

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – January 9, 2017**

Attending: Commissioners – Richard Franas, Paul Fiske, Joseph Kunkel and Beau Saad
Staff –Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent

Absent: Commissioners - David Audette, Frederick Bock

Meeting called to order: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Basement Conference Room

Minutes

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from Dec. 19 with the addition of noting that the public hearings were opened. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

Notice of Intent

108 Thompson Rd.

Chairman Franas opened the public hearing for 108 Thompson Rd. Patrick Doherty was representing the applicant. This site has wetlands associated with an intermittent stream in the center of the site. It is probably associated with runoff coming from Tower St. The impervious area was not calculated. This is for the construction of an Elder Day facility which will be open from 7am to six pm. A facility of this type needs to be this big, which is why there ended up being wetland impacts on the site. There is parking for 74 vehicles. During peak operation there would be 45 staff and vehicles will be needed to pick up patients. It is least disruptive to the wetlands to locate all facilities as far north as you can. There will be a wetland disturbance of 1700 sq. ft. The site is served by water and sewer natural gas too. They have designed a storm water management system. The roof runoff will go into underground drainage system. By constructing the building they may be cutting off the source of water to the wetland. They will be disturbing 68 percent of site. Zoning allows this use. There will be a limit of construction allowing existing trees to remain. Snow storage will be along the perimeter of the site.

Rain water will be managed with deep sump catch basins with a hood. They will provide 85 % solids removal. They looked at different storm levels and recharge. The new conditions should approximate the existing recharge.

Mr. Franas asked what the finished elevation will be. They will bring down the front and lift up the rear, flattening the site. They have to dig into the hillside for the back. Trac mats are marked on plan c-1. They will protect catch basins on project and existing ones on Tower Rd. and Thompson Rd. There will be inspections of the erosions controls for storm water. Mr. Kunkel asked if Tower St. is the main entrance because that is where the only trac mat is. It will be like that at the beginning of construction, they will move the trac mat if needed. Mr. Franas asked if the entire border with Thompson Rd. border is ENScontrolled. It is. He also asked if there was a maintenance plan for the storm water basins? Yes, it is documented in the report. There are inspection reports, they should be cleaned out according to maintenance plan. The place for stockpiling soils is surrounded by ENS controls. Is there an environmental monitor? Yes, it is required under the storm water prevention plan. Weekly inspection reports will be provided to the Conservation Commission.

The applicant is aware they need to provide a map with the 100 ft. Buffer zone and information from Goddard regarding the test pits. A Commissioner asked when they will be starting. Mr. Doherty

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indicated as soon as we get the permits this construction season.

A member of the public asked about the existence of vernal pools. There are no certified vernal pools. Are there endangered species? No. How many stories is the building?

The applicant requested to continue the hearing.

Mr. Fiske motioned to continue the hearing for 108 Thompson Rd. until Jan. 23. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

36 Laurelwood - Chairman Franas opened the public hearing for 36 Laurelwood Rd. This is for construction of a retaining wall. John Farren was representing the applicant. Mr. Farren explained the property was sold. There had been an order, which was never recorded therefore a new NOI had to be filed. The wall will be four feet high. ENS controls will be installed along the waterline and a floating boom in the water. Mr. Farren could not answer questions about the actual construction the wall. The Commission asked "What will be below the wall? Sand or crushed stone?" Mr. Farren was not sure but he imagines there be beach sand. Mr. Franas noted that this should be indicated on the plans. The elevation at the bottom of the wall is 479. The front of the wall is on the edge of the resource. There were no comments from the public. This should be continued to the next meeting for more information on the bottom of slope. It will be a field stone wall. There should be a description of the wall and area in front of the wall, especially what material is going to be used.

Mr. Fiske motioned to continue the hearing for 36 Laurelwood until Jan. 23. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

Discussion

Indian Princess - The Commission received letter about the Indian Princess staying in the water from the lawyer. Mr. Franas noted that it should not appear as if this is just carte Blanche. A resident has complained that there is not ice forming in the cove because of the bubbler system installed to protect the boat from ice. Last year the managers of the Indian Princess did turn down the speed of the bubbler and the ice situation was better. Mr. Franas noted that there are no regulations concerning bubbler systems on the lake. We can request that they turn it down. It is the liability of the Indian Princess if someone falls through the ice. This should be brought to the new TA. We can discuss this with the operators of the Indian Princess and see if they will cooperate.

Someone asked if we shouldn't take preventive measures to make sure the lake is safe. There should be thin ice signs. There are also other issues with other bubblers along the lake. There are no laws preventing them.

Joe Kijowski of the public noted that there has been research done on this issue. Because the lake belongs to the State of Massachusetts the town has no authority to make regulations regarding bubblers on the Lake. Any regulation would have to be passed at the state level.

For the situation with the Indian Princess maybe the Fire Chief would be willing to ask them to turn down the bubbler. Mr. Franas noted that Lakeview marina sells bubblers and you can get more information from them.

20 Bates Rd. Joe Kijowski of 18 Bates Rd. asked that all runoff from 20 Bates Rd. be mitigated so that it does not get on his property. Someone fell on black ice on the driveway and it seemed as if the runoff came from 20 Bates Rd. There are no gutters or downspouts. There had been a gutter on the shed, which has been removed and that is probably why there is runoff on his driveway. Joe Kijowski has a lot of photos documenting the situation. 20 Bates Rd. has an open Order of Conditions with the Commission for work on the house. Peter Levesque of 20 Bates Rd. noted that the shed has been there ten years. Joe

Kijowski said there used to be a gutter on the shed which was removed. The Order of Conditions does not require there to be a gutter on the shed. Mr. Franas noted that they increased size of permeable area for the project and it appears unlikely that water would pass that far onto 18 Bates Rd.

The owners of 20 Bates Rd. noted that 22 Bates Rd. also has a bubbler in the water and noted that it affects their ability to use the ice in front of their house.

MACC Pipeline letter - MACC has asked Commissions to sign onto to a letter to Governor Baker discouraging the construction of new gas pipelines. Mr. Fiske motioned that the Webster Conservation Commission add it's name to the letter. Mr. Saad second. Vote 3 in favor and 1 against.

145 South Shore Rd. - The dock there has broken since it was not removed from the water and pieces are lying on the ice. Mr. Kunkel asked how we know it is their dock? Mr. Franas said their dock had not been removed and the debris is right near their beach. Mr. Fiske motioned to write them a letter asking them remove the debris as soon as is practical. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

FY 2018 budget - Ms. Overholt asked if the Commission would like to have any input into the budget. The Commission stated that they are not usually a part of the budgeting process. The Commission does not know how much money is in the wetland account and would like Ms. Overholt to find out. They have used the money in the past to buy the camera and laptop.

108 Thompson Rd. - Ms. Overholt has some concerns about the wetland delineation and wondered if the Commission would like to hire a consultant to review the line. The Commission said to go ahead and do that.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Jan. 23, 2017 Basement Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval: _____ Date: _____
Chairman