 2, 2019, 24" x 36", 1 sheet.

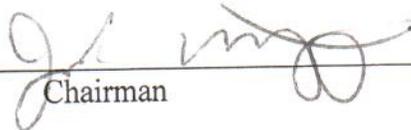
Webster Lake Association – All materials associated with this file can be found in the Office of the Conservation Department.

Beacon Park - All materials associated with this file can be found in the Office of the Conservation Department.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Clerk for the Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: _____


Chairman

Date: 2-27-2020