

Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – May 20, 2019

REC'D WEBSTER TOWN CLERK
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Attending: Commissioners – Joseph Kunkel, Joseph Wigglesworth, Michelle Sherillo, Fred Bock, Dan Duteau and Peer Review Consultant Brandon Faneuf

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

Absent: Associate Commissioner – Beau Saad

Meeting called to order: 5:36 p.m.

Location: Gladys E. Kelly Public Library
Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Mr. Wigglesworth motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 22, 2019. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

31 Wakefield Rd. – This determination is for the installation of a dock. Ms. Sherillo recuses herself due to conflict of interest. The applicant Ken Morey, Jr. is present. This is a removable dock that will come out in the winter. It is sitting on stairs with a torsion bar. Mr. Wigglesworth asks if there will be any changes to the shoreline. There will be no changes. The materials are aluminum and cedar. They have filed for a Chapter 91 dock permit. Mr. Bock motion for negative determination of applicability for 31 Wakefield Rd. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

Upper Gore Rd. – lots 52_A1_0 & 53_B_4_0 – Installation of 2 Solar Arrays - *Continued from May 9th* - Matt Parlon from Bluewave Solar, Rich Riccio, P.E. from Field Engineering, and Tom Reidy, attorney from Bacon & Wilson are present. Jesse Leddick from Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife sent an email to the Commission which will serve as an update for the MESA piece. Mr. Wigglesworth asked about water on the site which has been a concern since the beginning of the project. The Commissioners received letters from third party concerned citizens. There is still some concern and questions as far as hydrology alterations and impacts to the streams on the site. There are streams feeding into the Lake Watershed. Rocky Brook is considered a headwaters brook and a feeder brook for wells and has trout. The Lake depends on superficial water and seepage to feed it. Is there a guarantee that this will not affect the residents' wells? There is no 100% guarantee. The recharge trenches will infiltrate as much water as possible. There is double the required recharge volume. There is no impervious surface there. Calculations were approved by Chuck Eaton from CME. Streams have been reviewed with Brandon Faneuf from Ecosystem Solutions. Topography is discussed. The stormwater was flowing to Rocky Brook but now moved to accommodate species and water is going into the streams. A study was done on the heat island effect and presented at the Planning Board meeting. Water should be infiltrating enough so it will not change the temperature of the water. The detention basins are designed to drain dry in about 72 or less hours. Continued heating wouldn't take place. Hydrologic impacts are discussed. The concern of the general public is what guarantee is there

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for residents and the Lake that this project isn't going to impact the wells and the Lake. Mr. Riccio states that the project has been overdesigned with significant regard to safety and double the recharge. They have added more infiltration trenches and crushed stone. Adverse effects are being addressed. This has been reviewed by the town engineer with no comments. Mr. Riccio states that the intent is to put water back into the ground over the entire aquifer rather than in a specific area. They are following the standard process. Well monitoring could be a condition. Any order of conditions issued would state that no work start until state filings complete reviewed and finalized. Mr. Faneuf finished his review and has nothing further to add. There are comments from the public to be addressed. Mr. Reidy asks about voting members. Only 3 members present at this meeting can vote. Mr. Bock motion to continue to July 1st. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor.

6 Peter St. – This is an Amendment and Extension to the Order of Conditions. Eric Rudnicki and Lenny Jalbert from Jalbert Engineering in Sturbridge are present. They are asking for a 1 year extension to finish the project. The Order of Conditions was approved and they had 2 hearings with the planning board. No changes would warrant any changes to the plan. The vegetation was approved and there is a drip strip. Putting in cultec chambers would create a hardship. Any disturbed areas will be seeded and loamed. Revision 4 was approved by the Town Engineer. The building is for storage and office work only, no commercial activity. It is 100 feet from the river. The drip channel is good for a 3 inch storm. Mr. Bock reviewed the drip channel capacity. The drip channel functions as a drywell. It is oversized. Mr. Kunkel asks about the machinery on site. There will probably be just a backhoe. There is a spill kit in the Order of Conditions. Mr. Bock motion to extend for the standard 3 years. Mr. Wigglesworth second. Vote all in favor. The original OOC needs to be recorded.

0 Colonial Rd. – This project is a proposed single family home – *Continued from May 9, 2019.* Mr. Wigglesworth motion to continue until May 22, 2019. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Discussion

75 Lakeside – C.M. Murphy would like clarification on the spill kit. He states that because the machine is a mini excavator, a 5 gallon spill kit was agreed upon, but the Order of Condition says 55 gallons. Mr. Wigglesworth confirms that a 55 gallon spill kit is required. 55 gallon is standard.

Lakeside Parking and Swimming Area – Jane Cullinane would like to discuss the Lakeside parking and swimming area with the Board. She has a printed package to present. There is a wetland next to the parking area; next to the boat ramp. There is the Parking lot, swimming area and a right of way. They would like to put up No Parking signs next to the wetland in the parking lot. She has deeds included in the packet. Another request is to close the area of the parking lot in the 100 foot buffer. The wetland is severely degraded. Some of the Commissioners did a walkthrough on Earth Day. There is a port-a-potty there and the deed says no privies and should be moved or removed. There is oil and gasoline from boats in the water in the swimming area. They would like this changed to no oil or gas boats, only car top or no boats. Safety and pollution is an issue. There was also fish kill there last year. There are a lot of people using the area that are not Webster residents. According to the deed, the water is regulated by the Commonwealth and motor boats are not allowed to be operated within 150 feet of the swimming area. The right of way is in the swimming area and there should be 30 feet in width from lakeside to shore for free foot passage at all times. Ms. Sherillo asks about seasonal launching. That should be allowed. The concrete ramp is broken and the state would have to fix that. Ms. Cullinane spoke with the Beach Committee and they are just dealing with Memorial Beach, not Lakeside. The issues concerning Conservation would be the wetland and the port-a-potty. The parking lot is owned by the State. A call to the State may be necessary. Mr.

