

**Town of Webster  
Conservation Commission  
Minutes of the Meeting – April 10, 2017**

**Attending:** Commissioners – Richard Franas, Frederick Bock, Joseph Kunkel, Beau Saad, and Michelle Sherillo.  
Staff – Mary Overholt, Conservation Agent

**Absent:** Commissioners - David Audette, Paul Fiske,

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

Location: Basement Conference Room

**Minutes**

Mr. Kunkel motioned to approve the minutes from March 27. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

**Request for Determination of Applicability**

**155 South Shore Rd.** – This filing was for cutting down six trees. One tree will be ground down because the roots are buckling the sidewalks. The roots will be left for all of the other trees. There should be no debris in the resource area. Best practices should be used. There were no additional comments from the Commission.

Mr. Kunkel motioned to issue a Negative Determination for cutting down six trees at 155 South Shore Rd. with the previously mentioned conditions. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

**153 South Shore Rd.** – This filing was for cutting down four trees that are diseased and damaged. The stumps should remain and there should be no debris in the resource area. Best practices should be used. There were no additional comments from the Commission.

Ms. Sherillo motioned to issue a Negative Determination for cutting down four trees at 153 South Shore Rd. with the previously mentioned conditions. Mr. Saad second. Vote all in favor.

**Notice of Intent**

**42 Union Point Rd.** Mr. Franas opened the public hearing. Jason Dubois of D&C Engineering did the survey. The original plan was completed by Brett Rekola. This property had an Order of Conditions which had lapsed and was not extended. The new NOI has added a drywell to the plans. Other than that the plans have mostly stayed the same. The garage is also new. The Commission would also like to see the addition of a trac pad. The trac pad should be indicated on an updated set of plans. There is a 750 sq. ft. increase in impervious area. The drywall should be sufficient to handle the increased amount of runoff. The topography at this lot is difficult. Mr. Franas said it looked like water flows from the street to the house. They will be bringing in fill to raise up the house. Mr. Franas asked what the percentage of impervious area was. Mr. DuBois indicated that there is 750 sq. ft. of additional impervious area. Mr. Franas asked what it was before and stated that the total impervious areas should be recorded on the plans. The Garage is not tied into the drywell.

There are new stormwater requirements. It may be necessary to install a new drywell for garage. Mr. Franas suggested tying in the garage to the drywell. How will the drywell be maintained? The

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commission would like to see another plan with the garage runoff tied into the drywell and the trac pad. Other conditions should include Best Management Practices for cutting non biodegradable material, which should be done away from the resource area on a tarp with vacuum saws. There were no comments or questions from the public. Mr. Saad motioned to close the public hearing. Ms. Sherillo second. Vote all in favor.

The conditions should include the standard conditions, subject to receiving a new plan with garage tied into the drywell and trac pad. When will they begin construction? Work will start at the end of May. Ms. Sherillo motioned to issue an Order of Conditions for 42 Union Point Rd. with the above mentioned conditions. Mr. Bock second. Vote all in favor.

**Discussion**

Peter Levesque of 20 Bates Point Rd. has an existing Order. He would like to modify a retaining wall. He wants to curve the wall and take part of it down. The original order was for remodeling work. Mr. Franas indicated that they should submit a narrative describing what is to be done. There are also steps on the lake side which are rotting that they would like to replace. Mr. Franas indicated that a narrative supported by photos would be helpful. They should indicate how far away the work is from the water. They would like to put a new railing on the deck too. They will replace it with Trex. They should use Best Management Practices for non-biodegradable materials. Do they need a permit for planting bushes? No. Mr. Franas asked where the soil will go when they are working on the wall? There is a drain about 80 ft. away from the house. They should put a silt sack in the catch basin. Mr. Levesque indicated that they would put together a narrative for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be Thursday April 27. The Commission cannot meet on May 1 because it is election day.

Mr. Bock noted that the cover on the dumpster at 18 Fairfield is not on right now. There is also gravel in the lake. Mr. Franas will talk with Doug Lebel and will take a peek at the situation.

The Commission also visited 15 Cudworth Rd. There were four or five trees cut down and also some equipment back there. They are doing something possibly for surveying. Ms. Overholt will call to find out.

Finances - The lawsuit was for 10,000. Currently there is about 47,000 in the account. The money can be used for conservation purchases.

Mr. Franas noted that we should be looking at Regulations and come up with a set of our own procedures.

Ms. Overholt is working on a letter to Konkel Ave. residents and hopes to get it out soon.

Mr. Franas and Ms. Overholt attended the open meeting Law training. The main points we got from that were no discussions over email and no deliberating at site visits. Also all the plans need to be referred to in the minutes.

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The meeting was adjourned 6:55 pm.

**List of Documents and Exhibits**

Conservation Site Plan in Webster MA - Czechowski, Rekola Engineers & Surveyors Inc./ Jason Dubois  
DC Engineering, 3/27/2017

**Next Meeting Date:** April 27, 2017 Basement Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Overholt  
Conservation Agent

Conservation Commission Approval:  Date: 4/27/16  
Chairman