

**Webster Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2017**

**Town of Webster
Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting – February 6, 2017**

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Attending: Commissioners – Richard Franas, David Audette, Frederick Bock, Paul Fiske and Joseph Kunkel.
Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent

Absent: Commissioners - Beau Saad

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

Location: Basement Conference Room

Minutes

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from Jan. 23. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. Mr. Fiske abstained.

Mr. Fiske motioned to approve the minutes from Jan. 30. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Request for Determination of Applicability

Riverwalk - John Ryder with Icahn parks was representing the applicant, which is the Town of Webster Community Development Dept. Carol Cyr. All of the work is outside 200 riverfront area to the French River. This project is for street improvements and it will improve water quality in the river. The current catch basins are all connected to one another in “daisy chain” fashion. This keeps sediments entering catch basins churned up. They will be putting in deep sump catch basins. They will not be connected to each other. They are adding new catch basins and replacing some. There will be other Phases which will also improve the situation. They will place silt sacks in each of the structures until the job is done.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue a negative Determination for French Riverwalk Tracy Ct. & Davis Streets with the standard conditions. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

NOI for 108 Thompson Rd. was next on the Agenda, Renee McDonough asked to be pushed off to later since not everyone was present yet.

Notice of Intent

7 Ernest St. – Mr. Franas opened the public hearing for 7 Ernest St. Mr. Balcewicz was representing the applicant. This is a resubmittal of a Notice of Intent that had expired. Mr. Kunkel noticed that the Order of Conditions did not indicate that the grade level needs to be 3 inches below the top of the retaining wall. That should be included in conditions. There were no questions from the public or the Commission. Mr. Fiske motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Audette second. Vote all in favor. The conditions should be the same as was in the previous order with the additions of making sure that loam is maintained three inches below the top of the retaining wall. Mr. Audette asked if the Enforcement Order

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was taken care of. Mr. Franas indicated yes that all the damage had been repaired. There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 7 Ernest St. with the standard set on conditions and the addition of loam being maintained 3 inches below the top of the wall. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

108 Thompson Rd.

This public hearing was continued from Jan 9 & Jan 23. Patrick Doherty and Renee McDonough were representing the applicant. Since the last meeting the Town hired a wetland consultant to review aspects of the wetland line. Goddard Consulting answered all of the questions raised by Rick Canavan consulting for the Town.

In response to comments from DEP Mr. Doherty relocated the wetland replication area to the other side of the wetland. He also changed concrete curbing per Mr. Eaton's comments. He added the 100 ft. Buffer zone and orange construction fence for the limit of work to site plans. On the Site plans he added notes for signs and curbing and snow removal area. The charts on grading and drainage plan cover type suggested by DEP were adjusted. The roof has internal drains.

How big is the lot? It is 3.25 acres. They are disturbing just under seventy percent of the lot.

How will water get into wetland once the building is built? There will be a swale from behind the building. Water from the parking lot will go into an infiltration basin. The Trac mat is still on Tower St. Are there storm water catch basins on Tower St.? Yes there will be silt sacks for all of those. There were no more questions from the Commission.

Mr. Franas asked if there were any comments from the public. The Neighbor would like to ask for the construction of a privacy fence. The Neighbor also asked if the stone wall near his property is being moved. Mr. Doherty indicated that the wall will probably not be moved. There were no other comments from the public. Mr. Fiske motioned to close the public hearing. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

The Standard conditions including commercial conditions would be appropriate for this property. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 108 Thompson Rd. with the standard set of commercial conditions. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

Longview and Lower Gore Rd.

Mr. Franas opened the public hearing for Longview and Lower Gore Rd. Glenn Krevosky was representing the owner, Thomas Gadbois, who was also present. Summit engineering did the plan. There is a wetland flowing through center of the lot. It is an intermittent stream. It starts 180 ft. up gradient to this lot. It is a small trench that was dug; there is also a pool which is very shallow, with 6-10 inches of water. The project is for construction of a Single Family house, with a driveway which requires a wetland crossing. One of the comments from DEP was a concern that the septic system might be within the 100 ft. buffer of wetlands off the site. Mr. Krevosky reported that he had delineated the wetland offsite, even though that is not indicated on the plan and the wetland is linear and does not get near to the septic system. The access for the dredging is through the replication area and the dredging will happen before the replication area is built. The pool may get 3 ft. of water after dredging. They will remove all the organics. The amount will be under 100 cubic yards. This is a wider wetland crossing than usual.

Sixteen ft. is the average crossing width, so it is 32 ft wider. There is 500 sq. feet of wetland alteration. Mr. Franas asked how the crossing will be built. It will be a 24 inch pipe, which will be covered with rocks and then the top layer of asphalt. Mr. Franas asked if there were any comments from the public.

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The Neighbor asked how close it will be to their property. It is only 15 feet away from the neighboring lot. There are no wildlife issues. The replication area will be planted with plants from New England wetland plants. Mr. Krevosky delineated the wetlands when there was water in the pool. The pool stays wet nearly year round. The order of construction is as follows: They will build the driveway first then dredge pond. There will be no planting in the pond. The erosion control line is at 20 ft. off the house.

They will not have lawn around the house, however they will dress up the road area. Intermittent streams have bank on both sides. DEP had asked whether the crossing meets stream crossing standards. They are meant for wildlife habitat use. Mr. Krevosky does not believe that it is applicable, because it is intermittent and wildlife probably don't use it. The pool is clearly a man made pool, therefore Mr. Krevosky does not feel that Appendix A is needed. Mr. Krevosky will be there during the dredging and report what is removed. The crossing does not seem to have adverse impact.

Mr. Franas asked if there were Storm water management plans. The plans should have some culverts to provide for storm water management. The applicant plans on putting a perimeter drain around the house. The Commission would also like to see storm culverts. Mr. Kunkel asked about the pipe crossing if there was going to be a prefab unit on each end. They will put some kind of rocks at end so that there are no erosion issues. The pipes will be laid on the stream bottom. The percentage of impermeable area over the lot is 1.2 %. The garage is a standard two car garage. A member of the public asked why they are dredging out the little pool. They would like to try to maintain the pool as a pool. There were no additional comments from the public. Mr. Fiske motioned to close public hearing. Mr. Audette second. Vote all in favor.

The Standard conditions will be used. The plans need to be updated with the addition of storm water management culvert units and riprap at the outflow from the crossing to protect from erosion. No more than 100 cubic ft. are to be removed from pool the pool. Tree removal is to be limited to the area of work. Mr. Fiske motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for the lot at the corner of Longview and Lower Gore Rd. with the standard set conditions and the conditions just stated. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor. The new plans will be indicated on the Order.

Discussion

Mr. Krevosky will send pictures of Mill brook. The work cleaning the brook is mostly finished. They pulled out an industrial sink. Hopefully it will be usable kayak and fishing stream. There is two to three ft. of road sand in the brook.

27 Wawela Park – Emergency Certificate - Last meeting we ratified an Emergency Certificate for Doug Lebel for the removal of one tree. The arborist recommended removing two more. The root hole will be filled for the one that was uprooted. Mr. Fiske motioned to ratify an Emergency Certificate for Doug Lebel of 27 Wawela Park for the removal of three trees. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

12 Cedar Dr. - Ms. Overholt asked if the Commission remembered inspecting deck posts for 12 Cedar Dr. because the homeowner had indicated that he had consulted with Conservation. The Commission did not remember reviewing the deck posts. The owner will need to file an RDA.

Bubblers on the Lake - Cedar lake had a few small bylaw's about it. The use of bubblers is possibly an issue because it disturbs public access. There are no real state regulations. Paul Fiske talked to fire chief, and reported that he did not want to have anything to do with it. He stated that the homeowner is liable. There should be signs and lighting.

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Konkel Ave. Conservation Restrictions - Carlos will send the letter and put up a fence.

New member for Conservation Commission- Courtney does not have anyone yet. Mr. Kunkel knows someone. He should ask the candidate to submit letter of interest. Mr. Kunkel spoke with him and he will dig out his resume and submit one to town and to the Commission. .

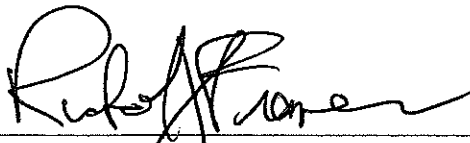
Mr. Kunkel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

The meeting was adjourned 7:20 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Feb. 27, 2017 Basement Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Overholt
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval:


Chairman

Date:

