

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – February 3, 2020**

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

Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent, Clerk Kelly Gorham

Meeting called to order: 5:32 p.m.

Location: Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Webster Town Hall

Meeting Minutes

Ms. Sherillo motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 6, 2020. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Ms. Sherillo motion to table approval of the meeting minutes from January 23, 2020 to the next meeting, February 27, 2020. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

6 Bates Crossing – This project is an addition to an existing single family home. Mr. Wigglesworth opened the public hearing. Lesley Wilson from H.S. & T. Group represented the property owner, Michael Stelmach, who was present in the audience. There are erosion controls, a spill kit and a stockpile on the plan. No trees will be removed. There will be an additional straw wattle and silt fence in front along the resource across the street. New plans and the abutter notification slips were handed in at the meeting. They are applying for a Chapter 91 permit for the dock. Pervious pavers should be used. They will also use 1 or 2 rain barrels. There is one on the new plans between the additions. They could increase the amount of depth of crushed stone underneath the patio. The lot is flat. The stock piles will be covered at night. There was a small oil slick in the Lake near the shore that was cleaned up. Ms. Sherillo motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Johnson second. Vote all in favor. Ms. Jewell motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions, including the Chapter 91 permit, rain barrel, 4 inches of stone under the pavers and erosion controls across the street. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

12 Kenneth Ave. – This project is an addition to an existing single family dwelling and the construction of two retaining walls. Mr. Wigglesworth opened the public hearing. Lesley Wilson from H.S. & T. Group presented and the owner Colby Petrillo was present. There is a steep embankment in the back. There are 2 trees to be removed in back, and six hemlocks along the side. There will be 2 retaining walls in back made of precast block. They will need a Chapter 91 permit before a COC can be issued. They should work with the neighbor regarding the removal of some of the sick trees, which have a parasite. They are proposing one cultec in front of the house. The cultec would be going in last and the stockpile would be gone by then. A turbidity curtain will be at the water’s edge. The wall will not be in the water. Mr. Wigglesworth reminds them that no sand should be brought in. Steps will be built into the wall. They can decide later on which plants will go in. Mr. Wigglesworth recommends at least two trees. They should be careful of the stormwater pipe buried there. Ms. Johnson motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Duteau motion to issue the standard residential order of conditions for 12 Kenneth Ave. including planting 2 trees, some shrubs and landscaping and they should

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let the commission know what is being planted once it is decided. Ms. Johnson second. The dead needles with the parasite should be bagged and removed or burned.

182 Killdeer Road – This project is for the construction of a new sunroom, gazebo and the renovation of an existing deck with associated grading. Property owner Martin Adomat was present. Plans are presented to the Board. The stairs in the back will be replaced also. A turbidity curtain, pavers and spill kit are on the plan. Plantings will be along any disturbed areas along the embankment. They will use native plants such as mountain laurels or arbor vitae. There is a drop in land near the gazebo. There will be some planters also. The stairs will be concrete or granite; similar to the existing stairs. The stairs near the gazebo are slanted now and they would like to reset them to be level. They will add a railing. There is a stock pile. Cutting inorganic material should be done on the street side. Erosion controls are shown along western property line and one planter. They can be extended to other planter if needed. They will use straw wattles and a silt fence. They will be applying for a Chapter 91 permit which should be included with this submittal. No trees will be removed. Impervious calculations will be included. They would like to do a rain garden or a trench drain. They can also use rain barrels. There are 1 or 2 existing gutters on back side of house and they could go there. If they can't plant a rain garden they will look into a cultec. The planters are flush with top of wall but they could do a lip and will put some drains along the wall. 3-6 inches of lip at the top of the retaining wall is required to catch large amount of water and there is currently about an inch and a half. There is a link on the Conservation website about rain gardens with wildflowers or plants that absorb water quickly. They will make sure those details are on the plan. The Agent asks "Since work is happening on only one side of property, is the three inch lip required for the whole wall or just for where the work is?" The answer is, just for the top of the planter area and the one on the left hand side. Ms. Sherillo motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Duteau motion to issue the standard residential Order of Conditions including a rain garden or rain barrel. Ms. Sherillo second.

Discussion

Chapter 91 Permits – The applicant should come before the board first before sending the application to the DEP so that the board can approve the dock before the permit is finalized. The Commissioners can make comments. They are not required to look at design of dock, but at the environmental damage that could occur. There is only about 10 days to respond to DEP.

Cedar Cove – The property owner needs help removing the old docks. This may be a good Eagle Scout project and maybe Boy Scouts can help her in the spring.

Twisted Piston – The owner has contacted Brandon Fanuef for consultation. There has been snow pushed to the stream. This is on February 27 agenda to discuss with the Board.

No dumping signs – Ms. Overholt spoke with DPW and they have 2 signs in stock. They are about \$50 each. Mr. Wigglesworth would like them to include the word wetlands and the fines. The signs should go on Loveland Road near #11 and #15. Cooper road is another problem area.

Agenda format – Ms. Overholt asks for input regarding the agenda format. Numbering is discussed. The Board feels a simple format is best.

Agents report – The erosion controls on Checkerberry Island are not set up correctly. The permit may be expired. A site visit is needed.

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The lots that are for sale on Cooper Road are not Town land.

Ms. Gorham will work on an emergency contact list for commissioners to keep in the site visit box.

MACC Conference takes place on February 29th. This is for training and supports commissions. There are workshops and fundamentals training for new Commissioners. We have 3 new Commissioners that should attend.

Healthy soils is the next Lunch and Learn offered by DEP.

Mr. Bock would like to change the Standard Residential Order of Conditions to read "cannot use sand even if preexisting on property to create a beach".

Mr. Bock motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

Next Meeting Date: February 27, 2020 – Selectmen's Meeting Room



Documents:

6 Bates Crossing – Notice of Intent Plan Set, H.S. & T. Group, Inc., January 20, 2020, 24" x 36", 2 sheets.

12 Kenneth Ave. - Notice of Intent Plan Set, H.S. & T. Group, Inc., January 21, 2019, 24" x 36", 3 sheets.

182 Killdeer Road – Plan of Land, Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., February 3, 2020, 24" x 36", 1 sheet.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Gorham
Clerk for the Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval:  Chairman  Date: 3-9-2020