

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – Jan. 24, 2019**

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Attending: Commissioners – Joe Kunkel, Michelle Sherillo and Fred Bock
Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Kelly Gorham, Clerk

Absent: Commissioners – Joseph Wigglesworth, Beau Saad, and Klarissa Johnson

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

Location: Gladys E. Kelly Public Library
Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Minutes from January 10, 2019 will be moved to the end of the meeting.

Request for Determination of Applicability

5 Pearl St. – This project is the repair of a burned house. Ms. Overholt visited the site. The foundation will remain and there is no work planned for the lawn. The house is 85 Feet from the French River, close to the flood zone. Ms. Overholt recommends silt fence and best management practices. They are repairing, framing and making the home weather-tight. They will be sheeting and shingling the roof and will redo the siding at a later date. Ms. Sherillo asks about a dumpster. The dumpster will be on site in the front of the house in the driveway and covered. There will be dumpster removal. Ms. Overholt has a plot plan with the erosion controls sketched out. No hay bales will be used – they will use straw. Stockpiles will be inside the house. No heavy machinery will be used, just airtools. Mr. Bock motion for negative determination for 5 Pearl Street with standard practices, the stockpile in the house and dumpsters covered. Mr. Kunkel added that any non-biodegradables must be cut on the roadside with a vacuum saw. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

130 Killdeer Rd. – Mary Place is representing the property owners as they are in VA. There are shrub-like trees and a retaining wall on the left. The wall is about 4 feet. They would like to remove three ½ inch trees, two ½ inch plus trees, grind 2 stumps and remove four 5 inch shrubs. They will pressure wash and regROUT the wall. This is 25 feet from the resource area. Ms. Sherillo has photos from the site visit. Boulders will be placed at the end of the wall. There should be a planting where the trees next to the wall are removed. Mr. Bock states that the trees provide shade to the Lake and control the temperature helping to prevent algae blooms. They will replant 4 native trees. Glenn Krevosky recommends 2 to 2 ½ inch trees. Ms. Sherillo motion for negative determination for removal of 7 trees plus shrubs and replanting 4 native trees. Also no use of detergent, unless biodegradable, in pressure washer. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

14 Pebble Beach Rd. – This application is for the removal of trees. The owner, Ken Haase is present. Photos from the site visit are reviewed. There are 8 trees to be removed; one 3ft plus at the resource, two 12 inch plus and four 12 inch minus. Ms. Sherillo prefers to save the tree at the water's edge as it provides shade to the Lake. The owner would like to extend the second story. Ms. Sherillo recommends removing branches next to the house instead of cutting the tree down. The tree is overhanging the house and the neighbor's house and would prohibit a second story extension. Mr. Kunkel asks if they could replant. The lot is not very big and there isn't room for many replantings. Ms. Sherillo is concerned

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with shade to the lake and new trees are not going to provide as much shade. Mr. Bock explains that this is an ongoing problem around the Lake. Ms. Sherillo questions if they can't remodel with the tree there? The owner says they would have to cut a lot of branches at the top of the house. Mr. Bock says the tree is blocking the sun. The Commission looked at the site map to determine shade. The owner is concerned that just removing lower branches might damage the tree. Mr. Kunkel suggests having an arborist look at it. Mr. Bock motion to continue to Feb. 11 meeting until the owner meets with an arborist. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

229 Gore Rd. – This project is a driveway extension with retaining wall. The owner, Michael Shelburne is present. The retaining wall is on both sides of the driveway. They need to excavate one side of the driveway to expand. It is poured concrete. There are no catch basins in the area and the property is abutting Brown Brook. The Burning Bush is to be disposed of and destroyed as it is an invasive species. Ms. Sherillo motion for negative determination for 229 Gore Rd. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

0 Juniper Ln. – Installation of Ground Mounted Solar Facility – This has been continued to Feb. 11. Ms. Sherillo motion to continue hearing to Feb 11. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

16 Oakwood Dr. – Mr. Kunkel opened the public hearing. This project is a proposed subsurface disposal system for a single family home. Glenn Krevosky is present as representative. The plan is presented. There is a spill kit on site chained to a utility pole. There are no trees being cut; the site had been cleared years ago. The slope is pulled back. The cultec calculations are on the second plan sheet. There are straw bales and a trench. No wattles are needed. The house is away from the wetland. Ms. Overholt asks about the driveway. They cut it back to 25 x 25 ft. so it is the width of the house. It was originally going to be 30 x 25 ft. Any exotic plants will be removed and it will take two years for replantings. They will remove growth and then go back in next year to remove any that come back. The stockpile is located near the road and there is no extra material on the lot. Mr. Kunkel asks about signage. They will install 3 monuments 40 feet apart. Ms. Sherillo motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Bock motion for Order of Conditions to include 3 monuments, a 2 year removal of invasives, forest not to be touched. Also plant four to five 2-2 ½ caliper trees at the base of the slope. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

18 Oakwood Dr. - Proposed subsurface disposal system for a single family home – This is continued until Feb. 11, 2019.

Discussion

Cudworth Rd. – Enforcement Order from 2002. The DEP does not have any statements. In 2003, the DEP took over the file and the Enforcement Order was not lifted. Mr. Krevosky would like to send a letter requesting to close out the Enforcement Order. Ms. Overholt spoke with Margaret Washburn from Washburn Wetlands Consulting, and she said this was taken care of and we will need to verify there is record of it. Central Mass Auto Auction will be purchasing the property.

Standard Order of Conditions – Condition #11 states the DEP sign should measure 2' x 2' and be clearly visible from the street. There is no need to interfere with buffer zone at the lake side to put in a sign. DEP signs should be on a separate post, not nailed to a tree. Mr. Kunkel states that a copy of the plan and any

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violations be posted in a protective container on site such as a mailbox. Mr. Kunkel asks about the contractors signing conditions. More parts of the Standard Order of Conditions are discussed by the Commissioners. Items discussed include photos, spill kit with wrench, signage, erosion controls, stabilization, and an as-built for any project requiring an engineer.

LKQ – Ms. Overholt received LKQ's 4th quarter test of the water and would like to see if it aligns with Mr. Krevosky's report and the weather. The retention pond was just cleaned and rains flushed it out. Additional filtering is recommended and bamboo mats at the out flow of the retention pond for a couple of days. They will also put up Conservation signs. The Commission will follow up with a letter.

Meeting adjourned for break at 8:12 pm.

18 Bates Crossing – A Notice of Intent was filed for teardown and another NOI is needed for the construction of the new house. The applicant says they only need to file for an amendment for the house. The Board says he needs to file an NOI for the new house. Work on the NOI is complete and they need a Certificate of Compliance. They did not have a plan for the new house on the original NOI. A fine may be necessary because there was no pre-construction meeting. Ms. Overholt will speak with them.

The Commission says that the packet of materials including the agenda, documents, plans and photos sent out for review before the meetings is very useful.

Ms. Sherillo motion to continue the minutes to Feb. 11 as there is no quorum present. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Ms. Overholt has reviewed the Conservation Commission budget.

The Board would like to find someone to delineate the Conservation property on Lower Gore Rd. Ms. Overholt will research rates.

Ms. Sherillo motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Feb. 11, 2019 Gladys E. Kelly Public Library Meeting Room

Documents

Hand Drawn Plan with Erosion Controls for 5 Pearl Street, from Town of Webster GIS Parcel Map, Dec. 31, 2018, 1 page.

Photos, site visit at 14 Pebble Beach Rd., Jan. 19, 2019

Proposed Subsurface Sewage Disposal System Plan 16 Oakwood Dr., Quinn Engineering, Inc., Nov. 19, 2018 and Revised Jan. 16, 2019, 24'x 36', 2 sheets.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Conservation & Planning Clerk

Conservation Commission Approval:  Date: 2-25-19
Chairman