



Town of Westminster

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

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MINUTES of MEETING February 2, 2017

To: Selectmen
Board of Health
Building Commissioner
Planning Board
Highway Department
Town Clerk

Present: Chairman Dan Bartkus, Vice-Chair Gary Smith, Members: Tim Sheehan and Secretary Susan Kalagher

Absent: Bob Maki, Carrie Monty, John Regan, Robert Gendron

Guests: Matt Nowlan, Angel May Lehtonen, Dave Allen, Juanna Allen, Christopher Landry, Chris Mossman, Dean Johnson, Barbara Robbins

Documents & Plans and other Exhibits

1. Plan – dam repair Shady Avenue
2. Plan – 16 Beach Circle
3. Plan – 80 Knowler Road
4. Plan – 56 Carter Road
5. Plan – 80 West Princeton Road

The meeting was called order at 7:00 p.m. and was not recorded.

Minutes, Mail:

The Minutes of January 12, 2017 were unanimously approved:
Mail was read and distributed.

**NOI CONTINUATION
Greenwood Pond Dam Repair
Off Shady Avenue
Linnus**

7:10 p.m. The continuation of the public hearing filed by Gregory Linnus for repairs to the existing dam impounding Green Pond off Shady Avenue was opened. Chris Mossman gave the overview of the project. Mr. Linnus has continued to make improvements to the dam following a DCR Phase I inspection when the dam was rated as being in poor condition. Work done during the winter & spring of 2016 allowed under an Emergency Order raised the condition to fair rating. The removal of stumps was discussed. The existing spillway will be abandoned; the auxiliary spillway will become the primary spillway. This is a limited project and most of the work will take place in the spring. After review, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the project. The hearing was closed at 7:18

**RFD
16 Beach Circle
Robbins**

7:18 p.m. The public meeting requested by Barbara Robbins for the re-installation of a tight tank at 16 Beach Circle was not opened as Ms. Robbins was not present.

**NOI
80 Knower Road
Nowlan**

7:20 p.m. The public hearing for 80 Knower Road filed by Mathieu and Jaqueline Nowlan for the installation of a driveway within the 100 ft. buffer to access a single family house was opened. Angel May Lahtonen of Northland Engineer Inc. represented the Nowlans and submitted proof of notification of abutters. DEP has noted that according to Mass GIS, the project is located within an area designated as Outstanding Resource Waters. The public hearing was continued to March 2, 2017.

**NOI
56 Carter Road
Landry**

7:25 p.m. The public hearing for 56 Carter Road filed by Christopher Landry for a driveway crossing to access a new single family house was opened. Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering represented Mr. Landry and submitted proof of notification of abutters. Some grading is proposed within the buffer zone. DEP had made a comment requesting more detailed information on the project. In order to give the applicant time to comply with the requests from DEP, the public hearing was continued to March 2, 2017.

RFD
16 Beach Circle
Robbins

7:38 p.m. Ms. Robbins arrived and the public meeting for the re-installation of a tight tank at 16 Beach Circle was opened. After review, the plan was unanimously approved with conditions. The public meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

NOI
80 West Princeton Road
Cormier

7:45 p.m. The public hearing to consider the request filed by Kurtis Cormier for the construction of a new single-family home with a 500 ft. driveway partially located in the buffer zone associated with an intermittent stream and wetland at 80 West Princeton Road was opened. Chris Mossman of Trowbridge Engineering submitted proof of notification of abutters and gave the overview of the project. The Conservation Commission deemed the stream as intermittent in September 2015 based on observations made during the summer of 2015. After review, the plan was unanimously approved with conditions. The public hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

The approved Notices of Intent and the Request for Determination were completed and signed by the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Bartkus
Chairman
(prepared by Susan Kalagher)