

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

January 19, 2021

6:02-7:07pm

Virtual Meeting

With a Quorum present, the meeting opens at 6:02 pm, Chair Ed Goodwin presiding.
All members present.

DECISIONS

I. Public Hearings

1. **8 North Drive – NOI –Replacement of a septic system– DEP File #300-TBA**
 - Owner/Applicant: Brian Harvey Representatives: Andy Baum, Summit Engineering, Inc.
 - Request: Issue Order of Conditions.
 - A DEP File # has not been issued.
 - Legal Ad was not posted so the hearing cannot be opened. This needs to be postponed to the next meeting 2/2/21.
 - Decisions
 - Postpone to next meeting 2/2/21.
2. **30 Main Street/20 Fiske Hill Road – cont'd NOI – Development of residential and commercial cul-de-sac subdivision – DEP File #300-1086**
 - Owner/Applicant: Mathew Sosik Representatives: Peter Engle, McClure Engineering
 - Request: Issue Order of Conditions.
 - Documents Presented: Peer Review Proposals (engineering and wetland review)
 - Jurisdiction: Buffer Zone to a Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW)

Presentation and Discussion:

- There are no changes to the plan since the last meeting.
- Peer Review Proposals have been solicited and available for the Commission's review.
- Planning Department has already begun to review and has contracted with w/ John Shevlin, Pare Corporation for peer review for compliance w/ Town of Sturbridge Storm-water Bylaw, MA DEP Storm-water Standards, Traffic and Subdivision review.
- Peer review proposal received from Art Allen, EcoTec, Inc. as requested by the board at the 1-5-21 meeting. Proposal has been shared with the project representative.
- The Commission continued the discussion on a phased project with the owner Mathew Sosik and went over the planned use of much of the property.

Public Comments: none

Vote: On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Halterman the Commission approve the Wetland Review by Ecotec. AIF 5-0

On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by E. Gaspar the Commission approve the Storm-water review provided by PARE jointly with the Planning Board. AIF 5-0

By consensus vote, the Commission continue the Public Hearing to February 2, 2021 at 7:15 pm. AIF 5-0

I. WETLAND DECISIONS

3. Wetland Bylaw Permit Requests-N/A
4. Permit Extension Requests-N/A
5. Amendments to OOC –N/A
6. Forest Cutting Plans-N/A

II. ADMINISTRATIVE DECISIONS

7. Minutes of 1/5/21 to be approved

Vote: On a motion of S. Halterman, 2nd by E. Gaspar the Commission approve the minutes of 1/2/21 as written. AIF 4-0-1 abstain (Barnicle)

UPDATES



Conservation Agent

Rebecca Gendreau

Administrative Assistant

Erin Carson

Conservation Commission Members

Ed Goodwin

Chairperson

Steven Chidester

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David Barnicle

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III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Enforcement Order Update

Discussion: Updated EO list was provided to the board for review and discussion. There are currently six open Enforcement Orders.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

3. Committee Updates:

CPA-Meeting- held on 1/11/21, the committee approved #35,000 for five trails projects for FY 22.

Trail Committee- A safety issue was addressed at the last meeting for the Plimpton property and Long Pond. Trails propose installing a fence at Long Pond and moving a fence at Plimpton to address cars parking on New Boston Road.

Vote: **On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by S. Halterman the Commission vote to allow Trails Committee to move a fence at the Plimpton property. AIF 5-0**

On a motion of D. Barnicle, 2nd by E. Gaspar the Commission vote to allow Trails Committee to install a fence to replace boulders at the Long Pond property currently in place. AIF 5-0

Open Space Committee-no report

Lakes Advisory Committee-no report

V. NEW BUSINESS

3. Agent's Report

Permitting for the Grand Trunk Trail will begin this year and work planned for Fall of 2021. MA DOT provided a brief update on the schedule for the project of Cedar Lake. They are planning for March to implement drainage improvements.

The site visits are planned for Tuesday January 26th from 9-12 and also Monday January 25th for the Fiske Hill/Main St subdivision.

4. Scavenger Hunt wrap-up

The office just wrapped up the 11th Annual Tree Scavenger Hunt. The Participants have all been sent certificates and prizes. The Grand Prize winner was Ella Reed and she will receive her prize in the office next week. Conservation work like to thank the Recreation Department for collaborating on this project and providing some of the prizes for the participants.

On a motion of S. Chidester, 2nd by E. Gaspar the commission vote to adjourn at 7:07 pm. AIF 5-0