

Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES MEETING September 10, 2015

To: Selectmen

Board of Health

Building Commissioner

Planning Board

Highway Department

Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Members: John Regan, Robert Gendron, Tim Sheehan,

Agent Bob Maki, and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Carrie Monty, Gary Smith

Guests: Mark Piermarini, Bob Francis, Chris Mossman, William Goodman, Liisa Wuoti,

M. Peltola, Neoma Congram, Kristine Levine, Bill Hannigan, Chris Anderson

Documents & Plans and other Exhibits

Plan – 158 South Ashburnham Road

Plan – Tommy Francis Road

Plan – 11 Beach Circle

Plan - 101 Fitchburg Road / Resource Control

Plan - West Princeton Road

Plan – Lot 6 Sawin Drive

Plan – Lot 9 Sawin Drive

Plan – Lot 10 Sawin Drive

Plan – Lot 11 Sawin Drive

Plan – 21 Laurie Lane

Dan Bartkus called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. The meeting was not recorded.

Certificates of Compliance

The following Certificates of Compliance were approved upon recommendation by Bob Maki:

- 1. 32 Church Street / Derosiers / #336-0700 / hand delivered at the meeting
- 2. 21 B South Shore Drive / Goodman / #336-0617
- 3. 46 Old Mill Circle (State Road East) / Westminster Properties / #336-0592 / hand delivered at the meeting

Al Futterman of Nashua River Watershed presented a slide show and discussed forest stewardship, land protection and would like to identify property owners who may be interested in working on this project.

Continuation NOI 158 South Ashburnham Road Martin

7:20 p.m. The continuation of the public hearing for 158 South Ashburnham Road continued from August 20, 2015 was opened. Chris Mossman gave the overview of the project. The property now has a new owner and he would like to make changes to the plan previously submitted. Vista pruning was discussed within the 25 foot "no touch" zone. The trees will not be stumped. Bob Francis brought to the attention of the Commission a covenant with a 50 foot "no touch" zone for the protection of the lake. Chris Mossman will revise the plan to eliminate the vista pruning. A motion was made by Tim Sheehan and seconded by Robert Gendron to approve with the revision eliminating the vista pruning. The motion was unanimously approved. The public hearing was closed at 7:30 p.m.

NOI Lot 1A Tommy Francis Road Francis / Crocker Pond Properties

7:30 p.m. The public hearing was opened for the construction of a single-family home with driveway, associated grading, utilities, and a dock on Tommy Francis Road, Lot 1A. Mark Piermarini of Whitman and Bingham gave the overview of the project. Bob Francis was present. Both Bob Maki and Dan Bartkus looked at the stream and found it dry and suggested that Mr. Francis submit a RFD for the stream. The plan was unanimously approved with a motion by John Regan, and second by Tim Sheehan. The public hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

RFD 11 Beach Circle Anderson

7:35 p.m. The public meeting for the installation of a septic system tight tank to replace a failed septic system at 11 Beach Circle was opened. Mark Piermarini gave the overview of the project. After review, the plan was unanimously approved by the Commission. The public meeting was closed at 7:38 p.m.

RFD 101 Fitchburg Road Resource Control

7:38 p.m. The public meeting for an area of proposed filling at 101 Fitchburg Road was opened. Bill Goodman discussed the project and filed a RFD on the recommendation of a wetland scientist. Bob Maki walked the site and suggested the plan be approved as a negative determination. Siltation barriers will be installed. The plan was unanimously approved upon motion by Tim Sheehan and second by Robert Gendron. The public meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

RFD West Princeton Road Raymond

7:45 p.m. The public meeting requested by Jonathan Raymond to determine if a particular stream located along West Princeton Road is intermittent or perennial was opened. Chris Mossman represented Mr. Raymond. Chris Mossman found the stream to be dry many times over the summer. Gary Smith and Bob Maki also found the stream to be dry. Abutters had many questions outside the purview of the Conservation Commission. Bob Maki will contact the state forester and discuss their concerns about tree cutting. Upon motion by John Regan and second by Tim Sheehan the Determination was unanimously approved as an intermittent stream. The public meeting was closed at 8:05 p.m.

NOI 185 Ellis Road – Lot 8 Martin / BRNG, LLC

8:05 p.m. The public hearing requested by Gordon Martin and BRNG, LLC for the construction of a new single-family house with septic, well, and driveway located at 185 Ellis Road – Lot 8 was opened. Chris Mossman submitted proof of abutter notification and gave the overview of the project. After a review of the plan, the Commission unanimously approved upon motion by Tim Sheehan and second by John Regan. The public hearing was closed at 8:10 p.m.

NOI Lot 11 – 18 Sawin Drive Davis

8:10 p.m. The public hearing requested by Kimberly Davis for the construction of a new single-family house with septic, well, associated site grading, and driveway was opened. Chris Anderson and Bill Hannigan of Hannigan Engineering were present. Mr. Hannigan gave the overview of the project and submitted proof of abutter notification. The plan showed the 25 ft. and 100 ft. buffer zone. The wetlands had been re-flagged by Chuck Caron. Bob Maki made a site visit and was satisfied with the plan. The Commission unanimously approved the plan upon motion by Tim Sheehan and second by John Regan. The public hearing was closed at 8:15 p.m.

NOI Lot 6 – 19 Sawin Drive Frateschi / R.L. Wilson Construction

8:15 p.m. The public hearing requested by Ed Frateschi and R.L. Wilson Construction for the construction of a new single-family house with on-site septic wastewater disposal system and site grading was opened. Bill Hannigan gave the overview of the project and submitted proof of abutter notification. Bob Maki visited the site and had no further questions. The Commission unanimously approved the plan upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron. The public hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

NOI Lot 10 – 20 Sawin Drive Frateschi / R.L. Wilson Construction

8:20 p.m. The public hearing requested by Ed Frateschi and R.L. Wilson Construction for the construction of a new single-family house with on-site septic wastewater disposal system and site grading was opened. Chris Anderson of Hannigan Engineering gave the overview of the project and submitted proof of abutter notification. A paved driveway has been proposed. A revised plan will be submitted showing the driveway on the plan. Mr. Anderson requested approval on the condition that a new plan be submitted. The Commission unanimously approved with the condition that a plan showing the driveway be submitted. A motion was made by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron. The public hearing was closed at 8:25 p.m.

NOI Lot 9 -22 Sawin Drive Frateschi / R.L. Wilson Construction

8:25 p.m. The public hearing requested by Ed Frateschi and R.L. Wilson Construction for the construction of a new single-family house with on-site septic wastewater disposal system and site grading was opened. Bill Hannigan gave the overview of the project and submitted proof of abutter notification. Bob Maki visited the site and had no further questions. The Commission unanimously approved the plan upon motion by John Regan and second by Robert Gendron. The public hearing was closed at 8:30 p.m.

NOI 21 Laurie Lane Levine

8:30 p.m. The public hearing filed by Stephen Levine for re-grading and planting new lawn at 21 Laurie Lane was opened. Mr. Levine was not present and Kristine Levine, his wife, represented him. An Enforcement Order had been issued to Mr. Levine for excavating within the 100 foot buffer zone to Wyman Pond. Bob Maki observed that work continued after the Mr. Levine received the cease and desist order. He further observed that a dock requiring a Chapter 91 permit had been installed. The installation of the silt fence and hay bales was discussed. The work will include a stone wall that will require topsoil and seed. The Commission asked them to take care of this by mid-September and to mulch and set-up a temporary sprinkler system. The DEP number should be posted. The Commission unanimously approved the plan. The public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

Mail and Minutes

Mail was read and distributed The Minutes of August 20, 2015 were approved with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus Vice Chairman (prepared by Susan Kalagher)