

Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – June 11, 2020

A meeting of the Conservation Commission was held on Thursday June 11, 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, Hayden Brown, Dan Duteau, Fred Bock, Robin Jewell

Absent: Klarissa Johnson

Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent,

Meeting called to order: 5:35 p.m.

Minutes - Ms. Sherillo motions to continue the May 18th minutes to the June 29 meeting. Robin Jewell second. Vote all in favor.

68 West Point Rd. – This project is for the installation of a carport and first floor addition. Glenn Krevosky was representing the applicant. There will be a cultec for the carport There will be an emergency overflow for the cultec. The addition is over the top of existing concrete. It is a second floor addition. There will be nothing underneath the second floor addition. Will any trees removed? One dead hemlock is to be removed. They probably won't be stockpiling on the site. The spill kit is on the plan. It will be an open air car port. Ms. Sherillo notes that this will vastly improve the site. Ms. Sherillo motions to issue a negative Request for Determination of Applicability for 68 W. Point. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor.

Hayden Brown joins meeting

Glenn Krevosky notes that Central Mass Auto Auction is requesting a continuance.

2 Lakeview Rd. – The project is for the removal of 7 trees. Mr. Finley, the applicant, is present. One of the trees is quite large. Replacement trees should be in the general area. The Commission recommends Buttonbush, High Bush Blueberry, and Swamp Azalea. The trees are on two properties. The Commission would like a letter from the neighbor noting that they would like to be a part of this project. Chairman Wigglesworth asks "What tree company are you using?" Mr. Finley states, JSP Tree and Landscape out of Fitchberg. The Commission recommends 1.5 to 2 inch caliper for two of the replacement trees. Three of the trees are on the neighbor's property. Two are dead and one is very large and close to the house. The Commission recommends planting 3 shrubs on the embankment and 2 trees. Ms. Sherillo notes that natives are appreciated. Mr. Brown motions to issue a Negative Determination of Applicability for 2 Lakeview Rd. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Ms. Sherillo motions to continue 49 Wakefield to June 29. Mr. Brown second. Vote all in favor

22 Point Pleasant - Mr. Wigglesworth opens the public hearing. Margaret Bacon is representing the applicant, Mr. Starzak who is also present. Ms. Bacon describes the project. The applicant has provided two small raingardens on each side of the house to accommodate a 1 inch storm. They added a spill kit to the plan. One tree is to be removed. They propose blueberry bush planting. The stock pile area on the front of the house. It will be on the existing pavement. There is a list of plantings on the plans. The tree

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to be removed is very large. Ms. Sherillo would like to see a tree be planted to replace the large one that is being removed. Chairman Wigglesworth asks "Are you willing to plant a tree in the backyard?" Mr. Starzac notes that the wind is very strong in this area, because there are fewer trees in the area. His number one concern with trees is having ice storms and that trees could fall on the existing house. Mr. Wigglesworth suggests that a smaller tree such as an Eastern Redbud might not have this issue. The applicant would like a low maintenance tree and will consider putting a smaller tree in. Will the deck be composite? What is underneath the deck? Mr. Wigglesworth recommends crushed stone and a weedblock barrier for the weeds. A tree could go in either the left or right hand corner. The erosion control needs to be moved to pull in stump that will be removed. The erosion control barrier will be moved to include shed and stump. The dock should be registered with Chapt. 91. They will add the dock to the application. The applicant will be replacing the dock. The dock should probably stay in the same place. Ms. Sherillo motions to close the public hearing. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor. Ms. Sherillo motions to issue an Order of Conditions. Mr. Brown second. Plantings shall include one 1.5" caliper tree and two blueberry bushes. A condition for the rain garden is that it should be viable for 2 growing seasons. Also the rain gardens should not be removed. This condition should be in perpetuity. Vote all in favor.

Mr. Wigglesworth leaves the meeting at 6:30. Ms. Sherillo acts as chairperson of the meeting.

117 South Shore Rd. - Ms. Sherillo opens the public hearing. Mr. Cournoyer, the applicant is present. There is about 12 feet of wall adjacent to the neighbor which is also fixing their wall. This will be a continuation of the neighbor's wall. A Commission member asked "Do you have a water line running into the lake for irrigation?" Mr. Cournoyer says "Yes". Will that be in the way? Mr. Cournoyer is open to suggestions. He could cover it up with the wall. Mr. Cournoyer explains the rest of the shrubbery near the wall may go, depending on what the contractor needs to do. They may not be able to keep the trees. This work will be done in conjunction with rebuilding the neighbor's wall. Mr. Bock notes that a lot of times they run the irrigation hose right through the wall. One turbidity curtain will be used to cover the wall construction on both properties. Ice may have pushed the wall up, which is why the dirt higher behind the wall. A spill kit can be shared between the sites. The spill kit should be near water. Mr. Duteau notes that when they remove the berm behind the old wall, the lawn should be below the surface of the wall 3-6 inches. There will be no foundation for the wall. The Commission asks "Is there going to be dewatering? Will sandbags will be used?" The contractor will be using sandbags. A Chapt. 91 permit should be added to the application. Mr. Brown motions to close the public hearing. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Brown motions to issue an Order of Conditions for 117 South Shore Rd. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor. Ms. Overholt should check the brother's Order to see if there are any special conditions and transfer them. A Chapt. 91 permit should be a part of this application.

Mr. Duteau motions to continue 61, 67 & 69 Cudworth Rd. to June 29. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor.

16 Pattison Rd. This hearing is continued from June 1. David Sperduto is representing the applicant, Caroline Fritz who is also present. This proposal to pull down one home, subdivide and build two new homes. Last meeting there were several recommendations and they have made some changes. The location of the houses are switched so lot 2 has the larger house. The spill kit is to be in shed. They will use the existing soil to fill foundation area. That will lower the hill which the current house sits on by about 3 feet. The grade will go down toward crushed stone apron. Two infiltration areas flank the crushed stone apron. Overflow from the downspouts will go to the crushed stone aprons at each down spout. They have provided paver detail. Lot 1 will have a second floor deck with a paver patio

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underneath. The pavers will be separated by 3/8 " to 1/2 inch gap. The patio will act as an infiltration area. Large white pines on the site, we will come back to the commission and talk to them about replacement trees, if the pines need to be removed. Mr. Duteau asks where is the deck by the water. They would like to propose removal of the deck. A Chapt. 91 dock permit will needed. They moved the property line by 10 feet to better space the houses. The Commission noted that any changes from the existing plans should be brought to the Commission. Stormwater is going into stone chambers. Mr. Bock asks "Is there any sedimentation area to catch sediment?" Mr. Bock suggests to go lower than where the water goes in and created a sedimentation area at the entrance to the chambers. Ms. Sherillo asks if there is a planting plan. The applicant would like to plant shrubs and pick their own species. Ms. Sherillo notes that if the large trees are taken down we would expect replacement. At the moment 6 shrubs are proposed for each lot. Mr. Brown motions to close public hearing. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Brown motions to issue an order of conditions. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor.

A 7:22 the Commission takes a 5 minute recess.

32 Jackson Rd. - This was continued from June 1. Stephen Balcewicz is representing Cedar Cove LLC. Mr. Balcewicz explains that he has addressed the comments made at the last meeting. The plans now show the property line, distance to opposite shore and distance to property line. Profile plan shows different ways to anchor it to the ground. The dock is 32 feet long by 4 feet wide. Carolyn Sedor is an abutter to that property. The dock is 128 sq. ft. Susan Sedor would like to make a comment. She notes that the plan states a 600 sq. ft. dock. Mr. Balcewicz says the applicant would a continuance to build a 600 sq ft. dock. Ms. Sedor notes that a second inaccuracy is that at 32 feet the water is about 2.5 deep. (not the 7 ft. indicated on the plans). She asks "How high will the dock be above the water?" Ms. Sedor asks what the purpose of the dock is and what is the development going on the land behind the dock. Mr. Duteau asks how come you don't put the depth of the water in. Mr. Sedor asks what constitutes dredging. Mr. Bock replies that you can hand pull lily pads, however if you use a shovel that is dredging. Mr. Duteau motions to continue the public hearing until June 29. Mr. Brown second. Vote all in favor.

9 Loveland Rd. - This was continued from June 1. Stephen Balcewicz is representing Cedar Cove LLC. The same issues that were a part of the 32 Jackson Rd. come up here so the applicant asks for a continuance to fix the plans. Ms. Jewell motions to continue the public hearing until June 29. Mr. Duteau second. Vote all in favor.

0 Black Point Rd. - This was continued from June 1. Stephen Balcewicz is representing Cedar Cove LLC. Mr. Balcewicz explains the changes. They moved the wall to 12 ft. away from the wetland edge. He added a proposed construction sequence. Silt sacks will be in the catchbasins within 100 ft. from the site. Ms. Sherillo asks are you clearing all the lots at the same time? Yes there is a lot of trash in there. Ms. Sherillo states "You are going to cut all of the trees down and stump everything too. I find that concerning." Is the erosion control line going to be pulled back. How far are the cedars from the resource? Mr. Balcewicz responds about 21 ft. The patios will over the cultec. Ms. Sherillo states that the signs should be where the cedar trees are. Mr. Balcewicz would like to place the signs on the property line. Ms. Sherillo would like to see the signs 3 ft. back from the wall on lot 87. The applicant asks "Why are you asking for signs and bounds? Other lots do not have those." Ms. Sherillo explains that we ask for bounds when it is an undisturbed lot. The applicant would like to meet with the board to place signs before getting a COC. Ms. Sherillo would like to see the individual plot plans. Mr. Brown agrees. Mr. Balcewicz will send the lots at 10 scale as a pdf. It will show the signs. Ms Sherillo opens the hearing to abutter comments. Carolyn Sedar owns property on Cedar point. She states they have seen a lot of development over the years. The Black Point and Cedar Point area was filled in in the 70s. Now this

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whole area is up for development. They are very concerned about the health of the swamp. This parcel is contiguous with the Jackson Rd. and is all owned by the same person. We are not getting the whole picture and full scope of the development plans for this area. He is only presenting 4 here and 14 could possibly be put in. They are concerned the whole shoreline will become not wild and not a wetland. A tiny part of a big plan that will adversely affect the entire area. Susan Sedor also comments. She reviewed the departmental review comments. One said that a special permit will be needed for the removal of vegetation. The Engineer has concerns about lot coverage which is listed in the zoning bylaw. Susan will be checking plans very carefully. Steve would like to get an approval for at least one of the lots. Discussion goes on for a while. Mr. Bock motions to continue to June 29. Mike Hopkins gets on the call and says they will do anything they have to do to get things going. Mike Hopkins feels like he is being targeted. Mr. Brown second. Vote all in favor. The Commission notes that this should be put first on the next meeting.

241 Thompson Rd. – DEP 323-1058 Steve Leighton is requesting a minor modification to his Order of Conditions for tree removal. The trees are along the property line and causing damage to a fence. The closest tree is 25 feet from the water. They will not pull up the stumps. Mr. Brown asks are you looking for low growing trees to replace what you cut? Mr. Leighton said they will put some smaller things in and maybe some taller things for privacy. They would like to put in some native plantings. Mr. Brown asks “how many will go back in?” Mr. Leighton was thinking of 4 to 5 large and some smaller ones. Mr. Brown motions to approve the minor modification for 241 Thompson Rd. Mr. Duteau second. Stumps to remain. Vote all in favor.

2 Checkerberry Island is on the Agenda, but it is late and no one is here to discuss it. It will go on the next

The gazebo at 32 Jackson Rd. should be permitted after the fact.

Mr. Brown noted that there should be a note on the Building Dept. website to apply for conservation, if near a wetland.

An item for future agendas, defining a policy for receiving plans late.

9:26 pm Mr. Bock motioned to adjourn. Ms. Jewell second. Vote all in favor. 9:26

Next Meeting Date: June 29 – Remote meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval:


Chairman-

Date:

